

Friday 13th May 2016

Message from the head

Well done to Year 6 for their enormous effort in the Key Stage 2 SATs this week. The tests were significantly harder than they have ever been (do come and talk to me if you would like to have a look at the papers) but the determination and knowledge of the children has been remarkable. Bravo!

I would like to invite you all to the next 'Meet Marianne' event at 9:10 on Tuesday 7th June. The focus of this session will be a presentation from our architects about the redevelopment of the ground floor, including provision for education of two year olds. It should be a very interesting session and will also provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. I will look forward to welcoming you.

Support Daire

Huge thanks to those parents who donated last week. It is much appreciated. Money raised will be going towards Banardo's children's Charity and Daire's attempts to set up an in school camping club. If you haven't yet donated and would like to, use the web link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/DaireFitzharris>.

Phonics course for parents

As mentioned in previous newsletters we are running a phonics course for parents every Friday for the next few weeks. Its already started but don't worry if you missed one or two, it is a drop in basis. You are more than welcome to come along to 1 or more of the next few sessions. They are in the dinner hall every Friday 9.15-11.15am.

Let's Get Growing!

Brecknock's gardening club for parents and carers, Growing Together, is back. Come along for Feed and Weed Fridays during the tea sale or the Tuesday PTA coffee morning to help get stuck in. No experience necessary, and all are welcome! Contact mums Ann or Syeda for more information, or just come along!

Flouride Varnish Programme

All children from nursery to Year 5 should have received a consent letter recently about this programme. It is an oral health improvement initiative by Camden & Islington Public Health with Whittington Health. It is completely free and funded by the public health team. A team of dental professionals from the NHS are visiting Brecknock on the 24th May to apply fluoride varnish to the teeth of those children with positive consent (it only takes 2 minutes per child). Fluoride varnish is a coating that is painted on teeth. It helps to make teeth stronger and prevent decay and can also stop damage that has already started. Please hand in your consent forms as soon as possible to ensure your child does not miss out. The office have extra forms if you need one. Please feel free to ring the oral health promotion team on 0203 317 2341 if you would like anymore information.

Dates for your calendar

17th June	Corsica to the Olympic Park
20th June	Sicily to the Olympic Park
20th June	Hawaii to Vauxhall City Farm
23rd June	Reception to Camley Street
24th June	Flouride Varnish Programme
25th June	Nursery to Hampstead Heath
26th June	Tahiti to Vauxhall City Farm
30th May-3rd Jun	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	INSET Day—School Closed
7th June	School Opens—children back
7th June	Meet Marianne (@9.10am)
8th June	Year 1 to Hampstead Heath
9th June	Bike Dr in the playground
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Please encourage your children to use both these resources (both are available on iPad as well as computer). If your child cannot remember their username and password, please speak to their class teacher.

Thank you. www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



2nd-6th May

Attendance KS1: **Guernsey—98.61%**

Attendance KS2: **Jamaica—99%**

Early Bird: **Mull & Sumatra Class—0 lates**



This weeks Editorial Team!



Thanks to this week's editorial team for helping put the newsletter together.

Night of the 10,000m Personal Bests

Come along and cheer on the runners at this exciting Olympic Qualification event—21st May 2016 (Junior races 3-5pm, Adult races 5-10pm) - at Parliament Hill Athletics Track. Free entry. The first two British athletes to cross the finish line in Olympic qualifying times in menas and womens elite races will represent the UK in Rio! If you would like to volunteer to steward the event you can find out more at camden.gov.uk/active.

Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Congratulations to Zoe and Goldie (both Y4) for answering last weeks questions (6 gloves and £1.15 respectively). This week one of our puzzles comes from Callum following on from his assembly on Wednesday—it's not strictly speaking a maths puzzle but it's a good one. If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills take the National Numeracy Challenge. Go to www.nnchallenge.org.uk to learn more.

PUZZLE 1: This is a most unusual paragraph. How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so ordinary, you'd think nothing was wrong with it and in fact, nothing is wrong with it. It IS unusual, why? Study it. Think about it and you may find out. Try to do it without coaching. If you work at it for a bit, it will dawn on you. So jump to it! Try your skill at figuring it out! Good Luck - Don't blow your cool!

PUZZLE 2: Marianne has the same number of brothers as she has sisters. Each one of her brothers has 50% more sisters than brothers. How many children are in Marianne's family.

