



Brecknock Newsletter



Friday 15th September 2017

Message from the head



The first full week of the new term has been really productive and the children are all engrossed in learning and enjoying our wonderful new playground and dining room. It was good to see so many of you at the curriculum meetings this week, it is so important that we work together to improve our children's learning. If you missed the meeting for any reason do please ask your child's class teacher to give you the home/school agreement, behaviour for learning policy and the document with the end of year expectations for each class which were shared at the meetings. We are having a real focus on developing reading for pleasure this year so please take time to read to your children at home and ask them about the books which teachers are reading to them in class, we will be featuring some of these choices in the newsletter over the coming weeks.

Dates for your calendar

18th September	Tahiti class trip to the Natural History Museum (9:00-15:25)
18th September	9.00 - Mabel Monsters Community drop-in
19th September	Year 2 trip to the Monument
19th September	Hawaii Swimming (Tuesday 13:30-15:00)
20th September	Hawaii class trip to the Natural History Museum (9:00-15:25)
20th September	Tahiti class at the CLC
20th September	9.00 - Parent drop in to discuss EHCPs and medical needs with Yetunde
21st September	5:00-6:00—Secondary transfer event — Middle Hall
22nd September	Tahiti Swimming (Friday 13:30-15:00)
22nd September	Jamaica trip to the Planetarium
27th September	Hawaii class at the CLC (TBC)
27th September	Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop
27th September	Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens
28th September	Jersey Class to the CLC
17th October	Year 6 Shakespeare Performance at the Pleasance Theatre
3rd October	Colin Hegarty talk to Year 6 parents
10th October	Guernsey to the CLC
12th October	Skye to the National Portrait Gallery
18th October	Mull to the National Portrait Gallery
20th October	INSET day - school closed for children
23rd-27th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
31st October	Children return to school
31st October	Deadline for Secondary School Application
18th December	Last day of term. Note: this is a Monday
22nd Dec-Jan 2nd	Christmas Holidays
3rd January	INSET Day—School closed
4th January	School opens—children back

Friday Tea

Brecknock Parents would like to welcome you every Friday after school in the dinner hall for a tea and a chat 3:40-4:40pm. All welcome. We serve tea/herbal infusion to go with the lovely contributions of food that you will have purchased from the weekly class sale. We chat about school and anything else. There is also a free knitting/crochet teaching session, we are making bunting flags to have a great and durable bunting for school events. It is a time when we chill out, reflect on our week and share tips, skills and moments enriched by our diverse community backgrounds while waiting for our children at after school clubs.

All welcome. Please join.

***Please remember that if your child is not at an after school club it is the responsibility of parents to have the children in sight as there are no staff present. Thank you for your co-operation with this.**

Upcoming Friday Tea Dates

22nd September—Y4

29th September—Y3

6th October —Y2



Being responsible online

This week, teachers have been talking to their classes about how to be responsible and safe when using the internet. All children in Key Stage 1 and 2 have been given an agreement to sign that states that they will uphold these values and they should bring a copy of these values home. We are also reviewing our consent forms for images on the website, twitter and in the newsletter and will be sending home additional letters if needed. If you receive one of these letters, please sign it and return it to your class teacher as soon as possible. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



Clubs

The following clubs still have spaces in them, please ask in the office for a form if you are interested:

Choir on Monday

Arsenal Coaches for Football on Monday

Code club on Wednesday

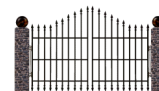
Netball on Wednesday

Football with the sports coaches on Thursday

Dodgeball on Friday

Attention!

Please note that the little silver gate to the playground will now be locked at **4 p.m.** everyday apart from Fridays when it will be locked at **4.45 p.m.**



Year 4 Entry Point

Year 4 had their 'Active Planet' Entry point this week where they re-enacted a volcanic eruption using music and dance, as well as material to represent fire and magma!



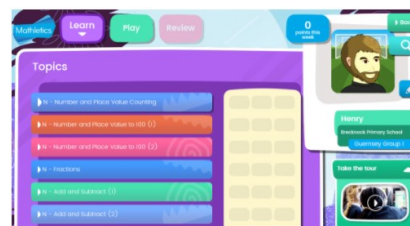
Parent Drop in session

On Wednesday 20th September from 9.00, Yetunde (Inclusion Lead & SendCo). is having a drop in session. Do come and discuss EHCPs and medical needs.



Mathletics

Mathletics is back up and running with a brand new look, new games and new videos! When children practice their maths at home—it really does make a difference! Henry will be ordering prizes for children working hard on Mathletics from now until the end of the year so ask your class teacher if you are unsure of your login details and get going.



NEWS FLASH!

We have made a change to the Golden Book Awards. Each week the winners will be announced in the following weeks newsletter, so look out next week to find out who the first winners of the year were!



