

Friday 9th December 2016

## Message from the head



Thank you very much to Nursery and Reception who performed two fantastic shows this week, it was an absolute pleasure to watch you. Please read the newsletter carefully this week to keep up with all the events in the run-up to the end of term. As we rush towards the Christmas holiday we have taken time this week to make sure that all children have taken part in 'Hour of Code'. This is a global event where all students take part in programming activities for one hour. You may know that Minecraft requires programming, as do Spheros and Beebots, so as you can imagine this has been a very popular event with children! Of course children can take part in more than an hour of coding so do follow this QR code on the back page.

## 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.

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 (Wednesday)	School opens—children back
12th January	Hegarty Maths Launch— All Year 6 Parents to attend please!

## Christmas Fair TODAY!!!! Star prizes to be won!

Today is the Brecknock Christmas Fair. Please come in and buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win a signed Arsenal shirt (!) along with our other star prize...a Kindle Fire! And of course...it wouldn't be Xmas without a traditional —thanks so much to Gill for making it! Who will be the lucky recipient?



## 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>



This is a web link to the 'Starting School in Camden 2017' page where you can download the guide or click on the QR code.

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



## Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

Attendance KS1: Mull  
Attendance KS2: Corsica  
Early Bird: Lundy



## Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next two Friday teas:  
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.



## Hour of Code!

This week children across the school have taken part in the Hour of Code week, an international initiative to get more children coding. 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. Below you can see Year 4, who programmed Moana to catch fish and defeat coconut Minions. They even got to programme the Minions to do some hilarious dance moves! Click on the QR code or use the links to have a go at home.

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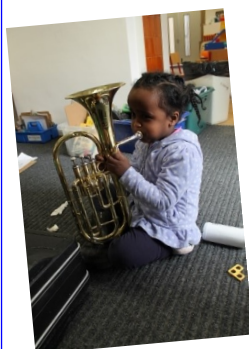


## Fun and games in Year 5 maths!

Year 5 have been looking at factors, multiples and using our times table facts to help them solve problems. The children enjoyed using strategies to win games, the main question being what number would you want to roll and why?

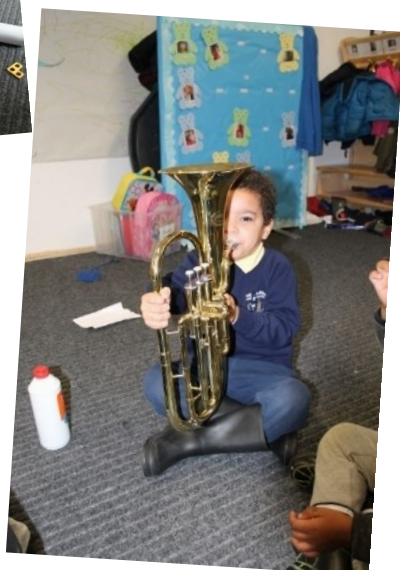


## Getting in role...



This week Nursery have been watching an animation called 'Baboon on the Moon'. At the end of the film the Baboon is very sad and he sits on the moon, playing the trumpet whilst looking at the earth.

So, of course, Nursery had a go themselves! They found it quite hard to make a sound but managed it by pressing their lips hard together and blowing through them and into the mouthpiece. Looks great (I'm sure it sounded great too!).



## COMPETITION TIME!

Writers of Brecknock—you need to think of, and create, a crazy creature and write a mini saga inspired by it: a story written in up to 100 words, that must have a beginning, middle and an end. Follow the QR code to enter (or write it on paper and give it to Henry) - there are prizes to be won! Ruby, from Sumatra class, has worked on her entry in class this week and it's a cracker!



Casper the tea-cup dragon lived not so far from the Queen's royal kitchen. He spent most of his days happily draining out his tea-like tail, in his kaolin tea-cup. Until...Casper found Sam the Spoon paddling in his ready-made pot of tea! "Goodness gracious me," smiled Sam, "you added way too much sugar for my liking!" Casper tried to control his anger but in one drop of a tea bag, he shot up to the ceiling like kettle steam! "Step out of the tea cup 'shorty'," he exclaimed, fire beginning to erupt from his nose. Sam stood up, Casper ready to pounce. RUN!!!



## 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.

**Alert!** There have been a few cases of nits recently in some classes so please have a check of your child's hair if you start to see them scratching!



## Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Rabia & Ibrahim—Mull, Nabil & Chenaya—Skye, Pierre & Kiran—Jersey, Etienne & Kayinat —Guernsey, Donya & Amy—Y3, Maryamma & Shukri—Y4, Beth & Ikram—Y5, Ramla & Ruby—Y6