A) 5 B) 7 C) 9 D) 11 E) 13

CALLING YEAR 3 PARENTS—HELP NEEDED!

Friday Tea—Year 3—Friday 20th May

It's year 3's turn to host the Friday Tea Sale. If you are able to donate any items for sale it is most appreciated, even more so if you are able to help with selling on the day.



Tahmid's next instalment! Brilliant Brecknock Artists!

Tahmid continues to work on his story at home. Here's the next instalment. The battle between the two heroes is well and truly on and Don is still thinking about how to save the school's technology. Last week finished with...

...As Don ran as quick as Usain Bolt the two heroes were fighting on, making destruction everywhere...

"Ahh" a woman screamed as loud as a wrecking ball. Abakash Ray

Bam! Superman got punched by Batman.

Superman's red ruby eyes were glowing brighter than the ball of a million fireflies that was in the sky (the sun if you don't know!)

"You couldn't stop my robust hand could you?" Batman exclaimed.

"Oh yes I could," Superman shouted.

Zoom! Superman took Batman up to the stars and threw him down like a ball right in the goal. Superman was invincible, yet Batman was supreme! The destruction carried on and only one person could save them and stop the destruction. The universe was at stake and this person loved technology. He worked in Brecknock and I'll give you clue—his name begins with D! As the two heroes were brawling like the police trying to capture their enemy or a pilot trying to kill their enemies in a plane crash, all around people were in danger of dying. To be continued...



By Tahmid



Last week we showed you drawings some of the year 1 and 2 children had been doing of a Camellia flower that Natasha (Y2) had found on the way to school. This week, with Marianne, some of them had the chance to add a colour wash to their drawings. We're sure you'll agree the finished pictures are beautiful. These two are by Charlotte and Alicia.



Amazing Home Learning in year 3!

In year 3 this week we received two particularly impressive pieces of home learning. Seif in Sicily class produced the amazing information booklet you can see below filled with all sorts of incredible facts and figures about the Olympic Games. We think maybe with desktop publishing skills shown here he should be doing our newsletter!



Take a bow Amy...amazing writing!

...but nothing happened. The sun still shone very brightly and the sky remained blue. I started to sob because the sun would not listen to me one bit. "Oh what can I do? It's too hot to gather fire wood, too hot to weed the garden in the village and too hot to milk the cow." Just then, a gust of wind blew. It blew the dead trees and it blew the yellow, sandy dust around my toes which made them tickle a bit. The clouds grew dark and ebony with emotion. Suddenly a FLASH of lightning tore across the sky and a loud ROAR of thunder echoed around the mountain. At that precise moment I felt tiny splash on my cheek, then another and another until the ground was awash with tears of the rain. I joyfully lifted up my hands to the crying sky for each rain drop felt like a piece of fluff from my favourite toy. Very quickly I ran down the mountain and when I reached home all the people were celebrating with music and dancing. My aunty gave me a knowing smile for only we knew that I had saved them all with the secret of rain.



Collaborative Poems in Year 3

Corsica class have been writing group poems about the scrapyard from the book they've been reading, 'The Iron Man'.

A greasy oven rested on top of an ancient truck,
The smashed car is lying between two dirty tractors,
Broken motorbike crushed and bent in the big pile of metal junk
The can bashed and crashed against the worn machine
Shiny shower lying on top of a sharp pipe
Rusty old nail falling from the giant metal pile

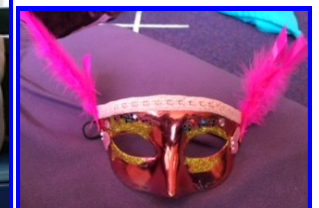
By Isaac, Saki, Samuel, Maryama, Timur & Callum



Maisie in Sicily also impressed this week. She designed and made the incredible mask below. Not only that but she produced a dress design to go with it.



The whole design booklet came with diagrams and fabric swatches. The next Stella McCartney perhaps?



Golden Book Awards—this weeks winners...

Mull—Abdullahi & Ruby
Skye—Amira & Alicia
Guernsey—Tanisha & Diego
Jersey—Najma & Musa
Year 3—Riaz & Kerriann
Year 4—Elionit & Beth
Year 5—Firdows & Sam
Year 6—All of them

