

Dear Families
Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year.

The children may have mentioned that I have been spending lots of time in the lunch hall this week. It's been a good chance see for myself the quality of the school meals. I have been really impressed with what I have seen in terms of the food and also the brilliant behaviour and attitude of the children. Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing the menus and also looking at our packed lunch policy to make sure all our children are having healthy meal in the middle of the day.

Next week I will be announcing dates for key parents workshops which will take place in Spring term. These will be a good chance for you to learn about reading and maths strategies used in school and also other wider elements of our teaching.

Delighted to be back at school!
Have a great weekend,
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Calendar

- **Monday 13th January 2020**
- Year 3 My Bank education Programme in class
- **Tuesday 14th January 2020**
- New Stay and Play Session
0900 - 1100 Mersea
- **Wednesday 15th January 2020**
- TFL Safety and Citizenship Presentation for Year 6 in class.

- Year 4 swimming day

Reception Fundraising

Our reception classes will be holding a Friday tea on Friday 17th January to raise money for their Whipsnade Zoo Trip. Please come along or donate food for the event. Thank you

Don't Forget!

If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2020, please remember that deadline for applying online is January 15th. You must visit:

www.camden.gov.uk/school-admissions-general



Here will be a link to create a new account or to return to your existing account. Always keep a note of your login details for future use.

Even if your child has siblings in our school, you will still need to apply online.

Any questions, please see Jackie in the school office.

Attendance Winners

We are off to a semi-flying start with Hawaii and Tahiti both having 99% of attendance for this first week back at school.

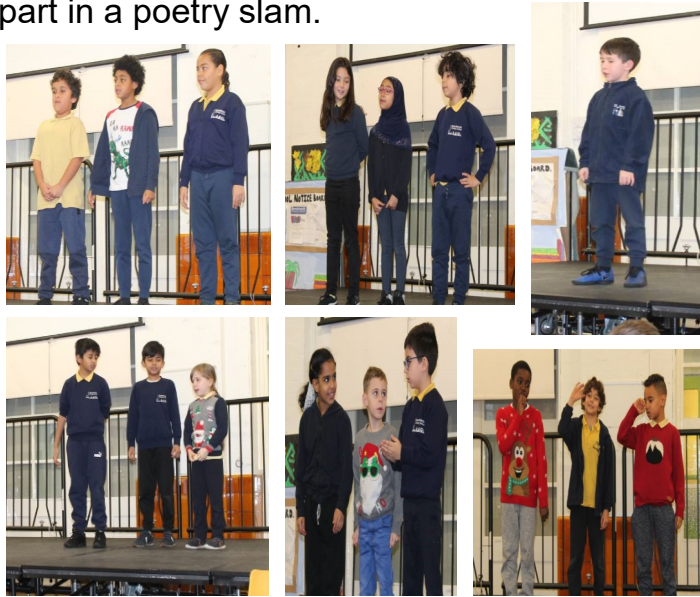
A few classes need to improve but we are glad to see so many in the 90s.



| Class | Total Attendance for this week | Total Lates Before Registers Close | % Unauthorised Absentees |
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| Corsica | 93% | 4 | 0% |
| Cuba | 92% | 10 | 14% |
| Guernsey | 81% | 1 | 7% |
| Hawaii | 99% | 6 | 0% |
| Jamaica | 92% | 1 | 10% |
| Jersey | 97% | 5 | 11% |
| Lindisfarne | 90% | 8 | 22% |
| Lundy | 89% | 10 | 15% |
| Madagascar | 96% | 6 | 7% |
| Mull | 94% | 5 | 5% |
| Sicily | 97% | 4 | 11% |
| Skye | 92% | 4 | 0% |
| Sumatra | 98% | 2 | 0% |
| Tahiti | 99% | 3 | 0% |

Poetry Slam

Year 3 and 4 pupils worked very hard before we broke up for Christmas. Some of the children wrote about different ways they can help save the planet from pollution. After collaboratively writing their poems, they took part in a poetry slam.



Year 2 At London Zoo

This week we had our first school trip of 2020, with Year 2 going to London Zoo as part of their new topic,. They also took part in 2 educational sessions one about life cycles and the other involved looking at animals up close and personal.



Christmas Lunch

The Wednesday before we broke up for Christmas, we had our wonderful Christmas lunch and for the first time, Parents and Carers were invited too. We were so happy to see so many of you come and sit with the children for our Christmas feast. Thank you for making the day extra special and we hope you can join us again next Christmas.



Stars Of The Week

Our first week back and already we have some fantastic stars of the week! Let keep up the good work everyone.



Meet The Staff - Rose McCarthy



This is Rose, who works in our 2 year old nursery. Rose has worked at Brecknock since May 2017.

If Rose could live anywhere in the world, she would choose Mexico, but she would also like to visit Australia. On a karaoke night, you might catch her singing Destiny's Child "Independent Women".

Her favourite colour is red and she would say that Thai food is probably her favourite. Rose like to read autobiography, because in her own words, she can be a bit nosy.

Rose loves giraffes and has even fed them once on holiday. If she could have any historical figure over for dinner, it would be the late great Steve Irwin. If Rose was given £10,000 tomorrow, she would go travelling around the world.

Family Breakfasts

Thank you to everyone who attended our family breakfast today and to those who helped out.

Our family breakfasts take place on the first Friday of every month. The next breakfasts are as follows:

Friday 7th February
Friday 6th March
Friday 3rd April
Friday 8th May
Friday 5th June
Friday 3rd July

Meal Changes

Please don't forget you need to inform the school office of any meal changes with your children. A meal change form will need to be completed and we can make the changes at the beginning of each new half term.

We would also like to announce that from next week all the meat served in the school kitchen will be halal meat. Mondays will remain meat free but on every other day there will always be a vegetarian option, as well as the meat option.

After school clubs

Afterschool clubs start next week. Please Remember, if you are paying in two instalments that the first half payment for clubs is due by Friday 17th January. The second instalment is due no later than Friday 14th February. Please remember with each new term, you must reapply for clubs.

A space in previous term does not mean your child will be in the same club again.

Below is this term's timetable. We still have places available in My Maths, Pottery, Multi-sports for years 1,2 & 3, Football, Gardening and Craft Club.

If you have a year 1 child, then the Multi-Sports club is the only club available and it is a fun club for them to attend. Sign up at the office.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Board Games Years 3,4,5 & 6 3.30-4.30 Lindsey | My Maths Years 2,3,4,5,6 3.45 - 4.45 Sabrina | Multi-Sports Years 4,5 & 6 3.45-4.45 John | Computer Club Years 3,4,5,6 3.45 - 4.45 Stavroula | Football Club Years 4,5 & 6 3.45-4.30 PE Coaches |
| | Choir Years 3,4,5,6 3.30 - 4.30 Rod | Pottery Club Years 2,3,4,5,6 3.45 - 4.45 Pedro | Cooking Club Years 3,4,5 3.45 - 4.45 John | Craft Club Years 3,4,5,6 3.45 - 4.30 Sabrina |
| | | Multi-Sports Years 1,2 & 3 3.45-4.30 PE Coaches | | Gardening Club Years 2,3,4,5,6 3.45 - 4.45 Henny |