

Friday 13th January 2017

Message from the head



Last week we welcomed two new members of staff: Natalie Paul, Senior Early Years Educator and Maria Calabro, Early Years Educator. Both will be working in our new provision for two year olds, which is called Mersea Class. The children start after half term and we are all very excited about this new project. I know you will give Natalie and Maria a Brilliant Brecknock welcome!

Do look out for the letter which went home this week about nominations for parent governors. This can be a very rewarding role and no special qualifications are required – just the best interests of the school at heart, and I know you all share that! If you are interested, or would like to nominate somebody else please complete the form on the back of the letter and return it to the office by Monday 23rd January. The form can also be found on the school website if you have mislaid your paper copy.

Dates for your calendar

17th January	Jamaica to CLC
10th February	Last day of half term
13th-17th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
20th February	Children return to school
20th February	Grand opening of the two year old Nursery—Mersea class
31st March	Last day of term—close at 2pm
3rd-17th April	Easter Holidays
18th April	School Opens—children return

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Body, this position is open to all parents and guardians of children in this school. The governing body, with the head teacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school, training is available for all governors and it is a rewarding and interesting role so do please give some thought to applying. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. If you would like to stand please complete the nomination form which was sent home on Monday and return it to school no later than **MONDAY 23rd JANUARY**.



Be the Best You Can Be!

As part of 'Be the Best You Can Be' week, Year 6 wrote a recount based on a buzzer winning shot by basketball extraordinaire Michael Jordan, who is a great ambassador of trying hard and learning from mistakes. The children used a short clip, entitled 'The Shot', as inspiration for their writing—use the QR code to see the video. Here is Zaynab's brilliant diary entry:

It was 100-99 to the Cleveland Cavaliers; this was the most important game of the year and the match was on the line. 'Bulls, Bulls, Bulls!' The crowd were going wild, with only a few seconds left. Amazingly, I had scored an incredible 40 points but that wasn't enough. I glanced up at the ticking clock and there was now only 8 seconds remaining. The crowd erupted in the stadium as I powered down to the foul line. I looked up. Now only 5 seconds. Our fans chanted the team. This was it, this was my time to shine.



At that moment, I caught an in-bound pass from Brad Sellers. What should I do? Should I pass it to my team mates or keep it? The opposition fans waved their flags behind me and booed but I knew I could do it—I had hope in myself. I took a look back; now only 3 seconds left. I've always believed that if you put in all the hard work, the results will come. Some people want it to happen, some wish it could happen, I WILL make it happen.

Quickly, I dribbled towards the line and the 6'7 defender, Craig Ehlo, who darkened my horizon from the right side.

Sharply, I dummied and hung in the air until he was out of the way. Nervous but excited, I simply double clutched and sent the ball spinning towards the net. I knew it had gone in by the crowd's reaction. I threw my fists in the air—102-100 victory to The Bulls! Everyone was proud and so was I - all the hard work had paid off in style!

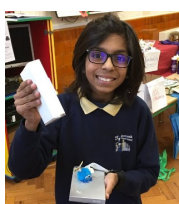
Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance KS1: Jersey
Attendance KS2: Tahiti
Early Bird: Cuba



100% Attendance



Well done to Shalin from Year 6 who received an iPod for winning last term's 100% attendance prize! There will be another opportunity to win an iPod this term too. This is a win/win situation as if you are in school every day you learn more! Start trying now – **it could be YOU!**

Let's get knitting!

Following on from a conversation with some parents we have decided to embark on an exciting project – **Brecknock Bunting!**

The idea is to make beautiful, knitted triangles which we will make into bunting for community events. Please follow this code to link to the pattern for the triangles on the website. You can either knit the triangles at home and bring them into school or join the Parents Association at Friday Tea and knit together.



We would like everyone to use size 4 needles and double knotting (DK) wool. Apart from that the world is your oyster – any colour or many colours. Happy knitting!

Friday Teas



This is the schedule for the next two

Friday teas:
20th January—Y2
27th January—Y1

Singing Assembly



Singing assembly was back in full swing this week, with the choir practising for the primary choir festival! They already sound absolutely incredible. We will try and get a video clip up on the website in the next few weeks so you can listen to them in action too!

Year 4 at the National History Museum



Despite

rain and traffic (Monday was the day of the tube strikes), Year 4 still managed to have a wonderful time at the Natural History Museum as part of their Active Planet topic entry point. They were so excited to learn all about our beautiful planet, the highlight undoubtedly getting to handle a four billion year old meteorite and experiencing a Japanese earthquake! Again, apologies for arriving back late and thank you Brecknock parents and carers for being so understanding.

Puppets at Brecknock!

Many thanks to Helen Ainsworth and Kevin Plumb for their puppet show for Years 2 and 3 on Friday. The children really enjoyed it. The power of imagination is a wonderful thing.



"I thought the best part, which was really funny, was when he threw the baby on the ground and took the carrots out from his trousers." Chloe

"It was funny when he said the baby was useless and he got all tangled up." Malachi

"I liked it when he ate the baby, he was only playing." Yaqub

Magic in Year 1!

It was Monday morning. Skye were sitting in the hall, when suddenly, something magical happened! They left the hall to find old and new toys all down the corridor and into their classroom! When they arrived they found a letter from a toy maker along with a pile of resources for them to make their own toys. The class spent the afternoon making toys and after this, the toy maker gave them a key and permission to work in his toy factory. Lots of toy making activities to follow we hope!

Thank you!



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A big thank you to Waitrose, who kindly contributed to our Xmas raffle, in which over £600 was

Reminder!

Please can any children coming to breakfast club, (in school before 8:50 am) make sure they ALWAYS sign in / register.

This is very important!



Reading Eggs and Mathletics

Please encourage your children to use 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics'. These online resources really help support the learning being done in school and will help support your children to develop their skills. Usernames and Passwords remain the same as last year. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need the log in details.

www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

Starting School in September 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>

If you have any questions please ask the school office.

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Anis & Amel—Mull, Amira & Ruby—Skye, Zaynab & Ramadan—Guernsey, Kiran and May—Jersey, Abdi & Tori-Lee—Y3, Ismael & Emma—Y4, Jaycee & Isla—Y5, Alima & - Y6