

Friday 6th May 2016

Message from the head

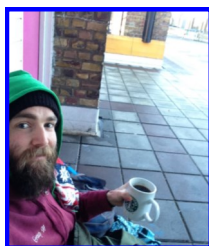
It was lovely to welcome the children back, with the sunshine, on Tuesday. Everyone seems refreshed after a long weekend and there was a surprise in store too as the children arrived back to find that the big staircase had been decorated and the stairs carpeted. We are all very pleased with it and in fact one child even commented that we had been 'upgraded'! Do come and have a look for yourself. It is so important to keep the school looking fresh and tidy and we will be talking to the children about this too.

Next week is the week when Year 6 take their standardised assessment tests, or SATs. They have been working hard towards these all year and we know they are going to try their very best - good luck Madagascar and Sumatra! I would like to assure you that we do everything we can to ensure that children see testing as a useful and stimulating part of school life. We also appreciate the letters of support we have received from parents this week who note that the love of teaching and enthusiasm which the staff bring to Brecknock every day is appreciated by both parents and children.

Support Daire

Huge thanks to those who have already supported Daire after last weeks camping on the roof of the school to raise money for Barnardos and for setting up a school camping club. He has a number of other ideas for raising awareness and money so keep an eye out. If you haven't already and would like to donate please visit his just giving page.

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



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

25th-29th April

Attendance KS1: **Guernsey—98.52%**

Attendance KS2: **Sumatra—100%**

Early Bird: **Jersey, Cuba & Sumatra Class—0 lates**

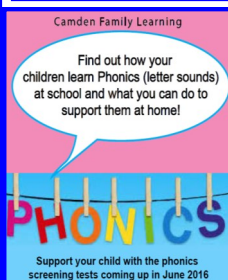


New Editorial Team for the Newsletter!



Thanks again to the new editorial team - assistant editor, Ayesha, ably

supported by her team of researchers and reporters, Rhyanna, Diana and Elara.



Phonics course for parents

We are running a phonics course for parents every Friday for the next few weeks. It started today but don't worry if you missed one or can't make them all, it is a drop in basis. You are more than welcome to come along to 1 or more of the next 5 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 cake 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!



Sunflower by Oscar in Nursery

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.

Uniform Prices

Due to a rise in prices from the suppliers uniform costs will go up from Monday.

Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

The answers to last week's puzzles were 231 handshakes—well done to the few who got that correct. For the sequence puzzle you had to add digits of the previous number together and double it to get next number—in this case 10 (14 → 1 + 4 = 5 5x2 = 10). If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills there is a great website run by the National Numeracy Challenge. Go to www.nnchallenge.org.uk to learn more.

PUZZLE 1: Cruella has two pairs of black gloves and three pairs of white gloves mixed in a drawer. (left-hand gloves are different to right-hand gloves.) She takes out one glove at a time without looking at it. How many gloves must she take out to be sure of getting a matching pair?

PUZZLE 2: Erica bought a pencil, a rubber and a ruler for £1. Fritz bought three pens for 75p. Geraldine bought two rubbers and pen for 45p. Horace bought a pencil, a ruler and a pen. How much did he have to pay?

Dates for your calendar

9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
30th May-3rd Jun	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	INSET Day—School Closed
7th June	School Opens—children back
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

CALLING YEAR 4 PARENTS—HELP NEEDED!

Friday Tea—Year 4—Friday 13th May

It's year 4'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!

As promised last week, here's the next instalment of Tahmid's story. The battle between the two superheroes is getting going and Don still doesn't come off too good in this story! We finished two weeks ago with Don trying to save the school's technology.

Kapow! Boom! There was destruction already. Everyone was panicking and screaming as both the heroes came face to face. "Nice to meet you," Superman spoke.

Batman put out a hand.

"Come on then..."

Superman put his hand out and then batman flipped him back.

Superman was painting.

"You tired already?" Batman boomed.

Zap! Batman went flying back. Batman's eyes were illuminating in the darkness.

"You didn't see that coming did you?" Superman exclaimed.

Pow! There was fire in Brecknock and Don was in there.

"Oh precious technology...I can never leave without you. Ahh quick we need to escape the building. There's a fire."

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

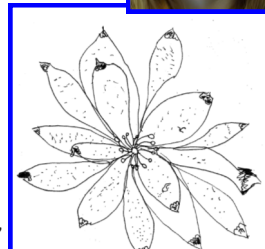
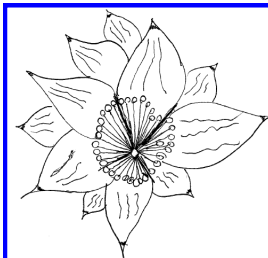
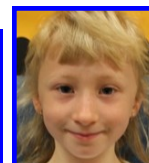
To be continued...



By Tahmid



This week there has been some fabulous art being done around the school. Below is just a small selection. The wonderful underwater scene was created by Chloe in Guernsey class at home. We love the way she drew it in pencil then used a watercolour wash over the top. Our favourite bit is the seaweed in the corner and the crab.



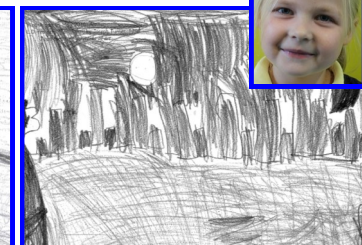
Also this week, some of the

year 1 and 2 children did some drawings of

a Camellia flower with Marianne. Natasha found the flower head on her way to school and took it to show Marianne. They decided to draw it at lunchtime. The impromptu art class produced some great images which have now been copied onto watercolour paper in preparation for adding colour next week. These 2 are by Charlotte (Y1) and Natasha (Y2). While in year 1 the children looked at 'Moonlight', by Joseph Turner, describing and discussing how it made them feel. They thought it reminded them of the book they have been studying in literacy, 'The Dark', by Lemony Snickett. They created their own masterpieces using



graphite and shading. The two shown below are from Devrim and May.



Meanwhile in the nursery they have been painting Sunflowers. They did a lot of looking before they painted and they found different ways to make brown. All their efforts have created a wonderful display.



If you and your child have created any art at home recently bring it in to show us. We'd love to see how creative you all are and celebrate it with the children.

Hawaii @ the CLC

This week, each member of Hawaii Class turned a simple narration about the benefits of peppermint tea into a rich orchestral score. Using the programme LOGIC, they were able to create their very own multi-layered track, complete with ambiance, musical themes and vocal sampling.

Thank you Rod, for your musical expertise and guidance! Look out for the jingles when they are used to mark the arrival of their own organically grown Mint Tea Bags, on sale next term.



Water poems in Jersey Class

The land is dry and beaming hot,
We have no water to drink,
Without water there can be no life,
Why is the sun beaming hot?
Water feels like a marshmallow is soft, wet and soggy on my hand.
It sounds like a drip.
DRIP, DROP, POP!
It tastes like an ice cube on my tongue melting,
FLASH DRIP DROP!
RAIN IS HERE DRIP DROP!!!



By Eijaz

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Maisy & Rayan—Mull, Ire & Ifaz—Skye, Ziad & Isaiah—Guernsey, Najma & Drew—Jersey, Jubaira & Masa—Y3, Soraya & Olti—Y4, Ayesha & Wei Kat—Y5, Patrick & Ihsan—Y6