

Friday 22nd September 2017

## Message from the head



The term has only just started but already we are thinking about Year 6 transitioning to Secondary school! Tiggy has organised a number of events to help make their choices and she is always available to help with completing the online application form. Do please talk to her if you have any questions. The deadline to apply for Year 7 places in September 2018 is 31 October 2017. There will be an important meeting for all Year 6 parents, and any Year 5 parents who are interested, about the process for admissions to secondary schools at 3:30 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

On a less positive note I am sorry to tell you that Amanda Campbell will be leaving Brecknock on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Amanda has been working at Brecknock for over ten years and she will be greatly missed. She led our fantastic Children's Centre for many years and has had a huge impact of the lives of countless children and their families. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Amanda every success for the future.

## Dates for your calendar

22nd September	Tahiti Swimming (Friday 13:30-15:00)
22nd September	Jamaica trip to the Planetarium
27th September	Hawaii class at the CLC
27th September	Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop
27th September	Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens
27th September	Year 6 Shakespeare Drama Workshop at Cecil Sharp House (1:30-4:00)
28th September	Jersey Class to the CLC
3rd October	Colin Hegarty talk to Year 6 parents
10th October	Guernsey to the CLC
12th October	Skye to the National Portrait Gallery
17th October	Sumatra Shakespeare Performance at the Pleasance Theatre
18th October	Mull to the National Portrait Gallery
18th October	Madagascar Shakespeare Performance at the Pleasance Theatre
20th October	<b>INSET day</b> - school closed for children
23rd-27th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
30th October	Children return to school
31st October	Deadline for Secondary School Application
18th December	Last day of term. Note: this is a <b>Monday</b>
22nd Dec-Jan 2nd	Christmas Holidays
3rd January	INSET Day—School closed
4th January	School opens—children back

## Year 6 Show!

Come and see the Year 6 perform A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Pleasance Theatre on North Road. Sumatra's show is on October 17th, and Madagascar's is on October 18th. Tickets are £6.50 from the Office.



## Calendar Dates



The timing of Eid had not aligned well with school term times recently and Eid al-Adha fell during the summer holidays. I know that many of our families enjoyed the celebration but of course the timing meant that we were unable to celebrate this in school. The next chance we get to celebrate Eid in school will be mid-June 2018 so let's start thinking about ideas to make this a big event to make up for things!

## What a Star!

On 6<sup>th</sup> October Lolly in Guernsey Class will be chopping off her hair and donating it to the Little Princess Trust. This was all Lolly's idea and we are really proud of her for being such a thoughtful and caring little girl. Well done Lolly! There are sponsor forms at the office, or alternatively please visit [www.justgiving.com/Lollyhairdonation](http://www.justgiving.com/Lollyhairdonation) if you would like to sponsor her and help to raise money for a really good cause.



### Year 4 trip to The Natural History Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic time at the Natural History Museum learning about their topic Active Planet. They are so excited to learn all about our beautiful planet! The highlights were getting their hands on dinosaur bones, witnessing a volcanic eruption and feeling the effects of an earthquake.



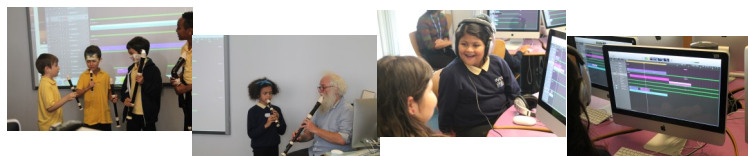
### Drama in Sumagascar!

This week in Sumagascar, they have been using lots of different drama techniques to explore Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. They particularly enjoyed using hot seating to explore the complicated father-daughter relationship between Hermia and Egeus.



### Royal Academy Project

As participants of this years Royal Academy Project, Tahiti class attended a workshop at the Camden City Learning Centre. They had the amazing opportunity to compose their own music using the software program Logic. Some of the pieces will form part of a concert at the Royal Academy of Music in February 2018 to which all the children involved will be invited.



### Year 2 at The Monument

Year 2 had a fantastic day visiting The Monument to commence their Great Fire of London topic. Everyone climbed the 311 steps up to the top and enjoyed the fabulous view over London. The children were eager to point out the iconic buildings they knew. They saw lots of famous buildings including the Tower of London, the Gherkin and St. Paul's Cathedral.



### Year 5 at the Planetarium

Year 5 they visited the Planetarium and they were amazed by the dramatic, life like images and animations of our Solar System and our Galaxy, The Milky Way.



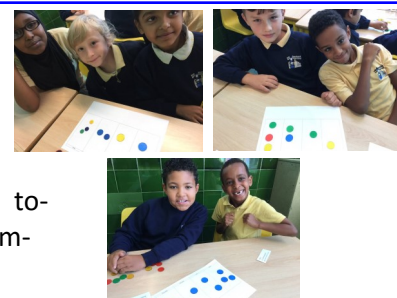
### Brecknock Hit the Emirates!



A big thank you to Arsenal Community for the great evening out!

### Place Value in Hawaii

Children have been learning about place value in Maths. They used counters to demonstrate an understanding of thousands, hundreds, tens and units. Working together, they were able to separate large numbers into their corresponding columns.



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



Kit & Jian—Mull, Layan & Rayyan—Skye, Chenaya & Anes—Guernsey, Lia & Eldana—Jersey, Albie & Alfie—Y3, Nene & Malachi—Y4, Kyleene & Shun—Y5, Yahiya & Megan—Y6