

Friday 20th May 2016

Message from the head

This Saturday the Kentish Town Festival is taking place from 1 to 6 pm. The event will celebrate the Brazil Olympics and local heroes. Year 3 and other children in the school have been working with Pedro Kalache (our resident potter) to create banners and headdresses for a procession as part of the event (see the back page for some photos). Do please try and come along, Pedro will be in Cantelowes Gardens at 1 p.m. to gather any Brecknock children and their families and distribute the banners ready to join in the parade. It sounds like a great day!

We pride ourselves in being a school for the whole community and as the weather gets better it is lovely to see families staying behind for a short while at the end of the day to chat and watch their children play. Please do make sure that your children are supervised at all times though, last week some unattended children were climbing on the gym equipment in the hall! Luckily they were safe but I am sure you will agree that we definitely need to be vigilant at all times.

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>.

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!

Fluoride 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

20th June	Hawaii to Vauxhall City Farm
23rd June	Reception to Camley Street
24th June	Fluoride 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
21st June	Year 3 to Unicorn Theatre
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
8th July	Year 6 to Joss Bay Beach
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

9th-13th May

Attendance KS1: **Guernsey—99.26%**

Attendance KS2: **Sumatra—100%**

Early Bird: **Sumatra Class—0 lates**



Next PTA meeting—come along!

The PTA would like to invite all Brecknock parents to the next PTA meeting, being held at Azzi's house (mum of Daniel in Y2), next Wednesday, 25 May, at 8pm. So put the kids to bed and join us for an evening of refreshments and a chat about spending and raising funds for the school. For address and details, contact us on:

brecknockpta@gmail.com or 07919484047.

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 men's and women's 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 Ava and Goldie in year 4 the solvers of puzzle 2—the answer was of course 11 (6 sisters and 5 brothers). Callum's puzzle proved more difficult. The 'unusualness' of it was that it did not contain a single 'e', the most common letter in the English language! If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills take the National Numeracy Challenge at www.nnchallenge.org.uk to learn more.

PUZZLE 1: Daire decides to get some animals for the school allotment. One third of the animals in his flock are goats, the rest are sheep. There are twelve more sheep than goats. How many animals are there altogether in Jacob's flock?

PUZZLE 2: Every day, Aimee goes up an escalator on her journey to work. If she stands still, it takes her 60 seconds to travel from the bottom to the top. One day the escalator was broken so she had to walk up it. This took her 90 seconds. How many seconds would it take her to travel up the escalator if she walked up at the same speed as before while it was working?

A) 30 secs B) 32 secs C) 36 secs D) 45 secs E) 75 secs

CALLING YEAR 3 PARENTS—HELP NEEDED!

Friday Tea—Year 3—Friday 27th 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.

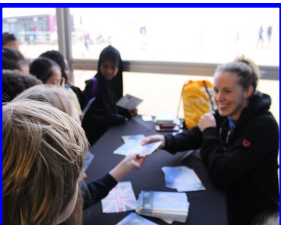


The olympics in year 3!



Year 3 went to the Olympic Park as part of their topic on the Olympics. On Tuesday's visit Corsica class had the opportunity to visit the Aquatics Centre and watch some of the European Swimming Championships and were lucky enough to meet one of Britain's medal winners, Hannah Louise Miley, who posed for a photos

and gave the class a signed picture. Later in the week they worked with Pablo to do some artwork based around the Olympic values which will be on display at this



Year 6 wrote their own versions of 'Gorilla' by Antony Brown this week. Hamid's was amazing! We've only got room for an extract here but go to the website to read it in full. Morgan's illustration is excellent too!



Hannah Green, a young six year old girl, loved Gorillas! Gorillas were her favourite! She loved reading about them, watching them on TV and even pretending to be them! She adored everything about them. She thought about Gorillas when she was awake, and dreamed about them when she was asleep! More than anything in the whole world, she longed to see a real Gorilla, but her father was always too busy to take her. If she ever asked him, he would reply, "Not now Hannah" (normally rather dismissively).

That evening, Hannah, brimming with joy, realised that is was her birthday the next day, but the smile on her face slowly started to fade as she knew her father would be too wrapped up in his work to take her anywhere. As he was now; working into the night.

Slowly, Hannah ambled up the stairs into her bedroom. When she got there, she found something on her pillow: a bright red parcel with a pretty pink ribbon sitting on top. Full of hope, she tore it open, only to find a silly fake toy gorilla. Dissatisfied, Hannah tossed it aside in dismay and cried herself to sleep.

However, Hannah needn't have been so

distraught since in the middle of the night something amazing happened, something that would change her life forever...



Amazing Amy!



Last week you might have read the wonderful story written by Amy in year 2 based on the story 'Lila and the secret of the Rain'. This week, at home, Amy continued to impress us with the beautiful drawing of Lila. You might not be able to see on this picture but she has included some of the wonderful phrases from her story around it: 'She walked and walked until she was at the foot of a very tall mountain', 'A flash of lightning tore across the sky', 'A loud roar of thunder echoed around the mountain', 'for each rain drop felt like one of mama's kisses', 'Lila joyfully lifted her hands to the crying sky'. Well done Amy, I think we may have a future author on our hands, not to mention an illustrator.

Nursery visited Boma Garden Centre in Kentish Town this week. They looked around and bought some plants and seeds. Thanks to the parents who went



with them. To see more photos go to the website.

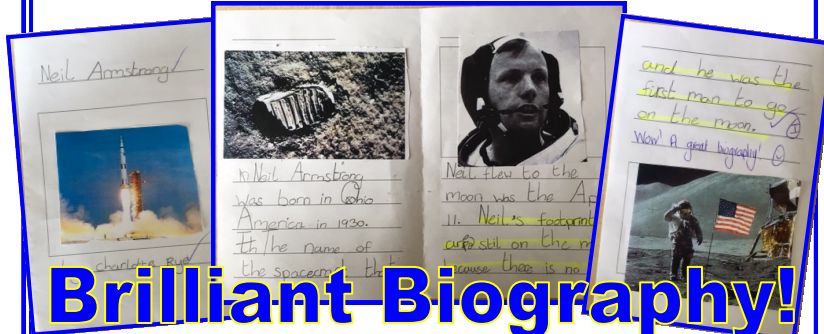


Nursery at the Garden Centre

Reception have been building homes for the animals in the story 'The Leopard's Drum'. They have been exploring 3D shapes and deciding which ones would be best suited for each of the animals and their homes.



In year 1 they have been writing biographies this week. We were particularly impressed with Charlotte's Neil Armstrong biography. Not only is the language used fantastic, what beautiful handwriting she has! Well done Charlotte.



Reception Builders!

Brilliant Biography!

Golden Book Awards—this weeks winners...



Mull—Ramadan & Etienne, Skye—Lottie & Kiran, Guernsey—Yahye & Sumiyah, Jersey—Maxwell & Charlie, Year 3—Sam & Hadil, Year 4—Isra & Amos, Year 5—Mohammed & Priam, Year 6—Kiarn & Zione