Meet the Parents

Our annual Meet the Parents event will take place on Thursday September 21st from 5 to 6pm. Families from Acland Burghley, Holloway, Maria Fidelis and Regent High schools will be here to answer any questions you might have about their experience of the local secondary schools. Parents from all year groups are welcome. This is a really useful event which is unique to Camden, so we do hope you can make it.



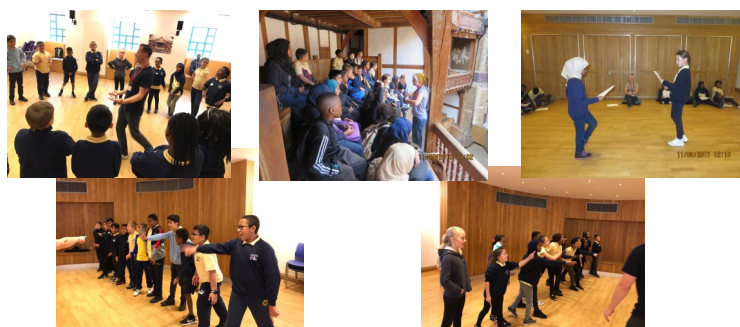
Get reading!

This week children have been enjoying story time. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together.



All the World's a Stage!

On Monday Team Sumagascar travelled to the Globe Theatre to tour around the history-enriched building and take part in a drama workshop based on 'A Midsummers Night's Dream' - the Shakespeare production they will be performing on stage in 5 weeks!



Choosing a secondary school in Camden

Open events 2017



	Acland Burghley School Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ 020 7485 8516 www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Wednesday 27 September, 6pm to 8pm 25, 26, 27 and 28 September, 9am to 10.30am LaSVPs: Thursday 18 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.lasvp.camden.sch.uk for details)
	Camden School for Girls Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB 020 7485 3414 www.camdengirls.camden.sch.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Monday 18 September 2017, 6pm 13 and 15 September 2017, 9am Tuesday 21 November 2017
	Hampstead School Westbury Road, London NW2 3RT 020 7794 8123 www.hampsteadschool.org.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 21 September 2017, 5.30pm 19 and 20 September, 5, 10 and 17 October, 9am Thursday 23 November, 6pm
	Haverstock School 24 Haverstock Hill, London NW5 2BQ 020 7267 0975 www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Wednesday 4 October, 5pm to 7pm 10, 11 and 12 October, 9.30 to 11am Please contact us to arrange a one-to-one tour. Email: office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk
	La Sainte Union Highgate Road, London NW5 1RP 020 7428 4000 www.lsu.camden.sch.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 21 September, 4pm to 7pm 27 September and 12 October, 2pm to 3.30pm Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.lasvp.camden.sch.uk)
	Maria Fidelis School FCJ North Gower Street, London NW1 2LY 020 7487 2589 www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 5 October 2017, 4pm 6.30am to 10.30am every Tuesday (term-time) at the Lower School Thursday 9 November, 4 to 6pm at the Upper School
	Parliament Hill School Highgate Road, London NW5 3PL 020 7485 7077 www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 28 September, 5 to 7.30pm 3, 4 and 5 October, 9 to 11am Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.lasvp.camden.sch.uk)
	Regent High School Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126 www.regenthighschool.org.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 12 October 2017, 4.30 to 7.30pm Most Wednesdays throughout the year and 18, 26 September, 6 and 19 October, 9am to 10.30am 9 November 2017, 4pm to 6.30pm Taster Evenings: 18 January 2018, 4pm to 6pm
	The UCL Academy Adele Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 2080 www.uclacademy.co.uk	Open evening Open day Sixth Form	Tuesday 3 October, 4.30pm to 6.30pm Wednesday 11 October at 11.30am to 1pm Tuesday 7 November, 4.30pm to 6.30pm
	William Ellis School Highgate Road, London NW5 3RN 020 7267 9346 www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk	Open evening Open mornings Sixth Form	Thursday 28 September, 6 to 8pm 3, 4 and 5 October, 9 to 10.30am Thursday 16 November, 5pm to 7.30pm (pre-registration is required – see the school website or www.lasvp.camden.sch.uk)

Camden Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils

Thursday 14 September, from 3.30 to 6.30pm
The Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, King's Cross, London WC1H 9AU
Register at eventbrite.co.uk (search for 'Camden Moving On')



Information on Secondary School choices

Please follow the link to find key information regarding Secondary School choices and admission policies.

31st October—Deadline for Secondary School Applications

Islington Booklet

Camden Booklet



<http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Islington-Booklet-for-secondary-schools.pdf>
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Roald Dahl Day!

We all enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl's 101st Birthday on Wednesday!

