

Friday 8th July 2016

Message from the head

On Wednesday 13th July we will be holding our annual 'Meet Your new teacher' afternoon for children. They will be spending the afternoon in their new classroom with their new teacher and support staff. At the end of the day the new teachers will bring their new classes down to the playground so you will be able to meet them too. Additionally between 4:15pm and 5:00pm the school and classrooms will be open for you to visit your child's new classroom and have a chat with their new teacher.

Before the open classrooms I would like to invite you all to a meeting in the middle hall (3:45pm – 4:15pm) where we will be explaining the new methods of assessment which have been used this year. You are probably aware that we're no longer able to use the 'level' system which has been in place for the last 20 years and instead assess children on whether or not they have met key age related expectations. We'll show you these at the meeting and answer any questions you may have. I will look forward to seeing you there. Before Wednesday I would like to introduce some new additions to the teaching team at Brilliant Brecknock. Angie Cord and Maeve Doherty will be joining us in Key Stage 2 and Barry McNamara and Isabelle Ives will be joining us in Key Stage 1. They are all very much looking forward to meeting you. Carol Brennan and Muriel Thompson will also be returning in September, but of course you already know them. I know that you will make all of our new teachers feel very welcome.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that there are NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK. We will be sending out the forms to sign up for Autumn Term clubs after the summer break. We would really like to expand the number and type of clubs we offer so if there is anyone out there who would like to run an after school club please see Marianne or Tiggy. You would need to be able to commit to the same day for the term. Thank you.

Brecknock Allotment



It's been all go on the allotment this week with the parents gardening club transplanting some of their plants into the newly filled raised beds at the allotment. Its all shaping up for a great summer and autumn harvest!

Free Parents Swimming Courses

FREE BEGINNER AND IMPROVER SWIMMING COURSES for Parents or 16+ Camden residents.

Camden have free limited spaces on beginner and improver swimming courses across all four pools in the borough (Pancras Square, Oasis, Kentish Town, Swiss Cottage) and Cally Pool. The courses start week commencing 25th July, for 14 weeks. The course is free (£10 refundable deposit—refunded once you have attended 7 or more sessions). For more information:

Email: contactactive@camden.gov.uk

Tel: 02079746595



Number Puzzles—Can you solve them?

Quite a few correct answers to puzzle 1 last week—the ages were A) Five, 35 and 60. Puzzle 2 lots of suggestions but no-one correct yet so we'll keep this one for another week. If you'd like to brush up on your maths skills take the National Numeracy Challenge at www.nnchallenge.org.uk

PUZZLE 1: Solve the missing number—there are two possible answers. Can you find either?

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 4 &= 5 \\ 2 + 5 &= 12 \\ 3 + 6 &= 21 \\ 8 + 11 &= ?? \end{aligned}$$

PUZZLE 2: If I put my copy of Harry Potter on a bookshelf and it is the 26th book from the right and the 19th book from the left. How many books are on the shelf altogether?

Reading Eggs & Mathletics

encourage the children to use at home...
www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

Dates for your calendar

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| 13th July | Meet the Teacher Evening |
| 14th July | Year 6 Leavers Presentation @ 2pm |
| 15th July | End of year reports sent home |
| 15th July | Year 6 End of Year Show @ 2pm |
| 19th July | Year 6 Leavers BBQ |
| 20th July | Last day of term—close @ 2pm |
| 5th-6th Sept | INSET Days—School Closed |
| 7th Sept | Autumn Term—School Opens |

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Summer Term 27th—1st July

Attendance KS1: **Skye—98.67%**

Attendance KS2: **Jamaica—98.39%**

Early Bird: **Sumatra & Skye—1 late**



CALLING ALL PARENTS—HELP NEEDED!

Friday Eid Tea—Friday 15th July

We're celebrating the end of Eid with a special Friday Tea. Any parents who would like to help out would be greatly welcomed.



Music in Year 3

This year our year 3 children have been doing weekly sessions with rod exploring different instruments and sounds. This week they were playing the xylophones and creating some excellent pieces. Rod is such a great resource in school—Brecknock is lucky to have him.



As you know, we are raising money for a Brecknock Explorers Club! Our hope is that Brecknock learners will be inspired to get outside and develop a love for the outdoors. Over the next year, look out for a list of exciting events that will get children playing, exploring and even sleeping outdoors! Don't forget that Daire is even going to Everest to show the adventures that await in the great outdoors! Use the QR code or web link to see the amazing video made by the children about their hopes (<http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/brecknock-explorers>). This week we had our first groups sleeping on the school roof. They toasted marshmallows and enjoyed the stars over London before settling down in their tents at Brecknock Base Camp! Please support this endeavour if you can. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DaireFitzharris>

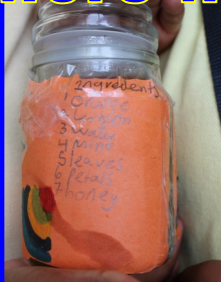


The sun shone on us as we enjoyed 'Sports Day' on the Heath this week. It was a fantastic day and the children were brilliant. We really appreciated the support from those who were able to come along and cheer on the children. A huge thank you to John for the great organising which made the day go so smoothly. Have a look on the website for more photos. <http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/sports-day-2016>



Sports Day

Perfumiers in Year 4!



Megan and Hiyaw have been busy at home making perfume! They went foraging and used only natural ingredients (Orange, Lemon, Water, Mint, Leaves, Petals and Honey). It smells amazing! Well done girls, careers as perfumiers ahead perhaps?

This week's artist of the week is Raia! We love the level of detail on her patterned cat—it makes us want to colour it in! If your child enjoys art ask them to bring in some we might put it in the newsletter!



Artist of the Week!



Year 1 at Kew



Golden Book Awards—this weeks winners...



Mull—Aaliya & Kah Yee, Skye—Alfie & Rizwan, Guernsey—Hallie & Max, Jersey—Sameer & Ajwad, Year 3—Sayed & Yuusuf, Year 4—Hiyaw & Eram, Year 5—Wazir & Alima