

Friday 27th May 2016

Message from the head

I would like to wish everyone a happy half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 7th June. On that first Tuesday I will be holding a 'Meet Marianne' session from 9-10am in the Children's Centre/Community Drop-in. Please try to come along, the architect and project manager of our summer building works, to develop a classroom for 2 year-olds and enhance the Nursery and Reception classrooms, will be there to talk through plans. It should be an interesting morning, I will look forward to seeing you there.

Wow!

This incredible piece of art was drawn by Phuk in Year 6 to go with some writing he had done all about a Tiger. We're sure you will agree, he's a very talented young man.



Science in Year 4

As part of a science investigation in year 4, they are growing tomatoes in the same conditions as the soil in Mexico to see if the seeds will grow better if they "stress" them before sowing.



Bike Doctor—free bike checks

We have a 'Bike Dr' coming in to school on Thursday 9th June. We'd encourage you to bring your child's bike along to get checked out by a professional! Last year they managed to service over 40 bikes belonging to our children! They replaced brake cables, brake blocks, fixed buckled wheels, serviced gears and adjusted wheels and seats. Nearly all the bikes they saw were able to fixed—totally free of charge! We hope to see our bike area bulging at the seams, just like last year!



Nursery

They've been busy in the Nursery. A fabulous trip to Hampstead Heath and some brilliant music lessons with Arthur and Randy, two of our talented dads! You can see from the faces in the pictures below how much they enjoy themselves at Brecknock!



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

16th-20th May

Attendance KS1: **Mull—97.93%**

Attendance KS2: **Hawaii—100%**

Early Bird: **Sumatra Class—1 late**



Walk to school week

The first week back after half term is 'Walk to School Week'. Walking makes children healthier and happier! It's been proven that keeping active this way reduces the chances of becoming obese, developing heart conditions or other diseases. If they don't already walk, please encourage them to do so that week.

INSET Day—6th June

Children are back on Tuesday 7th June. We hope you have a fabulous half term and enjoy getting out and about either in London or further afield!

Dates for your calendar

6th June	INSET Day—School Closed
7th June	School Opens—children back
7th June	Meet Marianne (9.00am Children's C.)
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

Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Puzzle 1's answer last week was 36 (well done Ava & Goldie). No-one solved puzzle 2 so it is the holiday teaser. Good luck! If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills take the National Numeracy Challenge at www.nnchallenge.org.uk to learn more.

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 2 PARENTS—HELP NEEDED!

Friday Tea—Year 2—Friday 10th May

It's year 2'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.



Report writing in Year 5

Well done to Rhys and Zaki for this great report, written as part of their study of the local area. Our year 5 children have learnt some amazing facts about Caledonian Park. They are turning their reports into video presentations on the iPads soon so keep an eye on the website for some of the finished products.

Leisure

This article is designed to tell you about leisure centres in our local area. Did you know there are two swimming pools in walking distance from Caledonian Road? Leisure centres are a fun area to do as you please. One interesting fact is a leisure centre called 'Teleta' is very fun and very close.

Sports

As you might know there are amazing sports facilities that you can get to in around 5-10 minutes. There is a football pitch with 4G astro turf. One interesting fact is every Friday you can go and be trained by Arsenal coaches. There is also an amazing basketball court where you can play 5-a-side.

Entertainment

In the local area, there are many fun entertainments. Did you know there are many pubs on Caledonian Road. There are also many theatres, cinemas and shops. Another interesting fact is the Emirates stadium is only 10-15 minutes away from Caledonian Road.

History

In our very fun local area, there is a big clock called the 'Clock Tower' which you can go to free of charge. Did you know Market Road used to be a cattle market that used to sell cows and sheep for a good price? The 'Clock Tower', in the centre of where the market was, is a magnificent sight. One amazing fact is that it is 161 years of age—it was opened in 1855.

Tahmid's final installment!

Tahmid has reached the end of his story and we finally find out who the real hero is—Batman, Superman or maybe someone else...

"While the two heroes carried on fighting Don went to a secret lab to think of a plan.

"I know what to do. I'll say something." So our deputy head goes out of his comfort zone and into the danger zone.

He went out to the world of destruction. He bought the loudest speaker in the world for £1 million pounds. He found Superman and Batman. "Stoooooppppp!!!"

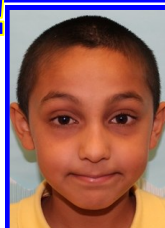
All of a sudden the heroes halted. Don got ready for his speech. Everyone was looking at him as if he had bought a brand new Ferrari!

"Can't you see what you're doing to yourselves? You guys are heroes, not evil people. You need to stop fighting and make up. Like if you were in a fight you be friends again."

"Well said!" someone shouted.

"Batman, I'm sorry for trying to kill you." Superman said. You could see a drop of tears on the heroes and they both hugged.

Don had saved the day. Yay!!!!



By Tahmid



This week was Maths and Programming week. Among the many activities going on, the children had the chance to use our new floor robots, the Spheros! Controlled by an app on the iPads, the children in all classes had a great time navigating their way round obstacle courses and adding up their scores to see who had the highest. Lots of fun!

Maths and Programming Week



The children in year 2 have been working on a project with Kitty, an artist, as part of their IPC topic on Water. This fabulous piece was produced by Musa and Dylan—we love it!

Fantastic Nell!

Year 6 have been reading the amazing story 'Skellig' by David Almond. The story below was written by Nell, from the perspective of Mina, one of the characters in the story (the story itself is written from Michael's perspective. We wish we could include it all here but we don't have room! Use the QR code to go to the website for the full version. Well done Nell, very impressive writing.



An Extraordinary Day!

Blackbirds were singing their early morning songs, the sun crept over the pitch black silhouettes of the buildings and I was up early making owl noises to try and wake up Michael. Typical Michael never waking up, mind you if I went to that school I would want to sleep in every day. Finally, he walked out of his door and walked towards my house. The moon hung directly over us. Behind the wall the garden was flooded with it's light. "What took so long?" I asked. Michael looked at me. Whisper prowled to my side and brushed himself against my legs. I wanted to solve mine and Michael's argument, so I did. "Don't be angry, be my friend," I said to him. He told me that he was my friend, but I was unsure about whether he was telling the truth or not. Michael and me lay back against the danger door. I rubbed the sleep from my eyes. I pushed the key into the lock...

I had no torch and neither did Michael and the light that came through the chinks in the boards was pale and weak. Michael and me blundered through the dark like a blind couple walking through the streets. We walked into the wall. We caught our toes on loose floorboards. 'Skellig! Skellig!' we whispered. There was no answer. I moved forward, tugging Michael to come as well. I could hear Michael's heart thundering. I could seek the shape of Skellig's body lying on the floor, but it was just blankets, the pillow, a plastic dish and a beer bottle rolling away from my stumbling feet. 'Where is he?' I whispered. 'Skellig! Skellig!' Me and Michael opened many doors, we stared past them into pitch black rooms. I heard nothing but me and Michael's breath, our own uncertain feet. We turned back to the landing and stumbled up the next flight of stairs. We gripped each others' hand. I could feel Michael shuddering. 'We must be more calm,' I whispered, 'We must listen like we listened to the squeaking of the blackbird chicks.' Michael and me held hands and listened to the night. We heard the creaking and cracking of the house, our own breath. 'You hear?' I said...

Golden Book Awards—this weeks winners...



Mull—Rayan & Laila, Skye—Star & Rizwan, Guernsey & Jersey—All the children, Year 3—Kylene & Kingsley, Year 4—Sharnelle & Serena, Year 5—Dontre & Zaynab, Year 6—Robert & Kenza