

Friday 31st March 2017

Message from the head



Another busy term draws to a close and I am immensely proud of our wonderful Brecknock community. At the end of February you may remember that we asked Challenge Partners to conduct a school review and the reviewers were very complimentary, some of the things they said were: *"In all lessons, learning behaviours and levels of engagement are very good. A purposeful atmosphere allows pupils to work well both independently and collaboratively, this leads to rich learning conversations."* and *"Pupils work well independently and develop important skills such as research, resilience and the use of modern technologies."* Importantly they said *"Children take part in debates and are eloquent when describing the importance of raising awareness around inequalities in our modern society: 'we can make a big difference by doing little things'".* It is of this that I am most proud, not only do Brecknock children work hard in lessons and make great progress, they are also becoming thoughtful and proactive citizens of the future.

Everybody deserves a well-earned holiday now. We will look forward to welcoming you back to school at 8:50 a.m. on **Tuesday 18th April**.

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.

3rd-17th April	Easter Holidays
18th April	School Opens—children return
Monday 1st May	May Day—School Closed
Thurs 25th May	Last day of half term
Friday 26th May	INSET Day—School Closed
29th May–2nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Friday 21st July	Last day of term for the children

Reminder: clubs start the **second** week back!

Quick, there are still limited spaces for:

- ◆ Gymnastics KS2 Club
- ◆ Library Games Club
- ◆ Basketball Club
- ◆ Code Club
- ◆ Computer Homework Club
- ◆ Arts and Crafts Club
- ◆ **Arsenal Football is now open to boys too!**

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!

Attendance KS1: **Skye**

Attendance KS2:

Madagascar

Early Bird: **Sicily**

Well done!



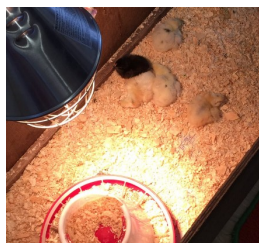
Friday Teas



This is the schedule for the next
Friday tea: Year 2 – 21st April

EGGciting week in Nursery!

Say hello to Brecknock's new chicks: Freddie, Nugget, Bob, Jack and Chicken Licken!



Spring Slam!

Congratulations to Mohamed, Marcello, Changming and Priam, who took part in the first ever Spring Slam competition against other Camden schools. It was a great day of maths and brilliant celebration of times tables!



Parents' Association

Spring Disco

Thank you to everyone who organised, attended and (most importantly!) danced at the school disco on Friday! It showed Brilliant Brecknock at its best!



Information about spending cuts

**Every child
deserves the best
Invest, don't cut**

Government spending cuts mean

- class sizes up
- less individual attention for children
- fewer subject choices for your child
- teachers and support staff being cut or not replaced.

The NUT and other unions have launched www.schoolcuts.org.uk

Visit the site to find out how much your local school faces losing under this Government's funding policies.



Parents have been asking about how the proposals for school funding may affect their children. The above flier gives some information and please go to the Department for Education website for more information. The f40 Group also have a website: (<http://www.f40.org.uk/fair-funding-consultation/>)

Hi (from Nepal)!

Daire is getting closer...check out the Brecknock twitter for updates!



End of term performances!

Years 3 and 4 wowed us with absolutely brilliant shows this week—the sets were fantastic, the songs pitch-perfect and the acting amazing. Well done everyone involved! What a great way to end the term.

Year 3!



Year 4!



QuadKids Sprint, run, throw and jump into athletics!

At Parliament Hill Track
Sunday 2nd April 12-2pm,
Registration from 11.30am.

QuadKids is the England Athletics endorsed athletics format for children of all abilities, it is quick, fun and a great way to measure progress over time.

How fast can you sprint?
How far can you throw?
What's your longest long jump?

Got the stamina to race for two minutes?

This event is run by qualified coaches and is perfect for children aged up to 12.
Entry £3, inc. certificate and refreshments.
No pre-registration necessary, just turn up on the day from half an hour before the event starts.

Free cooking, crafting and gardening classes!



We invite families with children under 12 to spend time together in our beautiful urban garden 2-4pm every Wednesday during the 2017 school holidays – cooking, crafting, gardening and more!

SKIP GARDEN, TAPPER WALK, KINGS CROSS, N1C 4AQ

Booking required; email: robyn@globalgeneration.org.uk

Easter: 5 and 12 April; Summer Half-term: 31 May

Please see above regarding some free family days the Skip Garden near Granary Square that will be running in the Easter and summer holidays for under 12s.

Free 6 week cooking programme



Camden are offering a free 6 week cooking programme for families with children between 2 to 11 looking to learn to cook and eat healthy meals together. Each session is 90 minutes and includes practical cooking skills and techniques. It starts next week on **Tuesday 18th April 2017** at **St Pancras Community Centre, 67 Plender Street, NW1 0LB**. and will run from **3:45 – 5:15pm** for 6 weeks.

Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Imaan —Mull, Cara-Skye, Albie—Guernsey, Noah —Jersey, Jago & Daisy —Y3, Ayeesha & Zahra Y4, Anna & Isra —Y5, Priam & Aleyna- Y6