

Friday 24th November 2017

## Message from the head



You will all know that we had an Ofsted inspection this week. This was what is called a Section 8 inspection, a monitoring visit to check that the school is still good. We were pleased with the way the day went and the children impressed the inspectors with their warmth, honesty and enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents who completed the online parent questionnaire, it is important to Ofsted that the views of all of the school community are considered. Unfortunately we are not able to share the findings from the day until the report is published, hopefully this will happen before we break up for Christmas and you will all, of course, receive a copy of the report.

**Parent Consultations are next week! Please see your child's teacher if you need to arrange an appointment.**

### Christmas Trees

Pines and Needles are opening a New Christmas Tree pop up store close to our school. They even have a delivery service from stores to local post-codes for an extra cost. You can find them here:

Regent's Park  
Saint Mark's Square  
Prince Albert Rd  
NW1 7TN  
**8am - 7pm**



Use code **FESTIVEFUN17** to get a free gift with purchase in store which is opening from **the 25th of November**.

### Bon Voyage Laura!

Letting you know that our lovely Laura is about to embark on a big adventure! Governors have granted Laura a one year leave of absence to travel to New Zealand and explore the southern hemisphere. Of course we are going to miss Laura very, very much but we know she will be finding lots of interesting experiences to share with us when she gets back. Keep in touch Laura, we can't wait to hear all about it.

In Laura's absence there will be a new Early Years Leader and Nursery teacher. He name is Rachel Fields and she is really looking forward to meeting you all. Rachel is an experienced and inspirational early years teacher and leader and she will be visiting us for a few days before she starts in January. I know you will make her feel very welcome when you meet her.

## Dates for your calendar

1st December	Year 5 to Jazz Concert at Regents High
4th December	Year 6 to HM Belfast and Church Hill Rooms
5th December	<b>Nursery Show</b> at 2:15pm for families
6th December	<b>Mersea Show</b> at 2:00pm for families
7th December	Cuba to the CLC
7th December	<b>Reception Show</b>
<b>8th December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
13th December	<b>Year 1 Show</b> at 2:00pm for families
14th December	<b>Year 2 Show</b> at 2:00pm for families
15th December	Non-Uniform Day
18th December	Last day of term. Note: this is a <b>Monday</b>
19th Dec-Jan 4th	Christmas Holidays
3rd January	INSET Day—School closed
4th January	School opens—children back



### Community Drop-In Sessions

Maria from Mersea class is running community drop-in sessions for parents with children aged 0-5.

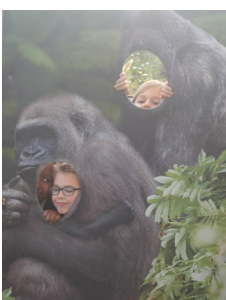
**Mondays**  
**8:50 am – 11:30 am**  
**Mabel's Monsters**  
**(Drop-in)**

Enjoyment and learning come together in this fun, active music session.

**Wednesdays**  
**8:50am - 11:30am**  
**Story Time**  
**(Drop-in)**

Interactive story time every week with activities around the story for children to explore.





## London Zoo!

Year 3 were lucky to visit London Zoo as part of their topic Saving the Planet. They visited a variety of animals including the lions, tigers, penguins, butterflies and reptiles.

They also took part in an education session about the different types of animals that live in the rainforest and how they have adapted to survive.



## Lovely Learning in Nursery

This week Nursery have been printing with vegetables, measuring animals, collecting conkers and showing the animals how to write their names! They even made some labels for the farm shop this week.



## Volcanic Art in Tahiti

Tahiti looked at the work of Jackson Pollock. They were inspired by his dripping and splashing technique. Using these techniques, the children painted volcanic eruptions! It was very messy, but the outcomes were fantastic!



## Cuba's Space Voyage

Team Cuba have enjoyed working together to write a space – themed poem called Space Voyage. It was wonderful to get the opportunity to work with musicians Jo, George and Joel from Club Ingales to turn our poems into musical poetry!

All children played an instrument to help bring our poem to life. Check out their incredible performance! Thanks to the parents who came to show support. We hope you enjoyed it.

<http://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/>



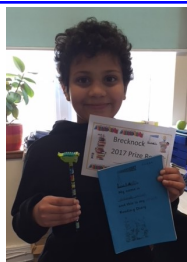
## Volcanic Music in Hawaii

Hawaii used instruments to compose their own music. They watched a video about Pompeii, and created music which fit the scene. In places, it was silent giving a tranquil feel. For the eruption, the music was loud, fast and frightening.



## Reading Diary

Congratulations to Yoseph in Cuba for finishing his reading diary.



## Ambassadors

Brecknock ambassadors enjoyed the UNICEF opening discussion to the private screening of Paddington 2. They were there to celebrate World Children's Day and OutRight - speaking out about rights for children!



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

