

Friday 9th September 2016

## Message from the head



It was absolutely lovely to welcome you all back to school this week. The children were full of stories about the adventures they have had this summer and everyone is excited about the year ahead. We have lots to look forward to ...amongst other things, exciting entry points to IPC topics, a brass concert, Year 6 School Journey, Family Supper and all the usual brilliant Brecknock learning. Please make sure that you come along to the Curriculum Meetings next week to find out what the teachers have planned and how you can help your child at home. The start of the year is the perfect time for you to make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and I must say that you have made a very good start. This year we will be tightening up on school uniform and over the next few months we will be identifying children in perfect school uniform to 'model' in the newsletter. Watch this space!



## Dates for your calendar

There is one INSET day still to be arranged. As soon as it is set we will publish it in the newsletter and amend the list of term dates on the website.

13th September	School Journey and Curriculum Meeting—Year 6
14th September	Curriculum Meetings—Years 1, 2 & 5
14th September	Meet the Parents event for Year 6 parents —secondary transfer event at 3.30pm Middle Hall
15th September	Curriculum Meetings—Years 3 & 4
15th September	Y5 Brass Workshops for Y5 parents—3.00—3.45 & 3.45-4.30
23rd September	Eid party after school
17th-21st Oct	Y6 School Journey
24th-28th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
31st October	Children return to school
3rd November	Family Supper
20th December	Last day of term—close at 2pm
21st December	INSET Day—School closed
22nd Dec-Jan 2nd	Christmas Holidays
3rd January	INSET Day—School closed
4th January	School opens—children back
13th-17th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
20th February	School opens—children back
31st March	Last day of term—close at 2pm
3rd Apr-17th Apr	Easter Holidays
18th April	School opens—children back
1st May	May Day Holiday—School closed
29th May-2nd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
5th June	School opens—children back
21st July	Last day of term—close at 2pm

## Building Work

You cannot have failed to notice that we are hosting a team of building contractors! Classrooms on the ground floor are being re-organised to create a new 2 Year-Old class, and Nursery and Reception classes will be provided with new large play-lobbies and outside canopies to create more all-weather play spaces. We will also be creating a Community Room and improving the entrance to the school. Unfortunately the local authority were slow in starting this project and this now means that the building and improvement programme will happen over the next term. I'm afraid that this will mean reduced – but still wonderful –spaces until Christmas. I can assure you that robust safeguarding procedures are in place and that no noisy work or creation of dust etc will happen when the children are in school. I am confident that the end result will be well worth the inconvenience this term and urge you to bear with us while this happens. Do have a look at the artist's impression of part of the finished project which is outside the office.

## New Leadership Teams

Laura and Henry are acting Assistant Heads this year. They have responsibility for achievement and standards across the school and are already hard at work making sure that all children are making progress and being the very best they can be. We have also upgraded the role of Phase Leaders. These are the people who have responsibility for all aspects of school life in two year groups. If you have any questions or comments about the day-to-day aspects of your child's time in school please speak to their class teacher or the Phase Leader in the first instance. EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Phase Leaders this term are Janet, Henry and Laura, Years 1 & 2 Phase Leader is Dáire, Years 3 & 4 Phase Leader is Kate and Years 5 & 6 Phase Leader is Maeve. They are all very much looking forward to meeting you.

**Laura Lien**  
Acting Assistant Head  
EYFS Phase Leader



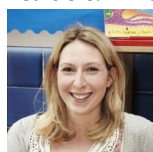
**Henry Commander**  
Acting Assistant Head



**Dáire Fitzharris**  
Years 1 & 2 Phase Leader



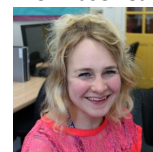
**Kate Tench**  
Years 3 & 4 Phase Leader



**Maeve Doherty**  
Years 5 & 6 Phase Leader



**Henny Wedmore**  
EYFS Phase Leader



**Janet Breach**  
EYFS Phase Leader

## Get Into Learning Session and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The Working Men's College will be running a 'Get Into Learning' session on Thursday 15th September at 9.00 in the dining room, where you will be introduced to a variety of courses you can join based on your interest and learning needs. This will include ESOL classes. Our ESOL classes were very successful last year and we will be running them again this year. After the initial 'Get Into Learning Session' learners wanting to join an ESOL class will then start the ESOL class on Thursday 22nd September. The deadline for enrolment is week 6 in each term. Classes take place in the dining room on Thursday mornings from 9.00-11.00. They are a great opportunity to develop English skills and are free if you meet the criteria. Classes are delivered by the Working Men's College. Ask Laura or in the school office if you would like to know more. Alternatively contact the Working Men's College Community Learning Manager on: 020 7255 4739



## Curriculum Meetings

Next week we will be holding curriculum meetings for each year group so that you can hear from the teachers what will be covered this year as well as covering topics such as PE, music, swimming, trips etc. These meetings are your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and ask any questions about the coming term/year that you might have. We hope you will be able to attend.

