

Friday 16th December 2016

## Message from the head

This has been a busy but very productive term. Children are making excellent progress and are becoming thoughtful and creative citizens of the future. I am proud of them all. We break up for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, please remember that children need to be picked up at 2 p.m.

Today I was presented with a letter from Lia in Mull Class, you can read it here:

Dear Marianne,

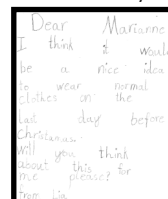
*I think it would be a nice idea to wear normal clothes on the last day before Christmas.*

*Will you think about this for me please?*

From Lia

How could I refuse such a polite request!

So I am happy to announce that **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be a non-uniform day.** Thank you Lia!



## Dates for your calendar

19th December	Brecknock R.E. Day
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 (Wednesday)	School starts again for children in Y1—Y6
5th January (Thursday)	School starts again for children in Nursery and Reception
12th January	Hegarty Maths Launch— All Year 6 Parents to attend please!

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a peaceful **Christmas and a Happy New Year.** School starts again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for children in Years 1 to 6 and on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January for children in Nursery and Reception. We will look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

## Christmas Fair!

Thank you so much for coming along and supporting us at this years Christmas Fair. It was a huge success and we managed to make over **£600** profit once all costs were taken into account. A huge thank you to the following businesses and organisations for their generous donations to our raffle:

Bumblebee Natural Food, Aura Pharmacy, Odeon Cinema, AustinFlowers Fruit & Veg, Islington tennis centre, Pleasance theatre, Shillibeers, Jill -Christmas cake, Parma Café, Hamleys, Snappy Snaps, Arsenal football club and parents who donated prizes. If you visited Santa's Grotto please collect your photograph from the school reception. A massive thank you to Snappy Snaps in Kentish Town for providing the

printing. Thank you also to our very own Father Christmas and all the parents and teachers who volunteered and made it the best Brecknock Christmas Fair ever!!



## Camden Music Trust

Thank you so much to those children that went to fundraise for Camden Music Trust at Camden Market during the week. They sang so beautifully, and behaved so impeccably; they were excellent ambassadors for the school and gave enormous pleasure to shoppers and stallholders in the market. Three schools took part and collected £157.60 to help children in Camden make music. A huge thank you to the children, all the staff who helped and the parents who came along to help.

## EYFS—CLOSED 4th January 2017, Re-open—Thursday 5th January 2017

I would like to thank you for your patience during the building works. We are pleased to tell you that all internal works are scheduled to be completed by the beginning of next term. I am sure you will be impressed by the new classrooms. As the works will not be finished until the beginning of January I am writing to let you know that the Nursery and Reception classes will be **CLOSED on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** School will re-open for children in Early Years on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** We do sympathise with families where parents need to return to work. If you are a family where both parents work, or where the sole carer works, and you have no alternative childcare arrangements please let a member of the team know and we will arrange for a small crèche to be set up in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you for your co-operation.



The lunch team cooked up a storm for us on Wednesday with decorations in the dinner hall and crackers too! The food was superb and there and there were lots of smiles all around.

## Christmas Lunch



**Show Time!** Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 amazed us with their shows. If you saw them we are sure you will agree they were brilliant!



### Win an iPod for 100% attendance!

I am delighted to tell you that the iPod award for this term will go to a child with perfect attendance. This will be announced at the beginning of next term. Every child who has 100% attendance in the Autumn term will be given a raffle ticket and their names will be entered into a prize draw. There are also a selection of other smaller prizes for all those who don't get the iPod. There will be another opportunity to win an iPod in the Spring term too. This is a win/win situation – if you are in school every day you learn more and so become a winner and additionally one lucky person will also win an iPod. Start trying now – it could be YOU!

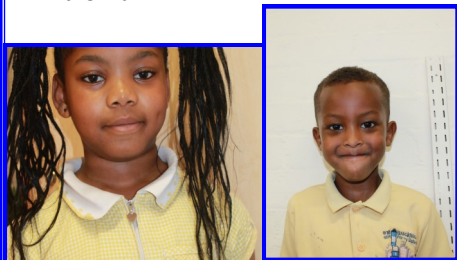
**Please Help** In this time of giving Brecknock would like to remember those that are not so fortunate as many of us and will be taking donated food and sundries from staff and parents down to the Camden Food bank on the last day of term, Tuesday 20th December. We would be grateful for any contributions of non-perishable food or supplies for families that are struggling. A suggested list of needed items include: Canned foods; Dried pasta and rice; Shampoo; Nappies; Washing powder; Dried herbs, spices and condiments. Please can you leave all contributions in the office in the lobby area.

### Starting school in Camden 2017

Parents whose children are starting Reception classes in Camden primary schools in September 2017 need to apply by the **15th January**. You can apply online. <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

## Golden Book of the term...

We are now at the end of the Autumn term and so this week we bring you the children who have excelled all term. Each class teacher has chosen one child from their class, that they feel has been a shining example to everyone in their attitude to work and endeavour, their resilience and who embodies the Brecknock Rights Respecting Ethos. Well done to them all!



Year 1—Chenaya & Suliman



Year 2—Joanne & Younus



Year 3—Lok & Nilima



Year 4—Hadil & Tazmine



Year 5—Zoe & Changming



Year 6—Ayesha & Wazir

