

Friday 16th November 2018

## Message from the head



As the term gathers pace I need to update you about some changes of staffing which will take place next term. Firstly I need to tell you that the wonderful Az Naaem will be leaving Brecknock at Christmas to take up a post as Assistant Headteacher at a school in Tower Hamlets. Az will be hugely missed but of course we wish him every success for the future. Az has played a massive part in the upward rise of Brecknock, introducing Power of Reading, building the Rights Respecting ethos and being an inspirational teacher to hundreds of children. His impact will be unforgettable. Fortunately however, Laura Lien will be returning from sabbatical leave at Christmas so fortuitously Laura will be able to take over as class teacher for Hawaii. This also means that we will be able to keep the lovely Carly Ivey as class teacher for Sicily. It is always a bittersweet experience to say goodbye to much respected members of staff but it is also a delight to welcome new and returning teachers. You can be assured that whatever changes of staffing happen Brilliant Brecknock will continue to grow from strength to strength.

## Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full year.

21st November	Year 6 - National Theatre—War Horse
29th November	Parent Conferences 1.30 - 7.00pm
3rd December	Tahiti to CLC
4th December	Hawaii to CLC
7th December	Christmas Fair
11th December	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre Nursery Show 2pm
12th December	Reception show 2pm
13th December	Mersea Class show 2pm
18th December	Year 1 show 2pm
20th December	Year 2 show 2pm
21st December	Last Day of Term—School closes 2pm
24th - 6th January	SCHOOL CLOSED, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
7th January	INSET day, school closed
8th January	School opens for children
15th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y1, Y3 & Y5 (3.35pm)
17th January	Curriculum Meetings Nursery, Y2, Y4 & Y6 (3.35pm)

## Starting school in Camden 2019

Applying for places at primary, infant and junior schools between September 2019 and July 2020

The deadline to apply for a reception class place is Tuesday 15th January. Parents can choose up to 6 preferred schools, either in Camden or outside the borough. We strongly recommend that parents apply online—<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Or if you have any questions you can email [admissions@camden.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@camden.gov.uk) or call 020 7974 1625.

- To apply for a reception class place for the 2019-20 school year, your child must be born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.
- The deadline for applications is **15 January 2019**. If you miss this date, your child is unlikely to receive an offer until after the first round of offers in April.
- If you live in Camden, your application will be managed by Camden Council - but you can apply for schools in any borough.
- If your address is not in Camden, apply to the local authority for your area.
- You can name up to six schools in your preferences. We recommend that you use all your six preferences.
- You can apply for a place at any community school, voluntary aided school, academy or free school (for voluntary aided, free schools and academies, please check that school's information to see if you need to send an additional form directly to the school).
- We cannot offer places at independent (private) schools. You must apply directly to these schools.



### Christmas Fair

**Brecknock Parents and Carers—  
WE NEED YOU**

**The Christmas Fair is on December 7th and we are currently in need of some extra parents/carers to help out in any way they can. Whether its baking cakes or helping to host the raffle - we need help in any way. Please sign up at the school office.**




**We look forward to hearing from you.**

**Please join us for a meeting on Friday 23rd November after school in the lunch hall.**

## Janet Dickinson

We are sorry to tell you that the wonderful Janet Dickinson passed away this week. Janet has been a huge part of the Brecknock story for so many years, as a colleague and friend and of course as the doyenne of Friday Tea. Her kindness, hard work and sense of humour were second to none and she will always live in our hearts.



## LUNCH BOX DOs and DON'Ts



Brecknock's packed lunch policy fits with our Healthy School Status and encourages children to be healthier in their eating habits. We ask that all packed lunches be based on the School Food Trust's food based standards and follow the advice opposite.

Lunch boxes are allowed to have one packet of crisps—but on Fridays only.

Please remember we are a nut free school.



<u>Foods to include</u>	<u>Foods NOT to include</u>
Fruit & Vegetables	NO NUTS or food containing nuts/sesame seeds
Protein: meat/fish/egg/ lentils/kidney beans/ hummus	NO fizzy/sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
Oily Fish: tinned or fresh mackerel/sardines/salmon or fresh skipjack tuna	NO confectionary such as chocolate bars or chocolate coated biscuits
Carbohydrate: starchy food such as bread, pasta/rice/ couscous, noodles/ chapattis	NO chocolate spread or jam as a sandwich filling
Dairy: milk/cheese/yoghurt	NO sweets whatsoever
Drinks: water/pure fruit juice (no added sugar) milk/smoothies	NO peanut butter
Fruit: fresh fruit or fruit based crumble/smoothies	



## Anti Bullying and Respect Week

12-16th November



Illustration by Rahiq Adil

### The Anti Bully Rap

Bullies, bullies I have some news for you, if  
you look under your size nine shoes.  
There's Hate, Betrayal and there is Disgrace.  
Do you wanna become like the Sheep Thief?

He became a saint.

You see if he made a change, so can you.  
So stop looking under your size nine shoes.

Be the change.

**Choose Respect**

By Afomia Mesfin Girma



The Attendance prize for last term was a trip to the cinema in the West End to watch Captain Underpants! Well done to those who had 99% or above for attendance. Keep it up!



Jamaica class have been having a busy time recently. They have been measuring the mass and weight of different objects around the classroom using Newton Metres. For some objects they had to place them inside a bag so that they could be held safely. This caused some of them to question "but what about the weight/mass of the bag?". They had lots of scientific questions but we made a whole class agreement to ignore the weight/mass of the bag in this experiment.



Then along with Cuba class, they had a visit from The London Fire Brigade. They learnt how to prevent fires and what to do if one tool place in their homes. Did YOU know that 30% of fires are caused by candles in the home?



Last month, Brecknock welcomed Olympic British volleyball player Peter Bakare to the school. He led a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, and followed-up with an inspirational talk and question and answer session which encouraged them to discover and then pursue their passion in

life. Incredibly, Brecknock children managed to raise **£525 of sponsorship**, which will be used to buy sports equipment for the school, while also supporting GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes). Thank you very much for your support!



**Family Supper**—Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in last week's Family Supper. There was a huge turn out, with some great food and brilliant entertainment from The 'Dog Zombies', the brass band and orchestra, as well as a routine from the afterschool cheer leading club.



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



Betty & Ezana —Mull, Arrisa & Amirah —Skye,—Guernsey, Patrick & Hubert —Jersey, Munasar & Adam —Y3, Gabby & Albie —Y4, Che & Tanisha —Y5, Marcello & Maryama — Y6