

Friday 30th September 2016

Message from the head



This week we have been conducting lesson observations and it has been a real delight to see how the children are already fully involved in their learning sequences and making excellent progress. It was my pleasure also this week to take some parents on a tour of the school so that they could see at first hand how hard their children are working and what a normal Brecknock day looks like. I will be holding these tours on the last Wednesday of every month (except October which will fall in half term). Do please sign up with the office if you would like to join me sometime, I will look forward to meeting you.

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.

5th October	Nursery Curriculum Meeting 3.30pm in the bottom hall
6th October	Reception Curriculum Meeting 3.40pm in the bottom hall
6th October	National Poetry Day
10th October	School photographer - individual and family photos.
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

Education for two year-olds at Brecknock

You will all have seen the building work which is going on and, as you know, a substantial part of this project is to build a classroom for two year-olds. We are very excited about this project! Brecknock will be one of the first in-school two year-old provisions in Camden and this will raise the profile of the school locally and also first class education will be available to the youngest children of local families, potentially we will also generate income for the school in offering and increasing funded places.

Local Authorities have a duty to provide 15 hours of free early education and childcare to disadvantaged two year olds through a variety of own, private, voluntary settings and child-minders. Camden Council have invested a significant amount of money to create places for two year olds within three Camden schools and to ensure the facilities and space available is appropriate. Brecknock, Primrose Hill and Netley will be the first schools to open this provision. We plan to open for two year-olds on **16th January 2017**.

We have committed to providing funded part-time places for up to 24 children from this date. This will either be *three hours in the morning or three hours in the afternoon* (in the first year). Your two year old can get free early education and childcare if you receive ONE of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit
- Tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support through Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The Working Tax Credit 4-Week Run On (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)



A child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:

- They are looked after by a local council
- They have a current statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)
- You receive Disability Living Allowance
- The child has left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order.

If you are interested in a place at the school and you believe your child qualifies for a please speak to Sue or Jackie in the office.

You will also need to make a formal application to Camden Council in order to confirm you meet the criteria. In the meantime, we will add you to our waiting list. The closing date for admission in January 2017 is **5th December 2016**. It is our intention to provide paid places from April 2017.

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners:

Attendance EYFS & KS1: **Skye**

Attendance KS2: **Corsica**

Early Bird: **Lundy & Jersey**

Well done!

Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next three Friday teas:

7th October—Year 4

14th October—Year 3

21st October—Year 2



Traditional Recipes Please!

As we are growing a mixture of vegetables over in the allotment, the PTA are looking for families to send in traditional recipes based on what we are growing in the allotment. If they manage to get 12 recipes they'll make a calendar based on the recipes.

Currently in the allotment there are runner beans, French beans, courgettes, tomatoes, rocket, salad, beetroot, along with some Bangladeshi vegetables and edible flowers.

We will also be growing Pak Choi, Winter/Spring Cabbage, Turnip, Red Russian Kale, Chicory, Spinach, Rocket, Spring Onions, Cavolo Nero and Red Mustard.

Please hand in your recipes to Dáire, the school office or a member of the PTA (photos of members of the PTA are opposite the lunch room).



Year 2 - Fire Fire!

Year 2 journeyed to the Museum of London to find out more about one of its most infamous disasters—The Great Fire of London 1666.

We caught a glimpse of part of the Old London wall on our way, and we saw lots of amazing new buildings. It was great to see so much of the present day city before we stepped back into the narrow streets of 1666. We got to see parts of the buildings and furniture as they were back then, including the oven like the one in the bakery where the fire had started. It was incredible to see how the flames spread across the city. After trying out some of the fire fighting equipment used to calm the fire we began thinking about how we could have rebuilt London after the fire. Look on the website for more photos.



Perfect School Uniform

Well done Aleya! →

Gold polo shirt ✓

Navy cardigan ✓

Navy leggings ✓

even better still dark shoes!



QuadKids

Sprint, run, throw and jump into athletics!

At Parliament Hill Track Sunday 2nd October

12-2pm. Registration from 11.30am.

Just turn up!

The event is run by qualified

coaches and is perfect for

children aged 5-12.

Entry £2, including certificate.

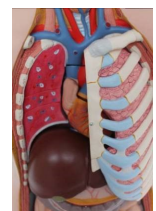


Year 5—Lab in a Lorry

The learners of Jamaica were given the opportunity to get involved with A LAB IN A LORRY.

Usually if you want to **check** your pulse do it at your wrist by placing two fingers between the bone and the tendon over your radial artery—which is located on the thumb side of your wrist. When you feel your pulse, count the number of beats in 15 seconds. Multiply this number by 4 to calculate your beats a minute.

The kind scientists allowed us to measure our heartbeats using a heart monitor! Furthermore we learnt about the average size of a heart.



Eid Party

Last week the Eid party was wonderful. Thank you to all those that helped organise the party, to those that brought food and to everyone that came along. The weather was perfect and the food was delicious. The party raised £300!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Zakariya & Amelie—Mull, Chenaya & Donart—Skye, Alfie & Rayan—Guernsey, Ifaz & Zeineb—Jersey, Jago & Tanisha—Y3, Freddy & Saki—Y4, Zoe & Deam—Y5, Wazir & Sam—Y6