**Year 6: Tuesday 13th at 3.30pm**

**Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5: Wednesday 14th at 3.45pm**

**Year 3 and Year 4: Thursday 15th at 3.45pm**

## Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next three Friday teas:

16th September—Y5 & Y6

23rd September—Eid party

30th September—Y4

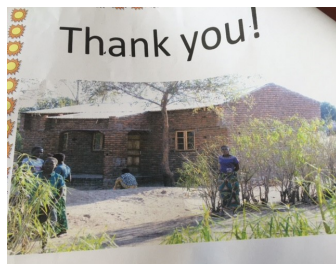


## The Right to an Education

Over the holidays Zoe and Amy Kantazi went with their parents to Malawi. They were there to support many children so they could get the education they wanted.

They did this by helping to build a house for a teacher to come and live in, so they could work nearby. With the money that Brecknock helped to raise, over £700, we can all feel very proud that we also helped children gain their right to an education.

(Article 28: UNCRC)



## 'Meet the Parents' - Secondary Transfer Meeting

Next Wednesday, the 14th, we will be hosting our annual 'Meet the Parents' event for families of children moving on to secondary school next year. There will be parents and children from Acland Burghley, Holloway and Regent High Schools. This is an invaluable chance to hear from parents and students at the local Camden secondary schools what their schools are really like. Parents from ALL Brecknock year groups are invited and can ask whatever they want. The aim is to provide frank and up to date information on our local schools. There will be a chance to mingle with families afterwards over refreshments, and ask questions more privately. The meeting will take place in the Middle Hall from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. We do hope you can make it: it gives you the inside information you need in advance of school open days.

## School Uniform

School uniform is: gold polo shirts and navy blue sweat shirts and fleeces. Boys can wear navy blue trousers or shorts and girls wear navy blue trousers, navy blue skirts, pinafore dresses or shorts. Girls can wear any yellow dresses. Please note that from January children will be

required to wear dark shoes (black or navy) so if you are buying new school shoes between now and then please bear this in mind.

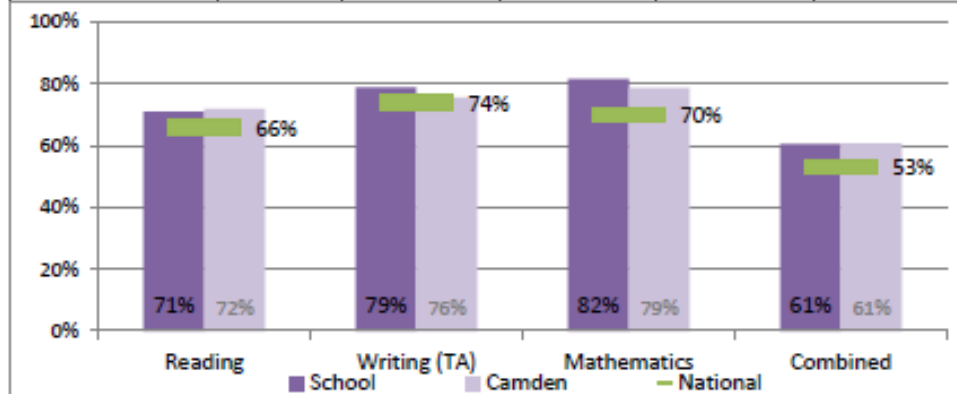
## End of KS2 Results 2015-16

Last years Y6 did incredibly well in the end of KS2 national assessments, performing well above the national average. We are particularly proud of our average score in mathematics, with a number of children managing to reach the higher standard. This is a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to all the children, staff and families who showed yet again that when we work together we can achieve great things.

**Hot off the press—The remarked papers have just returned and our combined score is now at 64%!**

	Number of pupils	% pupils reaching the expected standard			
		Reading	Writing (TA)	Mathematics	Combined
School	38	71%	79%	82%	61%
Camden	1507	72%	76%	79%	61%
National	na	66%	74%	70%	53%



## Eid Party—Friday 23rd September

We will be holding an Eid party after school on the 23rd September. We hope you will be able to join us.

Please contact

[syedamiah@gmail.com](mailto:syedamiah@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.

## Camden Square Playcentre

Camden Square Playcentre is our most local playcentre and pick children up from Brecknock after school every day. If you have child care needs please do ring them as they are able to be very flexible in terms of days etc.

Address: Camden Square Playcentre, Murray Street, London. NW1 9RE

Phone: 020 7485 6827

After school club and holiday play schemes for children aged 4-12.

Term time Mon-Fri 3.30-6pm;

Holidays Mon-Fri 8am-6pm