

Friday 4th September 2015

Message from the head



Welcome back to the Autumn term, I hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to working together with you over the coming year. There is much to look forward to, not least the curriculum meetings which will take place next week for children in Years 1 to 6. Please make a note of the date and time of your child's meeting as it is important that you make every effort to be there. The teachers will be sharing information about the planned teaching and learning for the term ahead, and you will be able to ask any questions you might have. We will look forward to seeing you.



Dates for your calendar

There is one INSET day still to be arranged. As soon as it is set we will publish it in the newsletter and amend the list of term dates on the website.

8th September	Curriculum Meetings—Years 1, 3 & 5
9th September	Curriculum Meetings—Years 2, 4 & 6
10th September	Meet the Parents event for Year 6 parents—secondary transfer event @ 3.45pm Middle Hall
18th September	Eid Tea after school
26th-30th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
2nd November	INSET Day—school closed
3rd November	School Opens—Children Back
4th November	Family Supper @ 5.30pm
18th December	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
21st Dec-1st Jan	Christmas Holidays
4th January	INSET Day—school Closed
5th January	School Opens—children back
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
24th March	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
25th Mar-8th Apr	Easter Holidays
11th April	School Opens—children back
2nd May	May Day Holiday—School Closed
30th May-3rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	School Opens—children back
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners



Academic Year 2014-15

Attendance KS1: **2H—95.39%**

Attendance KS2: **5W—95.83%**

Early Bird: **6C — 32 lates**



Last year our overall attendance was 94.15%. This was against a target of 95%, which as you can see we did not quite reach. It is vital that children are in school and on time as often as possible. All the research shows that children who miss school, either through repeated absence or lateness do less well than their peers. We would ask you to support us again to improve our attendance. Our punctuality is also something we would ask your help to improve. Well done to last year's 6C who over 190 days of school had only 32 children late—that's less than 1 child a week! This compares to one class who had 500 children late last year. That works out at more than 2 children being late everyday. Coming in late can impact a child's whole morning and any learning going on then. If you are struggling in the morning please talk to us, we may be able to help.

Phil the Storyteller Website Home Access

Following the successful 'Oracy to Writing' project led by storyteller Phil McDermott last year, we have subscribed to his website 'The Story Emporium' so that you and your children are able to access his stories from home. This is a fantastic resource and we hope you will encourage the children to listen to the stories – you can listen too, Phil has a real gift!

STEP 1: Go to the website: www.thestoryemporium.co.uk

STEP 2: Click the 'Register' button

STEP 3: Under 'Home Subscriber' press the Register button.

STEP 4: Once again press the Register button.

STEP 5: Fill out the registration form. Enter the following code in the School Top-Up Code field: **Gsjm_2049**

Fill in the rest of the registration form. Please ensure you read the Terms and Conditions before pressing the submit button at the bottom of the form.



Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the next three Friday teas:

11th September—Year 6 & 18th September—Eid Tea

25th September—Charity Tea to raise money for McMillan Cancer



Meet the Parents—secondary transfer meeting

Next Thursday, the 10th, we will be hosting a 'Meet the Parents' event for families of children moving on to secondary school next year. There will be parents and children from Acland Burghley, Camden School for Girls, Holloway and Regents High Schools. This will be an opportunity to hear from the parents and children of their experiences transitioning to secondary school and you'll be able to ask them any questions you might think of. The meeting will take place in the Middle Hall at 3.45pm. It will last about an hour. We hope, if your children are in Year 6 (Year 5 also welcome), you will be able to come along to this event. There will be a crèche available.

Curriculum Meetings

Next week we will be holding curriculum meetings for each year group so that you can hear from the teachers what will be covered this year as well as covering topics such as PE, swimming, trips etc. These meetings are your opportunity meet your child's class teacher and ask any questions about the coming term/year you might have. A crèche will be available. We hope you will be able to attend.

Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5: Tuesday 8th @ 3.45pm

Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6: Wednesday 9th @ 3.45pm

Eid Tea—Friday 18th September

We will be holding an Eid Tea after school on the 18th to celebrate Eid. We hope you will be able to come along and have a bite to eat and a chat.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Our ESOL classes were very successful this year and will be running again this year. Enrolment will take place in the first week of the classes. The deadline for enrolment is week 6 in each term. Classes take place in the dining room on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. They are a great opportunity to develop English skills and are free if you meet the criteria. Classes are delivered by the Working Men's College. Ask in the office or contact the Working Men's College Community Learning Manager on: **020 7255 4733** or email: pkar@wmcollege.ac.uk if you would like to know more.



