

Friday 12th May 2017

Message from the head



This week children in Year 6 have been taking end of key stage tests (SATs). Every single child has tried their very best and we are hopeful that they have demonstrated all the learning and effort which has taken place in their primary years. Time will tell but whatever the final results we couldn't be prouder of them for their hard work, resilience and sheer brilliance!

Please make a note in your diaries that Sports Day for Years 1 to 6 will take place on WEDNESDAY 24th MAY. As usual the event will take place on the running track at Parliament Hill. This is a lovely event, made all the more special when lots of parents and carers come along to cheer on their children. Do try and join us, we will look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your calendar

Thursday 18th May	Reception Family Literacy morning —9-10am
Thursday 18th May	Outdoor Classroom Day
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 5 show at 2pm
Wednesday 24th May	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 24th May	Bishop Rock trip to Hampstead Heath
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
5th-9th June	Whole school Careers Week
12th July	EYFS Sports Day—10.30am
Friday 21st July	Last day of term for the children



Thank you to all of you who have written and said such wonderful things and memories about Maria over the past week. The funeral

is on Monday and many of the children have contributed to a beautiful banner, which the cars will drive past, to show how much we all valued her.



Ramadan

The date for the start of 2017 Ramadan is approaching. We do not advise that primary aged children be involved in fasting during the school day and recommend that they try a partial fast during the weekends instead (daylight hours are currently more than 15 hours and this is a very long time for a young child to go without drinking or eating). Should any of the older children in KS2 feel very strongly about taking part in some fasting during the school day, they will need to bring in a signed letter from their parents. We will support them by allowing them to rest quietly in the office area during the lunch break, where they can have time and space to think about the reasons behind the act of fasting.

Well Done Year 6!

Well done to all of Year 6, who have been taking tests this week. They have certainly made us proud by how determined they were to do their very best and show just what they have learned. Thumbs up all round!



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!



Attendance EYFS &
KS1: **Jersey**
Attendance KS2:
Jamaica & Madagascar
Early Bird: **Sicily**
Well done!



PTA AGM

Please come along to the PTA AGM for voting on new positions and committee members **next week**.

When: Wednesday 17th May
Time: 3:30
Where: Committee Room

School Dinners Taster Session

A taster session for school dinners for parents was well attended on Tuesday after school. There was a range of dishes including halal, non halal and vegetarian. Parents were very positive about what they tasted.



Friday Tea

Here is the schedule for the next few Friday teas:

19th May: Reception
9th June: Bishop Rock and Mersea
16th June: Year 5 and 6



Year 5 Play

You may have noticed in last weeks newsletter it said the Year 5 show will be at 2pm on Tuesday 23rd May. However, it will now be performed to parents on **Tuesday 23rd May at 6pm**. Please do come along—it promises to be spectacular!

READY TO TEACH?

Do you want to be a primary school teacher? Do you want to train in outstanding Camden schools? Do you want to gain a pgce qualification awarded by UCL IOE? Contact Sarah Ewins as soon as possible for a chat and/or to arrange a visit if you are interested:

sarah.ewins@camdentsa.org.uk
020 7485 2155

National Child Measurement Programme

Parents of children in Reception and Year 6 were sent letters by the 2016/17 National Child Measurement Programme. If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not have to do anything. If you do NOT want your child to take part, you will need to fill in the form on the back of the letter and return it to school. (Further copies of this letter are available in the school office.) Further information is available on the letter too.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Next Thursday is International Outdoor Classroom Day and this year Brecknock will be taking part for the very first time. Teachers will be planning activities outside and the children will be able to enjoy learning outside in a different environment. Please make sure your children have coats if it is cold and wet so they can get the most out of their sessions. If you would like to help, or have some ideas, speak to your child's teacher.

Interested in learning how to drum?

If we have sufficient paying interest Camden Music Service would be willing to provide a drumming teacher. They bill termly for 10 lessons per term and there's a discretionary 50 percent reduction for those who qualify for free school meals.

Prices are as follows:

- 10 x 30 minute lesson shared with another child: £76.50 / (£38.25 FSM)
- 10 x 30 minute individual lesson: £153 / (£76.50 FSM)
- 10 x 20 minute lesson: £102 / (£51 FSM)

If you are interested please see Rod!



Ever dreamed of playing football at the Emirates?

Well, 7 children from years 3&4 (including a minimum of 3 girls) and 7 children from years 5&6 (including a minimum of 3 girls) from Brecknock will be offered the chance to do just that! Yes, **they will get to play football on the same pitch as the Arsenal football players play on**—how cool!

This event is during half term (Tuesday 30th May) and each child will be allowed to bring 1 adult spectator with them. We haven't decided how to choose which children should be offered this once in a lifetime opportunity. More news to follow...



After-school Nature Club

There will be a new club on a Friday called Nature Club: 3.45 – 4.45. The cost will be £12. Please see the office for more info!



Summer Concert

There will be a Brecknock after-school concert on Tuesday 13th June at 6.00 PM which will include the choir, orchestra, recorder ensemble, samba band, brass groups and Year 5 and 6 bands (as well as solos and duets)! It will include refreshments and should be over by around 7.30. Tickets will be offered to performers parent's first and then any remaining can be snapped up by everyone else. **Can everyone asked to perform please give their slip to show their availability for the date by Monday!** It is really important so Rod can plan the event. It promises to be a night to remember!



Mathletics

Mathletics will be back as soon as they have processed our renewal—sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Bikeability Cycle Training

Learn to cycle at one of Camden's school holiday courses

Camden are offering two-day cycle training courses for children on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June:

- **10.00-10.45am:** starting, stopping and balancing
- **11.15am-12.00 noon:** starting, stopping and balancing
- **1.00pm-2.30pm:** control skills, for children who already cycle without help



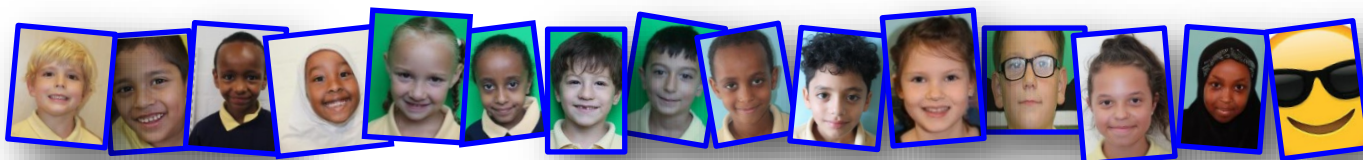
Children must bring a well-fitting bike; helmets are recommended. Courses are held Haverstock School, just around the corner from Chalk Farm station. To register and for further information, including training offers for adults and families, visit www.camden.gov.uk/cycletraining. Alternatively, call 020 7974 1451/5071.

WELLIES WANTED!

Jennie is hoping to work with some children to create a wellie boot wall filled with plants in our playground. If you have any old, worn out or unused wellie boots you no longer need, pop them with your child to add them to the project. Thank you in advance for any donations!



Golden Book Awards! And this weeks winners are...



Arturo & Mahdi—Skye, Nolawi & Ibtisan—Mull, Ruby & Zaynab—Guernsey, Teo & Devrim—Jersey, Khalid & Musa—Y3, Elsie & Fred—Y4, Beth & Sahra—Y5, All of Y6!!!