

Friday 27th April 2018

## Message from the head



We have all settled in well to the new term and there is some fantastic learning going on across the school, we are feeling very spring-like with the hatching of the chicks in Nursery – they are adorable! Do pop in and have a peep.

You may remember that we are part of an organisation called Challenge Partners, a way of supporting school improvement. We had a very positive review as part of this (do read it on the website if you haven't yet). This week I had the pleasure of visiting another school out of London as part of their review. It was a very interesting experience, and I gained lots of good ideas but it was lovely to return to #Brilliant Brecknock!

## Dates for your calendar

1st May	Parent Gym—Taster
2nd May	Year 2 to Sealife
2nd May	Cuba at Hampstead Heath
3rd May	Jamaica at Hampstead Heath
3rd May	Corsica to Wahaca
4th May	Sicily to Wahaca
7th May	May Day—School Closed
8th May	Parent Gym—Chat
9th May	Mull to CLC
15th May	Parent Gym—Love
22nd May	Parent Gym—Behave
22nd May	<b>SPORTS DAY</b>
24th May	Year 6 to Natural History Museum
25th May	INSET Day—School Closed
28th May—1st June	Half Term
4th June	Children return to school
4th June	Skye to CLC
4th June	Year 6 Wicked workshop
5th June	Parent Gym—Care
11th June	Year 6 to the Science Museum
12th June	Parent Gym—Discover
15th June	Sumatra to National Portrait Gallery
19th June	Parent Gym—Together
22nd June	Sumatra to the CLC
22nd June	Madagascar to National Portrait Gallery
29th June—1st July	Year 6 School Journey
28th June	Bike Doctor
3rd July	Madagascar to the CLC
25th July	Last day of term for children

### Friday Teas

4th May—Year 2  
11th May—Year 1  
18th May—Reception

**Sports Day 22nd May at  
Parliament Hill.  
All families welcome!**

## Short Course at Brecknock

Working Men's College are running a series of short courses at Brecknock. Please can anyone who is interested in attending speak to the office to put their name down.

Tutor name	Time	Course	Start date	End date
Hasina	14:00 – 15:30	Natural beauty product	02/05/18	09/05/18
Ambia	14:00 – 15:30	Flower arranging	16/05/18	23/05/18
Ambia/ Hasina	14:00 – 15:30	Henna OR Card making/ decoration (depending on learner response)	06/06/18	13/06/18

## After School Clubs

Great to see a range of clubs starting again this week - there are still spaces available in:

**Monday – Arsenal Coaches (years 4-6)**

**Monday – Jewellery – (years 2-6)**

**Tuesday – KS1 Craft**

**Thursday – Football (years 3-6)**

**Friday – Dodgeball (years 4-6)**

Please ask at the office if you are interested. Also, please do not assume that if your child had a place in a club last term that it will roll over to this term! Please ask at the office if you are unsure.



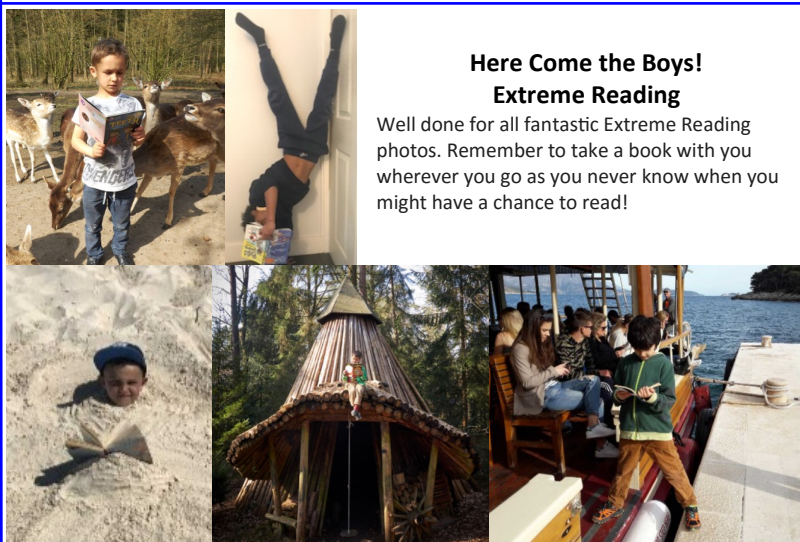
## Early Years Volunteers

Early Years is in need of volunteer parents to help collate guiding reading materials. They need a couple of parents for a few hours at a time over the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping out, please speak to Rachel in Nursery.



## Here Come the Boys! Extreme Reading

Well done for all fantastic Extreme Reading photos. Remember to take a book with you wherever you go as you never know when you might have a chance to read!



### 100% Attendance Price

#### Winner!

Jubaira from Jamaica class was delighted to be picked out of the barrel at a chance of 1 out of 110! We hope you enjoy the light up drone.



### The Very Hungry Caterpillars

The children of Mersea class have been very excited this week waiting for their Caterpillars to arrive. When they arrived, they gently observed them in their jars and used magnifying glasses to see them, as they were so tiny.



They then retold the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' using our story sack props. They will be watching the Caterpillars carefully over the next few weeks to see what changes take place.

### Science in Year 1

The Year 1 classes carried out an investigation to test what would be the most suitable material to use to make a waterproof suit. They tested five different materials and made predictions on what they thought would be the most absorbent and most resistant. Once they had compared their results, they ended up with two finalists. The bin bag won because it was flexible and strong.



### Trip to Boma Garden Centre

Year 1 took a trip down to Boma Garden centre in Kentish Town. They had a lovely time walking around the centre, seeing all the different plants on display and looking at the information on their labels. They then chose some seeds to take back and grow in the classroom. Now that they have experienced a garden centre in real life they can bring the one in their classroom to life!



### Year 4 at the Royal Academy

Earlier in the year, Year 4 composed their very own pieces of recorder music using the computer software Logic. It was then brought to life at the Royal Academy of Music by professional recorder players! The children listened to a piece composed by Hallie and Craig, followed by one created by Amber and Nene.



### Who Am I

To kick start their new topic – 'Who Am I', Sumatra have been sketching self-portraits. They will be using them to create a final piece inspired by Frida Kahlo. All children worked extremely hard to edit and improve their art with the aim of drawing their features to proportion and using shading to create perspective.



### Spring has Sprung

Nursery is ready to embrace Spring! They talked about the different fruits and vegetables that they would like to sow in late April and unanimously chose strawberries, lettuce, sunflowers and beans. They spent time preparing the garden beds after a long winter – there was plenty of raking, hoeing and soil tossing to do before they began sowing their seeds.



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

