

18th October 2019 | Issue 007

Dear Families,  
As we reach the end this first Autumn half term I wanted to thank all of you for being so wonderfully welcoming to me as the new Head Teacher of Brecknock. I have had a brilliant first half term and thoroughly enjoyed working with you and your children.

Next half term we will start to roll out the dates for all our parent workshops so you can come and hear about strategies for supporting your children with their learning at home. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the dates.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the brilliant Brecknock staff who make the learning in school such fun. The staff will be helping me next half term review our learning curriculum to make sure it meets the needs of all of our children. I will of course send more information about this after the holiday.

Have a lovely half term holiday. See you all on Monday 28th October at 8.45am.

Cal  
Headteacher

## Half Term

Please remember next week is half term  
Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October.

We return to school on Monday 28th October.

Thank You

## Spare Clothes

If you have any spare clothes at home (trousers, tights, socks we are always desperate for spare clothes in case our children have accidents. Over half term please have a sort out and drop donations off at our office.



- **Monday 28th October**
  - Return to school
  - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- **Thursday 31st October**
  - Parent Sessions (pre-booked)
  - Welfare rights advice sessions.
- **Friday 1st November**
  - Family Breakfast (all welcome)
  - Bottom Hall 9am

## PARENTS EVENING

### SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th  
November 2019 between 3.45 and  
6.30pm. These meeting are for Parents  
and children. There will be a crèche in the  
middle hall for siblings.

## Attendance Winners

Well Done to Guernsey and Mull in  
KS1 for getting 100% attendance!  
Well done to Hawaii and Tahiti for  
both having the highest in KS2.



Class	Total Attendance for last week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	% Unauthorised Absentees
Corsica	94%	7	9%
Cuba	90%	7	0%
Guernsey	100%	4	0%
Hawaii	99%	2	4%
Jamaica	98%	6	3%
Jersey	99%	4	6%
Lindisfarne	89%	2	23%
Lundy	97%	4	0%
Madagascar	93%	3	4%
Mull	100%	5	0%
Sicily	96%	6	5%
Skye	94%	4	0%
Sumatra	95%	3	7%
Tahiti	99%	2	4%

## Just Enough

Years 5 and 6 had a workshop on crime this week. Through the workshop they hope to empower children to make sense of the world and create the best opportunities for themselves.



It was really informative and engaging.



**Just Enough**  
Education to open minds

## Odysseus Vs The Cyclops

Jamaica class have been putting their acting skills to the test this week and have been acting out scenes from The Adventures of Odysseus. The children thought carefully about how the characters might feel and how that would influence what they would say and do. The Odysseuses were brave, the Cyclopes were terrifying and the sheep and men were hilarious.



## Year 3 Science

Let there be light! Year 3 have been learning all about light this week. Learning how shadows are formed when an object blocks light. They also experimented what would happen when the light source was moved further away from an object and also when it is moved closer.



## Stars Of The Week

Well done to all these children from KS2 for being Stars of the Week this week.



## Meet The Staff - Maeve Doherty

This is Maeve, one of our year 3 teachers. She has worked here since 2016 and before that she worked for 3 years in the British School of Beijing. And before that she worked at various other London schools, meaning this is her 12th year of teaching!



She is happy singing at karaoke, particularly Kanye West's "Gold-digger". Her favourite colour is purple and she too loves giraffes. She would like to travel around South America, where she would probably end up in Brazil for Rio's carnival!

## The Tahiti Pyramid

Well done to Charlie for having an ingenious way of creating his very own pyramid... with sugar cubes!



What great homework.

## Pottery

Year 2 has a fantastic pottery masterclass this week.

What great designs.



## Family Supper

We are very excited to announce our annual family supper will take place on Thursday 7th November, 5pm—7pm.

For those that haven't attended before, it is a great chance for staff and families to have a wonderful supper together and the chance to try new foods.

Everyone is welcome to attend and to bring a dish of their own, that can be served up for all to enjoy. There will be live music too! Please join us!



