

8th November 2019 | Issue 009

Dear Families

I wanted to start by thanking all of you who came to Family Supper this week. It was a brilliant community event. It's a real privilege to be part of your community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Brecknock staff who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

November is here and colder weather is now on the way so please make sure your child comes to school appropriately dressed with coat, hat, scarf and gloves (*all labelled with their names please*). Please also ask your child about Friday afternoon tea with Cal each week. I have been delighted to invite a child from each class to share tea and biscuits with me.

The children chosen by teachers will have had a brilliant week in school, worked hard and followed our five basic school rules.

I hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you again next week.

Cal Shaw
Headteacher

Meal Changes

If your child wishes to change their meal type, whether from school meals to packed lunch or visa versa, please be reminded that you must come into the school office and complete a 'Change of Meal' form.



This can only be done half termly. If you neglect to inform the school office and do not complete a form, you will still be charged for any school meals that have been ordered on your behalf.

Please note that all Camden pupils are entitled to Universal Free School meals from Reception to Year 2 only. When they begin Year 3, charges will then apply if they continue to have a cooked school meal - unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.



To check your eligibility please visit:

www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Calendar

- **Monday 11th November**
- EYFS Phonics meeting 3.30pm
Lundy Class room
- **Wednesday 13th November**
- Jamaica class assembly 9.10am
Middle Hall
- **Thursday 14th November**
- Pre-booked Parent Welfare
- **Friday 15th November**
- Mull class assembly 9.10am
Bottom Hall
- Non School Uniform Day £1
- Christmas Festival Sign Up Meeting Dining Hall 3.00pm

Attendance Winners

Well Done to Guernsey in KS1 for having the highest attendance.
Well done to Tahiti for having the highest in KS2.



Tahiti have consistently had the highest attendance for KS2 for the past 7 weeks!



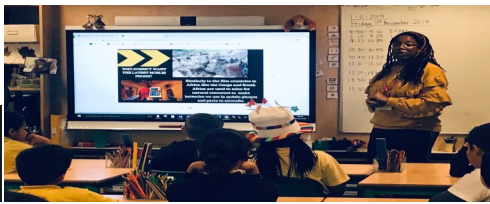
Thumbs up to Tahiti.
Keep up the good work.

Class	Total Attendance for last week	Total Lates Before Registers Close	% Unauthorised Absentees
Corsica	95%	5	5%
Cuba	91%	8	7%
Guernsey	99%	3	0%
Hawaii	96%	1	0%
Jamaica	96%	1	17%
Jersey	98%	3	6%
Lindisfarne	93%	6	8%
Lundy	97%	5	7%
Madagascar	97%	9	8%
Mull	93%	2	9%
Sicily	92%	4	16%
Skye	95%	4	6%
Sumatra	95%	2	7%
Tahiti	99%	0	4%

Black History Month

One of our fantastic Brecknock parents, Salima, came and delivered an excellent Black History month session with year 5.

Black History is world history!



Sound All Around

Year 4 have started their new science topic, SOUND! They completed a sound audit of the local area and talked about the differences between man made and natural sounds.



School Council 2019/2020



Huge Congratulations to our new School Council representatives. They have been chosen by their class to be honoured with this role as they are reliable, good listeners and confident talkers. Well done to all of you. The work starts now and you will work together to uphold Article 12 in the UNRC: Article 12:

You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.



responsibility.

Chair and Vice chairs of School Council - **Younus and Ruby**
Publicity Officer - **Jude**
Treasurer - **Dylan**

You can spot all the School Council representatives by their red metal badges and those with extra responsibility will have a yellow/gold one too.

Family Breakfast

Our first Family Breakfast went down a treat. Thank you to everyone who attended. It will take place on the first Friday of every month. **The next one will be on December 6th.**



Remembering Nature

Two children from each year were invited to attend a 'A Day to Remember Nature' art project at Central St Martins art school on Monday. They really loved their trip as well as creating their own pieces of beautiful art.



