



Brecknock Newsletter



Friday 9th February 2018

Message from the head



This week we welcomed a team from different schools across the country to conduct a whole school review. The team came from an organisation which we are part of called Challenge Partners. They observed lessons, talked to the children and SLT about our school and challenged us to articulate our strengths and identify things we could do better. There were many things they observed that they admired about our school community. They commented on the high quality of teaching and learning across the school, the enthusiasm of all staff, the depth and vibrancy of the curriculum and our wonderful, rights respecting, children. They also commented on the relentless focus of all staff to ensure that all children are challenged and making progress. The children and staff did themselves proud! The feedback was very positive indeed and we will be sharing the written report with you when it is available in a week or so.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a happy half term, there is lots to do so do please take advantage of everything that London has to offer. We will look forward to seeing you all again at 8:50 on Monday 19th February.

Dates for your calendar

12th-16th Feb	Half Term Holiday
19th February	Children return to school
23rd February	Year 1 at Little Angel Theatre
26th February	Sicily to the CLC
28th February	Year 4 Recorder Performance at Royal Academy
1st March	World Book Day
12th March	Choir at the Royal Albert Hall
14th March	Tahiti to the CLC
17th-23rd March	Sport Relief
26th March	Hawaii to the CLC
27th March	Year 3 Show
28th March	Year 4 Show
29th March	Last day of term. Note this is a Thursday at 2.00pm
30th-13th April	Easter Holiday
16th April	Children return to school

World Book Day

World Book Day is on the Thursday 1st March. Please encourage your child to dress up as their favourite book character. No need for fancy costumes—the home made ones are always the best!

For more information please visit www.worldbookday.com



The NW5 Project

The NW5 Project are a local project who provide an after school club and holiday play schemes to children aged 4-11 years. They offer daily after school pick up, including collections from extra after school activities, as well as providing a healthy snack on arrival. They have lots of play opportunities and spaces available for sports, arts and crafts, cooking and much more.



Their opening times are 3.15-6pm. Concession rates are also available for non working parents or parents on a lower income. Holiday Play Scheme opening times are 8am-6pm. For more information please contact the project directly on [020 7485 8165](tel:02074858165) or via email on nw5communityplayproject@hotmail.com

Camden Cycle Skills

Camden offers cycle training for children, adults and families.

Our next two-day holiday courses for children are on Mon-Tue, 12-13, and Wed-Thu, 14-15 February. The morning sessions are for complete beginners. The afternoon sessions for children who can already ride.

Courses for adults are held every second weekend. There are sessions for people who have never cycled and for those who want refresher training. The training is delivered at Haverstock School, NW3. There are bikes and helmets free to borrow. Camden also offers 1:2:1 training for adults and young adults who would like to cycle on-road. You will need your own bike for this training. All the training is free.

For further information and to register, visit www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills. Alternatively, call 020 7974 1451 or email richard.riddle@camden.gov.uk



Upcoming Friday Teas

February 23rd—Reception
March 2nd—Nurse & 2YO
March 9th—Year 6

Money Raised

Last week, Year 2 raised **£91** at Friday Tea. This money is for the class to spend as they wish.



Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you!

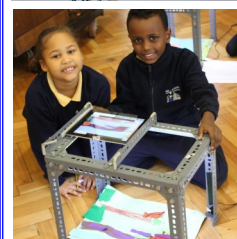
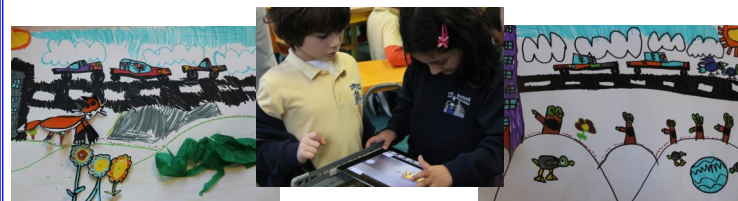
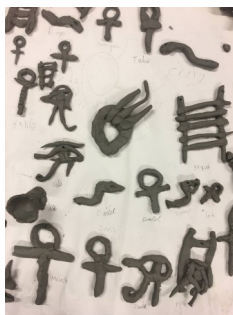
Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018. Please remind children of the importance of keeping safe on the internet and being respectful when using their mobile phones: what we post online is forever. Follow the links for more info.



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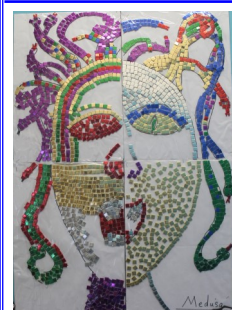
Amulet Making in Year 4

As part of their Ancient Egypt topic, Year 4 have been getting creative and making Egyptian inspired amulets out of clay. They made some amazing scarab beetles, ankhs, eyes of Horus and snakes. They're eagerly waiting the clay to dry so they can get painting!



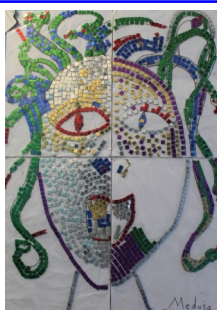
Animation in Year 2

This week, Year 2 became stop motion animation experts. Related to their topic The Earth Our Home, they illustrated a background, cut out their hand-drawn figures, then skilfully moved them to create some brilliant videos!



Jamaica's Medusa Mosaics

Check out these amazing mosaics of Medusa that Jamaica made for their topic on Ancient Greece!



Safer Internet Day 2018

We celebrated safer internet day on Tuesday. We each made a pledge to keep ourselves safe on the internet and create a kinder online community. They included:

- 'I pledge to never share my personal details online' - Amy, Tahiti
- 'I pledge to only play age appropriate games' - Amber, Tahiti



Persuasive Letter Writing in Year 1

In Year 1 have found where our missing toys went! It wasn't the Magic Toymaker that took them - it was the Hootopize! He stole their toys and they are in the room with a Thousand Lost toys.



To get them back they have been learning about how to persuade someone. They looked at toys and used persuasive language to persuade each other why it was the best toy.

Then, they took part in a conscience ally where we told the Hootopize what we thought he should do. Now they have decided that they are going to write a letter to persuade the Hootopize to give their toys back!



Forest School

Some Year 2 students have been enjoying taking part in a six week forest school project. Across the road at Caledonian Park, the children have had lots of fun exploring their surroundings, finding all kinds of creatures, building a den and lighting a small fire.

During their second session, the activities included making mud monsters out of clay and a nature crown out of leaves and flowers that they scavenged. They wrapped up the session by enjoying a cup of cocoa in their den!



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