## Signing In And Out

This is a reminder that if your child arrives at school late and has to walk through the school office, they **MUST** sign in on the monitor **AND** collect a late slip.

We are finding that, particularly EYFS children, are being taken around to their class without being signed in. For health and safety reasons, all late children must be signed in.

If your child is collected early, please remember that they must be signed out on the same monitor. Thank You

## Winter and Christmas Festival

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

The Winter and Christmas Fair is on Friday 13th December and we are currently in need of some extra parents/carers to help out in any way they can. Whether it's baking cakes or helping to run a stall - we need help in any way.

We ask if anyone is able to make a Christmas cake for the guess the weight of the cake competition. Unfortunately the fabulous Jill, who has made us cakes for many years can't do it this year. So we are looking for someone else to step in.

Please sign up at the school office.

We will also be accepting donations for the Tombola, Raffle Prizes and cakes/food for the cake sale. Thank You!

## Online Safety

We know a lot of children play Fortnite and with the new additions, those that do, will probably be enjoying it over half term. The reason the age recommendation is set at 13+ is not so much about content but there are much less strong obligations for the game in terms of their commitment to online safety.

For handy information, parents and carers please visit <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/fortnite-chapter-2/>

Remember it pays to be vigilant.

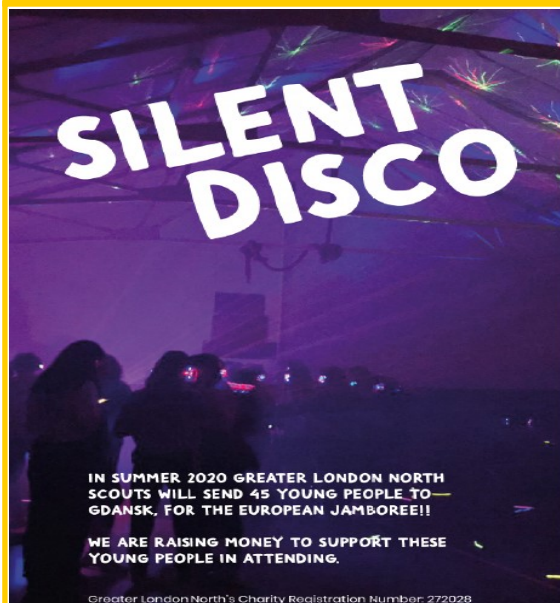


## Eco-Schools Award

Henny has started working with children on our Eco-Schools award. We have our Bronze and will now start working towards Silver! Henny will start taking children to our allotment and tidying up all our growing areas in school. If you have any time to help please do contact Henny via the school office (she works Thursday and Fridays)



## Greater London North Scouts—Silent Disco



**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
Camden School for Girls (TBC)

6.30 – 7.30pm  
**Under 10s**

7.45 – 9.30pm  
**Over 10s**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
Christ Church Hall, NI4 7EG

3.30 – 5.30pm  
**Under 10s**

6 – 10pm  
**Over 10s**

Following their success at North London's District Camp, DJs J Clarke and Hardcastle will be returning to take your requests once more!

**EACH VENUE WILL SELL**  
Soft drinks | Neon facepaint and glitter | Glowsticks

Tickets cost between £3.50 – £5.50 per person and include entry to the Silent Disco with headphone hire.

Tickets must be bought in advance via Eventbrite, just search: "London Calling Silent Disco" or speak to one of our Unit members about booking.

**ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL**  
eurojamleaders@gln-scouts.org.uk

For more information please email  
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Or to book tickets please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/glns-european-jamboree-2020-london-calling-silent-disco-tickets-71213087261?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

## Maiden Lane—Half Term Fun

<b>FREE</b> Maiden Lane October Half Term Programme 2019 @ Maiden Lane Community Centre, (MLCC) 156 St Paul's Crescent London NW1 9XZ						
Sat 19th Oct	Mon 21st Oct	Tues 22nd Oct	Wed 23rd Oct	Thurs 24th Oct	Fri 25th Oct	Thurs 31st Oct
<b>Family Fun Day</b> @ MLCC 1pm - 4pm Biscuits Decorating Badge Making Smoothie Bike Bouncy Castle Soft Play Music PS4 Air Hockey Sports Table Tennis Refreshments Face Painting with Paty Tumbling/Cheer with Lexy from 2.30pm - 4pm	<b>Club Day</b> @ MLCC 12noon - 4pm  <b>Youth Studio</b> @ MLCC 1pm - 4pm  <b>Boys Group</b> @ MLCC 5pm - 7pm	<b>Club Day</b> 12noon - 4pm @ MLCC  <b>10 to Teen Go Karting</b> Meet 11.30am @ MLCC £5 deposit per family  <b>Youth Studio</b> @ MLCC 1pm - 4pm	<b>Club Day</b> Cooking Lunch Smoothie Making Cake Making @ MLCC 11am - 3pm  <b>10 to Teen</b> <b>Theatre Trip</b> Maggot Moon Leave @ 3pm £5 deposit per family  <b>Youth Studio</b> @ MLCC 1pm - 4pm	<b>Junior Club</b> <b>Theatre Trip</b> Anansi the Spider Meet @ MLCC 12noon - 4pm £5 deposit per family  <b>10 to Teen Club</b> @ MLCC 12noon - 4pm  <b>Youth Studio</b> @ MLCC 1pm - 4pm	<b>Youth Night Away (Margate)</b> Leaving @ 12noon	<b>The Annual Maiden Lane Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) Children's Halloween Party</b> @ Allensbury Room Allensbury Place London NW1 9YR 5.30pm - 7.30pm 1 adult per family limited spaces please arrive early
<b>Booking for Trips on Friday 18th October, 6pm @ MLCC. Please bring a packed lunch for all activities</b> <b>Priority for all trips will be given to those who attend our term time programme.</b>						

For further information please contact Amanda on 074 1535 4784 or 020 7267 9586 or email [Amanda@maidenlanecommunitycentre.org](mailto:Amanda@maidenlanecommunitycentre.org) or visit [maidenlanecommunitycentre.org](http://maidenlanecommunitycentre.org) or [@MLCCamden](https://twitter.com/MLCCamden)



For details regarding any of these activities, please contact Amanda on 07415 354 784 or 020 7267 9586.

## Family Fun Day—19th October

### Family Fun Day

Sat 19th Oct 2019, 1pm - 4pm  
Maiden Lane Community Centre  
156 St Paul's Crescent  
London NW1 9XZ

**FREE**

Biscuit Decorating  
Badge Making  
Smoothie Bike  
Bouncy Castle  
Soft Play  
Music  
PS4  
Air Hockey  
Sports  
Table Tennis  
Refreshments  
Face Painting with Paty  
Tumbling/Cheer with Lexy from  
2.30pm - 4pm

For further information please contact  
Mark on 020 7267 9586 or 0753 964 6490  
or email [info@maidenlanecommunitycentre.org](mailto:info@maidenlanecommunitycentre.org)  
or visit [www.maidenlanecommunitycentre.org](http://www.maidenlanecommunitycentre.org)  
or [@MLCCamden](https://twitter.com/MLCCamden)



## Apple Day Festival

Kentish Town City Farm Apple Day festival  
Sunday, 27 October, 2019 from 12:00 – 4:00  
Cressfield Close, NW 5 4BN  
Entry: Adults £1, children 50p

Every year we celebrate the British apple with a great range of activities, games and of course, apples! There's lots to see & do including apple bobbing and the longest peel competition, as well as masses of arts & crafts. We will also have a "meet the animals" area in the arena. Other attractions will be the apple-themed café, barbecue, apple pressing, the opportunity to taste and buy a wide range of traditional apple varieties like Frogmore, Burr Knot and Hoary Morning and of course the farm animals to see – Shirley the cow, pigs Wilma & Betty, donkeys Dora & Nora and the goats