

Message from the head



The teachers have all enjoyed talking to you in this week's parent consultation meetings, it is so important that we work in partnership to develop your children's learning. All of the age related expectations for each year group are on the school website, in the Year Groups section. Do feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any other questions, all of the school email addresses follow the same pattern – initial.surname@brecknock.camden.sch.uk.

We are looking forward to seeing early years parents at the Christmas shows next week, Nursery on Wednesday and Reception on Thursday. I am sure you will be enchanted when you see the children perform!

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.

7th December	Nursery show to families in the afternoon
8th December	Reception show to families in the afternoon
9th December	Christmas Fair
13th December	Year 1 show
14th December	Christmas Lunch
15th December	Year 2 show
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

Brecknock Parents Association

The next Brecknock Parents meeting will be a coffee morning, just after drop off, on Wednesday 7th December. All are welcome to come and meet other parents and help prepare for the school Christmas Fair.

Christmas Fair — Star prizes!

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and Brecknock Needs You! The Christmas Fair is on Friday 9th December from 3.45pm—5.30pm. We need all of you to help make this a wonderful event—bake a cake, do face-painting, help set up, run a stall—anything at all. There is a volunteer sign up sheet in the office. This week we say a huge thank you to Arsenal. They have donated a signed Arsenal team shirt in time for the big draw. Start buying your tickets now for a chance to win this unique item along with our other star prize...a Kindle Fire!



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.

Read the annual guide for parents: Starting School in Camden.

This is the web address for applying online or click on the QR code.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>



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<http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/education/camden-schools/primary-schools/primary-admissions/>



Attendance

Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Attendance KS1: Guernsey—97.67%

Attendance KS2: Sumatra—99.23%

Early Bird: Lundy and Sicily—1 late in each class



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next two Friday teas:

9th December—Christmas Fair

16th December—Year 4



Christmas Lunch

14th December—If your child is not usually school dinners but you'd like them to have the Christmas meal please order at the office. The deadline for ordering is Friday the 9th. Thank you.



Important Notice—Parent conferences

If by any chance you missed your parent and teacher conference appointment or were unable to make that week, please can you make sure you see the teacher after school as soon as possible to re schedule the appointment. These meetings are so important for your child. Many thanks.

Year 5

A few weeks ago it was 'Remembrance Day' and at the time Year 5 watched this video:



<http://www.childrenandyouth.co.uk/children/remembrance-animation-kids/>.

After that, Anna performed 'Everyone Sang' by Siegfried Sassoon. Using these as a stimulus the children created paintings, which incorporated a stencilled poppy. Below are a few of the final pieces and we couldn't resist putting them in the newsletter!



Brecknock take on the height of Everest

Last Friday, everyone at Brecknock attempted to walk the full height of Everest in solidarity with Dáire, who is training to climb the mountain next year for Barnardo's. Each class from Nursery to Year 6 completed a circuit and a half of Caledonian Park last Friday, between all of them, travelling 8,848 metres – the distance from sea level to Everest's summit! Dáire will take on the world's highest mountain in March 2017 to raise funds for the children's charity. Dáire joined each of the classes as they completed their park expeditions, with support from Betty the Barnardo's bear. The children got to see some wonderful wildlife along the way. Thank you to everyone for the donations—we raised £250! This money will go towards the £4050 that Dáire has pledged to raise for his Everest trip. Barnardo's sent out a press release about the event and Lynn Gradwell, Director of Barnardo's in London, said: "It's inspiring to see the Brecknock pupils really get behind this challenge and support Dáire in his fundraising efforts, which will help us to do more to support vulnerable children, young people and families in London and beyond. I'd like to thank everyone at the school, including all the children and parents, for taking on this adventure for Barnardo's." Brecknock would like to thank you all too!



To sponsor Dáire's Everest challenge please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DaireFitzharris>.



Kentish Town City Farm Christmas Fayre

Sunday 11th December

12:00-16:00

Cressfield Close, NW5 4BN.

Entry: Adults £1, Children 30p

Events include: Santa's Grotto, pony rides, children's art activities, Christmas games, groom a goat, face painting, tombola and lucky dip, grand auction, raffle.

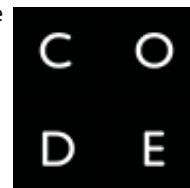
Refreshments: Farm Christmas Café, Megan's cakes, Farm soup, mulled wine

Hour of Code!

Next week is Hour of Code week and Brecknock is again taking part in this international initiative to get more children coding.

By the end of next week every child from Nursery to Year 6 will have done an hour of coding or computational thinking activity. Next week we will paste links to the activities produced especially for the initiative.

With thousands of well paid jobs in coding going unfilled we strongly believe that all children should leave primary school with a good understanding of coding.



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Tess & Eldana—Mull, Jude & Gabriela—Skye, Gaith & Aby—Jersey, Sulaikha & Tristin —Guernsey, Musa & Hallie—Y3, Kerriann & Teo—Y4, Dren & Amos—Y5, Zaki & Thyra—Y6