

Friday 27th January 2017

Message from the head



It has been another busy week at brilliant Brecknock. We have just finished our cycle of Phase Reviews, this is when school leaders look at two year groups in detail to monitor provision, standards, progress and children's wellbeing. We look at teaching and learning, books and of course talk to children. All phases in the school are doing great work and children report that they are happy and enjoy learning. There are of course things we need to improve and we will be working on these over the coming terms. As well as the teaching and learning, focus children have been enjoying the usual trips and event:: some Year 5 children have been involved in an art project called 'Echoes Across the Century', Right Respecting Ambassadors are busy making plans, Reception went on a Winter Walk and our community police officers came in to talk to children about road safety. Do take a look at the website and twitter to keep up to date with all the wonderful events in school.

Dates for your calendar

1st February	Nursery to the Tate Modern
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

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance KS1: Jersey
Attendance KS2: Sicily
Early Bird: Hawaii



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next two Friday teas:



27th January—Y1
3rd February—YR
10th February—Nursery

Stay safe on the roads

This week PC Nick and PC Sol came in to school to talk about road safety during assembly. Keep quizzing the children to see what they remember!



Echoes Across the Century

You may have heard that some of our Year 5 children have been involved in a very exciting project called "Echoes Across the Century". It was organised by the Livery Schools Link and is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Children from a number of schools across London have been finding out about how people from various trades were involved behind the scenes in World War 1 and have worked with an established artist to create pieces of art based on this. Brecknock worked with the Cooks and the Bakers Companies. This is an important project, unique and highly regarded, and we are delighted to have been involved.

Brecknock children worked jointly with Highbury Fields Secondary School, cooked lunch in a World War 1 field kitchen and then created pieces of art based on their experience and what they found out about life in the First World War.

The work will be exhibited at Highbury Fields School in the first instance (some of you were lucky enough to see the exhibition at the 'Private View' this week!) and then all the work will be gathered together for a major three month exhibition, open to the public, in the Guildhall in the City of London between 31st March and 16th July. If you get a chance, head down to see some of the brilliant Brecknock work!

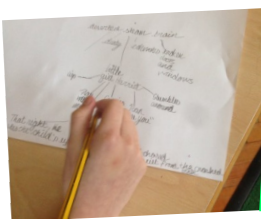


Ambassador's Assembly

This week our Year 6 Ambassadors gave a Unicef presentation, talking about the brilliant work they have been doing this year. Well done guys- you are all a real credit to the school!



Competition time - 500 words!



In Year 6 this week we watched the live broadcast for the 500 words competition. In class we then wrote our own 500 words stories. It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity. There are also prizes to be won! **The 2017 competition is now open for entries (all year groups can enter)!** Submit your story using the QR code or find the link on the website to be in a with a chance to win!

Reading Eggs and Mathletics



Mathlete of the week: Ahmed with over **8000** points! Well done! 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

Abbi's gripping beginning has got me worried! (See the website for full story!)

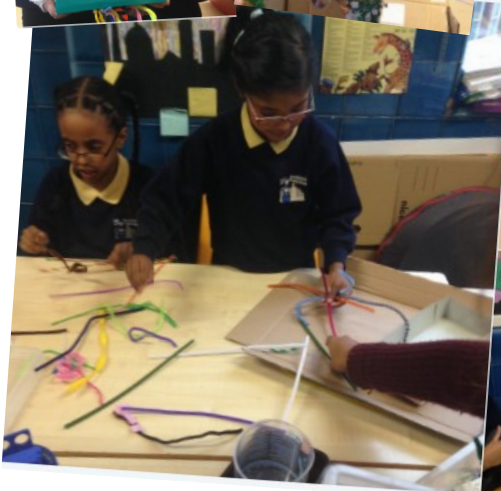
It was a dull evening; thunder struck the grounds of the cobbled streets as the man in the hoodie trembled down the miniscule alleyway. Lou was an ordinary girl that lived in an ordinary house but one day that all changed...



And Ivy's start had me completely hooked!

Leanne stood by the broken down steam train, unsure of quite what to do. Its peeling paint gleamed in the evening sunlight, wheels crumbling into the tracks, funnel mysteriously still coughing foul-smelling black steam. In faded letters on the side, it read 'The Falcon. 1864.' She could enter? The train looked likely to collapse in on itself. Would she end up suffocating, trapped under impenetrable layers of grey rubble? But Leanne felt oddly drawn to the thing, as though it were sucking her into its interior. She stepped forwards, her feet moving against her will, her body leading her as though she were passenger, not driver, and before she knew it, her hand was pulling at the handle, opening a door that already hung off its hinges...

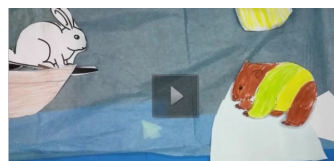
It's Magic!



Year 2 hard at working making their magical objects !

Animations in Year 5

Use the QR code or check the school website out to see Cuba classes' amazing animations as part of their exit point of their topic. Great stuff!



FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Regents Park FC and QPR Community Trust have come together to set up a new girls football training programme for ages 7-11 (School Years 3-6)

Sessions are **FREE** of charge, but must be booked online at www.qprsoccerschools.co.uk/girls-only-sessions

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Polat & Imaan —Mull, Arturo & Nabil-Skye, Abdullahi & Tristan —Guernsey, Lily and Shaqee —Jersey, Daniel & Selina—Y3, Alyssia & Kingsley Y4, Gyula & Angelo —Y5, Shanikah & Priam - Y6