

Friday 1st February 2019

## Message from the head



Well winter has certainly arrived this week! Luckily we are all managing to keep warm and there has been some brilliant Brecknock learning going on. This term all the topics have a science bias and it has been great to see all the predicting, experimenting and hypothesising going on.

A number of classes will be visiting the Science Museum and other places of interest to enrich their learning. On a science related note Camden Council have published Clean Air Action Plan which sets out the council's vision to reduce pollution in Camden. This is a really important subject and links to the health and wellbeing of all of us who live, work and learn in Camden now and in the future. Do please read the report and comment, you can find it here - <https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/clean-air-action-plan/>

## Dates for your calendar

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

7th February	Year 5 to Keats House
8th February	Little Village Charity meeting 9am
11th February	Nursery to London Zoo
11th February	Year 5 to Science Museum
13th February	Maths Challenge Day
<b>18th— 22nd Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
25th February	Year 3 to Science Museum
27th February	Year 2 to London Zoo
28th February	Year 6 to Natural History Museum
1st March	Year 4 to Natural History Museum
<b>7th March</b>	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY</b>
8th March	Year 5 to the Planetarium
11th—15th March	Science / STEAM Week
13th March	Jamaica at CRICK
15th March	Cuba at CRICK
<b>15th March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day Non-Uniform Day</b>
20th March	NSPCC Assembly & Workshop
21st March	NSPCC Assembly & Workshop
22nd March	Significant Males' Breakfast
4th April	Year 6 to The Houses of Parliament
5th April	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm
<b>8th—22th April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	<b>School Open for the start of Summer Term</b>

## Friday Teas

Last Friday the Earth Protection Team hosted the Friday tea and raised £47.58.

A massive thank you in advance to all the parents, carers and friends who contribute or lend a helping hand each week—we really appreciate it!

8th February—**Reception**  
15th February—**Year 5**  
1st March—**Year 4**



## Playground Afterschool Request

The caretakers have requested that you please use the bins provided in the playground for all of your afterschool rubbish—including crisp packets and orange peels. They would also like to remind you that the playground needs to be vacated by 3.55pm.

## Thinking of returning to work?

Apprenticeships information can be found at the following web address:

<http://wrpn.womenreturners.com/camden-career-returners/>

*Are you an experienced professional who has taken a long career break and is now ready to get back to work?*

Location: Camden  
Start Date: April 2019  
Programme: 6 Month returnship

## Ladies' Afternoon Tea



Please join us every first Thursday of the month from 2:30pm in the lower hall for an afternoon tea, until 3:15pm.



The first afternoon tea is Thursday March 7th. You are welcome to bring your own cakes too!

Meet other mums, aunts, nans, sisters and significant females in an informal and friendly environment.



Cakes, sandwiches or biscuits will be provided!

Please contact Rachel in the Nursery for more information.



## Waitrose Tokens!

Zhanna Sutton has kindly organised for Brecknock School to have a token collection box at the Kings Cross branch of Waitrose.

If you shop there please collect a token from the till and add it to our collection box.

It is a great way to fundraise for the school.

Please support us!

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

Feb 2019  
BRECKNOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

A local primary school with a commitment to teaching children healthy lifestyles and building community links. We have an allotment and rooftop garden and we would welcome a donation to buy bulbs, seeds and gardening equipment.

WAITROSE PARTNERS

## Afterschool clubs

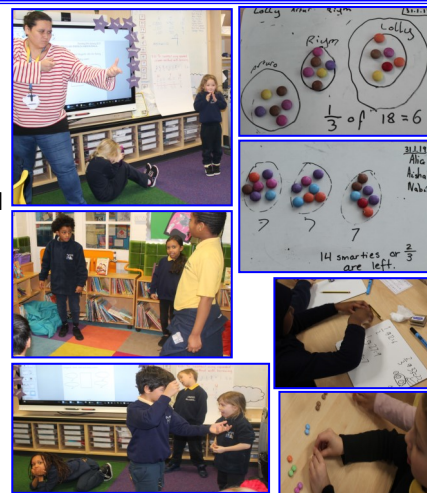
We still have spaces in the following of our great afterschool clubs: *(pick up an application form in the school office)*

Cheerleading—years 3-6—(Tuesdays)  
Arts & Crafts—years 2-6 (Wednesdays)  
KS2 Dance—years 3-6—(Wednesdays)  
KS1 Dance—years 1-2—(Thursdays)

**NEWS FLASH:** In there is enough interest we will be offering a ukulele after school club starting after half term. It would be £1.50 per week for the hire of the instrument to take home in the first lesson. Please let the school office know if you would be interested.

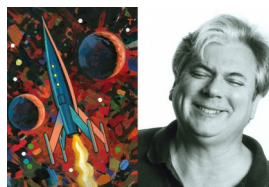


**Year 3**—This week year 3 have been learning about fractions and how to find fractions of numbers. Using smarties they explored how to find halves, thirds, quarters and other fractions. They even got to eat the smarties at the end! They have also used freeze frame to explore a character's feelings in the 'Iron Man'. They then wrote diaries based on different character's reactions to seeing the Iron Man.



## Year 5 Get Creating

This week Year 5 have been creating art inspired by Peter Thorpe. Their current topic is Space Explorers and they have been looking at abstract expressionism and how it influenced Peter Thorpe. The classes used different paint strokes and splatting techniques.



Fun facts about Peter Thorpe:

Born in Portland, Oregon Peter attended an exchange program in Oxford, to study art and literature. There he was encouraged to take up illustration, by Pauline Baynes (the illustrator of The Chronicles of Narnia and The Tolkien Reader). His life long love of space science led him to the position of Creative Director for the Space Frontier Foundation from 1988 to 2008. His rocket paintings have been collected by many in the space community.

*Year 5 will be visiting the science museum on Monday 11th February.*

## Tahiti Class—Bones, Skeleton and Muscles Virtual Reality Exit Point.

Tahiti have loved looking at skeletons, muscles and organs in the human body using the VR sets in school. They got to examine the human skull closely and discuss why there may be cavities within it. It was very interesting to see how different muscles look under our skin and how the groups of muscles work together.

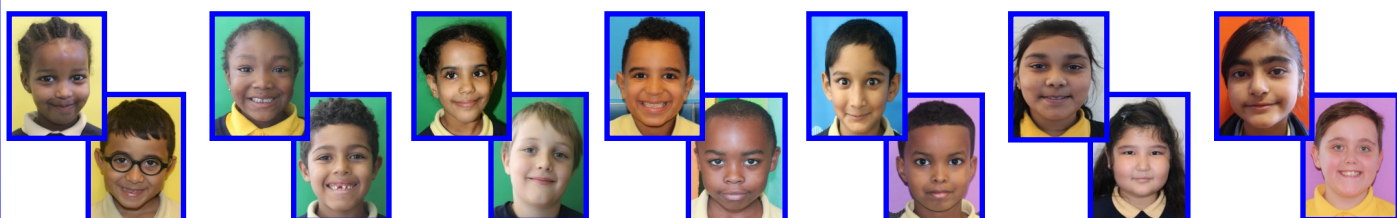


## Year 4—Active Planet!

As part of their Active Planet unit, year 4 have been learning about eruptions! They used vinegar, bicarb of soda and washing detergent to get a chemical simulation of physical volcano eruptions.



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



Ramzi & Rayan —Mull, —Skye, Janet & Lester —Guernsey, Alma & Niko —Jersey, Eyad & Jorge —Y3, Yusuf & Muhanad —Y4, Tanisha & Selina —Y5, Zainab & Alfie — Y6