

Thursday 29th March 2018

Message from the head



Here we are at the end of another busy, but very productive, term. It has been an eventful one with the snow, boiler problems and the usual events, end of year shows and of course the lovely send-off for Sue on Friday. We were also pleased at the council finally starting work on the long awaited pavement widening and the very positive outcome from our whole school review by Challenge Partners. There is even more to look forward to next term but in the meantime I would like to wish you all a lovely break. There is lots to do in our wonderful city so have fun – and don't forget to read! School starts again at 8:50 on Monday 16th April.

HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MONDAY 16th APRIL

Dates for your calendar

30th-13th April	Easter Holiday
16th April	Children return to school
17th April	Year 4 at House of Illustration
20th April	Corsica at House of Illustration
24th April	Sicily at House of Illustration
1st May	Parent Gym—Taster
2nd May	Cuba at Hampstead Heath
3rd May	Jamaica at Hampstead Heath
7th May	May Day—School Closed
8th May	Parent Gym—Chat
22nd May	Parent Gym—Behave
25th May	INSET Day—School Closed
28th May–1st June	Half Term
4th June	Children return to school
5th June	Parent Gym—Care
12th June	Parent Gym—Discover
19th June	Parent Gym—Together
25th July	Last day of term for children

Message from the Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of Brecknock's recent successes.

Following the publication of the extremely positive Ofsted report towards the end of last term, and the fantastic IDSR showing the brilliant results achieved by the children last year, this term saw a truly fantastic Challenge Partners report that rated Brecknock as 'outstanding' and has seen the teaching of maths at Brecknock recognised as being among the best anywhere in the country. While the Challenge Partners 'outstanding' isn't the same as an Ofsted 'outstanding', it very much supports the school on its journey towards achieving excellence in all that it does.

In order to accomplish this, governors and SLT met recently to explore what the school's strategic goals should be over the coming three years, as well as to reflect on what excellent governance involves. We also welcomed a new parent governor, Steve Franck, and two new staff governors, Jill and Sabrina, who will, along with their fellow Governing Body members, help the school to realise its goals over the coming several years. I will tell you more about our strategic goals as we continue to refine them next term.

It is a privilege to be Chair of Governors at Brecknock, and to support such a fantastic school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who help our dedicated staff to support our pupils to achieve their very best.

Warm wishes for the coming holiday.



Message from Sue Dunbar

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, wished me well, came to the Friday Tea. Also to those who kindly gave presents, including the very generous Parents Association.



Holiday Extreme Reading Challenge

Calling all children at Brecknock!

Can you be part of the Brecknock Extreme Reading Challenge and have a photo of you taken reading in the strangest of places? You can combine it with your own friends book club and all be reading the same book. We will feature some of the best photographs in the newsletter the first week back and over the coming weeks. Please send your photos to t.mitchell@brecknock.camden.sch.uk for Brecknock's extreme read.

Here are some photos for ideas, can you beat them?



Sensory Play in Mersea

The past two weeks the children in Mersea have enjoyed lots of sensory activities. They have used different textures shaving foam, Talc, cornflour and salt to make marks with.

The children have been combining different ingredients to make play dough and gloop. They have explored colour through water play, painting activities and collage.



Spring Slam Maths Competition Superstars

Congratulations to our brilliant mathematicians who were selected to take part in the Spring Slam competition. A huge well done to Kah Yee, Tomor, Adam and Zoe.



Forest School

The children have had lots of fun exploring their forest school site, finding all kinds of creatures, building pretend fires, building dens and climbing the logs and trees. Last week they made beautiful headdresses out of reeds and monsters out of clay and sticks.



Year 3 and 4 Plays

Year 3 and 4 worked extremely hard to put on two fantastic performances of Matilda and Indiana Jones. The children did an amazing job learning all their words, dance routines and getting into character. They were loud, confident and composed on stage. Well done Year 3 and 4, you are all stars!

Thank you to Cleo, Beth and Soraya for filming, to all the adults who made the productions come to life, and to the friends and family who attended.



French in Tahiti

This week, Tahiti have been learning the names of their family in French. Zahra said 'J'aime ma mère' while Amber said 'J'ai deux frères'.



RE Day

For RE Day, the whole school learnt about tolerance in reference to different religions. Some children made posters and comics while others took part in drama activities.



Micro Scooters

Thinking of buying a Micro Scooter this Easter? Use code **100010** for Brecknock to receive 10% of your order from Micro.

Year 5 and 6 Exit Points

Well done to Year 5 and 6 for the fantastic interactive exhibitions they held for their exit points.



Sport Relief

Last Friday, Brecknock children and staff put on their active wear and raised **£75** for Sport Relief.



EYFS Easter Parade