The college for women and men

Term A dates : w.b 14 September 2015 – w.b. 30 November

Term B dates : w.b. 4 January 2016 – w.b. 21 March

Term C dates : w.b. 11 April 2016 – w.b. 27 June

New Mural Presentation Ceremony— 11th September at 10.30am York Way

We will be holding an opening ceremony for the new tile mural on the York Way side of the school. Sue Ladipo will be the special guest cutting the ribbon. If you would like to come along and join school council and the Ambassadors at the opening you are more than welcome. The ceremony will take place on Friday 11th September at 10.30am



School Meal Price Increase

The London Living Wage is being implemented for school catering staff in Camden from this academic year. This means the cost to produce school meals has increased. This means that the cost of a school dinner for any children who pay for their meal will now be set at £2.30. While we are disappointed that costs have to go up we fully support the move to pay our chef and lunch staff the London Living Wage. It will remain at this price for the rest of the academic year and will be reviewed again next September.



Parent Governor Elections

Two of our Parent Governors terms of office are coming to an end this term. While they may choose to stand again we would like to ask any other parents interested in becoming a Parent Governor to look out for the letter that will be sent home asking for nominations. If you would like to know more about the role of a governor feel free to make an appointment with Marianne or speak to one of the existing parent governors and they'll be happy to answer questions you might have. We will be holding a coffee morning in the coming weeks to discuss the role and will let you know the date as soon as it has been set.



Our Current Parent Governors are:

- Geethika Jayatilaka (Shalin—Y5, Alice—Rec)
- Polly Curtis (Ivy—Y5)
- Tanya Gibson (Isaac—Y3, Dylan—Y2,)
- Syeda Miah (Thyra—Y5, Aayaz—Y3)
- Emma Stockton (Charlotte—Y5, Finlay—Rec)
- Tomris Tangaz (Timur—Y3)

Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Please encourage your children to use 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics'. These online resources really help support the learning being done in school and will help support your children to develop their skills. Usernames and Passwords remain the same as last year. If your child has lost or forgotten their login details these will be sent home again soon. Please ask your child's class teacher if you don't get one.

www.readingeggs.co.uk & www.mathletics.co.uk

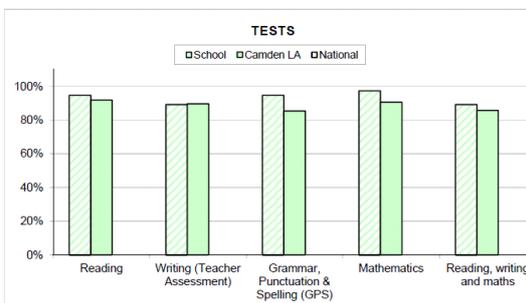
End of KS2 Results 2014-15

You may have seen on our website this week that last years Y6 did incredibly well in the end of KS2 national assessments. For another year (the third consecutive year) we have improved our results and the outcomes for our children. While we do not yet know what the national average is, we do know that we again outperformed the Camden average in nearly every subject. We are incredibly proud of the children, staff and

families who showed yet again that when we work together we can achieve great things. Here is a snapshot of the results. Remember that in these tests a level 4 is the expectation for the end of Year 6. You can see the amount of children who managed to get a level 5, and therefore well above average, is fantastic—more than half the year in Reading, Grammar and Maths! We even had 3% of our children achieve a level 6 in Grammar and a massive 19% in maths got Level 6 (Camden average was only 12%). This week we have already in our INSET had a big focus on writing and how to improve even more so that next year ALL subjects will be above the Camden average for Brecknock's Year 6 children!

Percentage of pupils assessed at level 4 and above

TESTS	School	Camden LA	National
No. on Roll	37	1,470	nya
Reading	95%	92%	nya
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	89%	90%	nya
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS)	95%	85%	nya
Mathematics	97%	91%	nya
Reading, writing and maths	89%	86%	nya



Percentage of pupils assessed at level 5 and above

TESTS	School	Camden LA	National
No. on Roll	37	1,470	nya
Reading	51%	51%	nya
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	41%	42%	nya
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS)	73%	64%	nya
Mathematics	65%	48%	nya
Reading, writing and maths	35%	28%	nya