Family Gardening

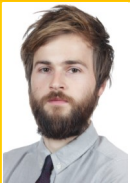
Thank you to all the families who came along to our November 'First Friday Family Gardening' at the school allotment, Caledonian Park. We harvested lots of bright beetroot and leeks then planted broad beans and peas. The garlic we planted in October is already growing! Feel free to go along and pick some fresh rocket which is growing in bed number 2.

Please join us on **Friday 7th December** to plant spring bulbs in the school playground.

Hope to see you there!



Meet The Staff—Henry Com-



If you don't know who Henry is, he is our fantastic Deputy Head Teacher who has worked here for the past 7 years or so. You can usually find him smiling come rain or shine in the playground each morning.

You may also have noticed that his favourite colour is blue because he pretty much wears it everyday. He is very envious of anyone who can speak more than one language and he would love to visit Sri-Lanka.

Henry has a very large record collection, which take up a lot of room at home and he watches a lot of David Attenborough documentaries and from that his favourite animal would probably be a cuttlefish. If Henry woke up from being frozen for 100 years, the first question he would ask is "*Who won the Premier League last season!*"

Stars Of The Week

Here are the Stars Of The Week for KS1 and KS2. Well done everyone. Brilliant work.

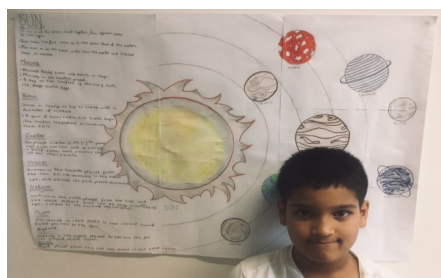


Also an extra photo of all the children who performed with Rod at the Family Supper.



Fantastic Homework

We have seen some more fantastic homework this week. It took Kingsley two days to make his Great Fire of London building. Rahiq also made an incredible and informative Space Project, which he beautifully presented to the class.



Children In Need 2019



School Council have been working on a non-school uniform day to raise money for charity. We voted for Children In Need/Oxfam.

Friday 15th November 2019 is Children In Need 2019. All children are invited to wear non-uniform for a donation of £1 or as much as you can afford.

Please join us in the non-uniform day.

Thank You
Brecknock School Council
Publicity Officer Jude

Questionnaire And Prize Time

Brecknock is taking part in a London-wide project with the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) to better understand the issues faced by families in London and what schools can do to support them. As part of this project they would like to hear your views.

We would really appreciate if you could fill in a short questionnaire that is coming home with your child **by next Friday 15th November**.

If you are willing to add your contact details, **you will be entered into a prize draw next Friday 15th November to win £20 worth of Sainsbury's vouchers**. There is a tear off slip at the end of the questionnaire for you to do so. Please return the questionnaire/slips to the main office. Thank you for your support and any questions please talk to Laura, Lindsey or Jackie.

Family Supper 2020

Thank you to everyone who came to Family Supper this week. It was my first experience of the Brecknock family coming together in one of their annual community events and I thought it was totally brilliant. I was delighted to see so many families there and sharing such yummy food.

I know a number of families have asked if we can make the event run a bit later next year so working families can more easily attend and we will of course try and adjust things for future events. Thank You, Cal.



ESOL Advice Service

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Learn English in Camden

Maiden Lane Community Centre
156 St Paul's Crescent
London NW1 9XZ

Course: ESOL Entry 1 (beginners)

Day: Every Monday

Time: 10am to 12pm

Crèche: Please contact Terina on: 020 7267 9586 for more information.

Telephone: **020 7974 1618**

Email: esol@camden.gov.uk

Website: www.camden.gov.uk/esol



Christmas And Winter Festival

As previously
advertised, we are hosting our
annual Christmas and Winter Festival
on
Friday 13th December.

We are in need of happy helpers for this
fantastic event.

We are having a sign up meeting next
Friday 15th November at 3pm in the
dining hall.

Please come along for a chat with Tiggy
and Jackie and see how you can help out.

Thank You in
Advance.