

## Clean Air Day



Yesterday, the Brecknock community, came out in force, **campaigning for a healthier and safer future for our children.** Protest



posters and lungs, made by the children, were hung on the gates and railings of the school to raise awareness about the impact of pollution in their local environment. They were joined by parents from the **Mothers Can action group** at the York Way entrance to communicate this important message. Councillors, **Angela Mason and Danny Beales**, also attended and talked to children, staff and parents about the on-going issues of road safety and pollution.

**The councillors encouraged our school council to exercise their right to heard, by making a delegation to Camden Council with our important campaign.**



Pop-up cycle lanes will appear shortly in York way but we feel much more can be done to improve safety and a cleaner, healthier environment around the school. Huge thanks to the children, staff and parents for their support this important campaign, particularly the **Mothers Can action group and Henny** for their passion and hard work.

## Parent Governor Elections

**On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, you will receive a **letter via Parent Pay and Parent Hub**, regarding the upcoming Parent Governor Election. **If you are interested in standing for the role, you are invited to meet current governors for advice and information, virtually via Zoom. Details of these meetings will be shared in the letter.** We have a very active governing body who help shape the provision at Brecknock and work hard to understand and meet the needs of our vibrant and diverse community.

We really value the role of parents in supporting governance to achieve this aim. **As part of our school commitment to connecting communities, we welcome applications from under-represented groups.**

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## Black History Season

**Black History Season is under-way** and we have been discussing the importance of



role models in this week's assembly. As part of the celebrations, children across the school will be learning about **Black British role models** and their contributions to society today.

**Reception have started their project** by about learning family origins and exploring culture, food and music. To underpin this project, the children have been learning about the **impact of racism**, why it happens and why it is important to be anti-racist.



The first meeting of the **Anti-Racist Working Group** takes place on the **9th November**. We look forward to sharing our aims and actions with the school community.

Have a lovely weekend Helen Bruckdorfer

## Calendar

### TERM DATES AUTUMN 2020

- **Tuesday 13th October**  
- Individual School Photos
- **Thursday 15th October**  
- Flu Immunisations
- **Friday 23rd October**  
- INSET/ Teacher Training Day
- **AUTUMN HALF TERM**  
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
- **Monday 2nd November**  
- All children return to school
- **Tuesday 17th November**  
- Sibling School Photos (provisionally booked)
- **Friday 18th December**  
- END OF TERM

## Attendance

The overall whole school attendance for this week was ??%.

We would like to remind you that **ALL CHILDREN** need to come to school on time as below:

**Reception** - 9.00am - York Road Entrance  
**Year 1** - 8.45am - York Road Entrance  
**Year 2** - 8.45am - Cliff Villas Entrance  
**Years 3 & 4** - 9.00am - York Road Entrance  
**Years 5 & 6** - 8.45am - York Road Entrance

Please remember to phone the school when your child is absent. Please leave your child name and class and the reason that they are absent.

**020 7485 6334**

Please save the school phone number to your phone, so that it appears when we call you, and doesn't come up as an unknown number.

## Parent Hub

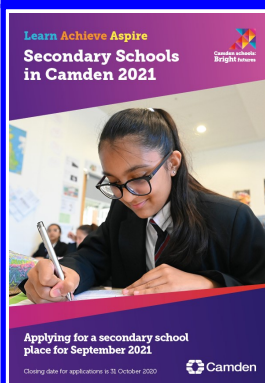
Following the emergency closure this week due to a flood and subsequent damage to the main electrical system, we had to send out an email through ParentPay, a text message to all parents and a message through Parent Hub. Yet we still had 4 families arrive on Monday morning for school.

We have had such a big drive to encourage you all to sign up for Parent Hub but we are still at only 60% which is 211 out of 349 parents.

Moving forward we will be only sending out through Parent Hub. **Please sign up today.**

**@Brecknock**

## Secondary School Applications



Please remember to submit your online secondary school application by 31st October 2020.

If you live in Camden Apply here:  
<https://www.camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>

If you live in Islington Apply here:  
<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-secondary-school-place>

## Virtual Meet The Parents

There will be an extra virtual 'Meet the Parents' event next Tuesday 13th October. It is a chance to 'meet' and question families from Acland Burghley, Camden School for Girls, Haverstock, La Sainte Union, Parliament Hill and William Ellis in the absence of full open days. The event is from 6.30 - 7.30pm. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124117632179>

A useful video on Camden Secondary Schools can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db->

## Meet The Staff - Adam Binding



This is Adam, one of our Year 2 teachers who started working here in this September. His favourite colour is blue and he loves a good curry.

Adam would love to visit Tokyo, the capital city of Japan, but if he could live anywhere in the world, he would choose to live in Copenhagen, the capital city of Denmark - which is considered to be one of Europe's most cleanest cities.

He could have breakfast with a bear or rather have dinner with a whale, he would choose breakfast with the bear, as they are his favourite animal. Adam would also have octopus arms rather than caterpillar legs.

Adam's worst pizza topping is pineapple and his best is pepperoni. If stranded on a desert island he would most definitely take an umbrella, as he gets sun burnt quite easily.

His Grandpa is his hero and favourite book to read is "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan.

## Parent's Evening Consultations

This year due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to have our usual face-to-face meetings in your child's classroom.

Instead we are going to be holding one-one Zoom meetings for you and your class teacher.

These are due to be held the first week back from half term, week commencing November 2nd.

Details to follow.

## INSET DAY

Please remember that  
**Friday 23rd October**  
is an **Inset Day**.

The school will be closed to all students on that day. Only staff will be in for vital staff training.





## It's The Bronze Age

Our Year 3 classes are learning The Stone Age to the Iron Age this term. They have reached the Bronze Age, which started around 2,000BC. It was a very short period of time, compared to the Stone Age, lasting approximately 1300 years.



## Clean Air Day

Thursday afternoon we embraced Clean Air Day. We were joined by Councillor Angela Mason and a photographer from The Camden New Journal. Let's hope Camden take note and we see York Way becoming healthier and safer.



## Stars Of The Week!

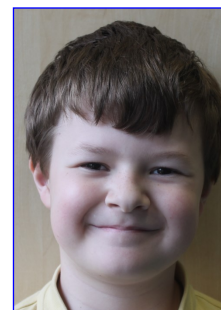
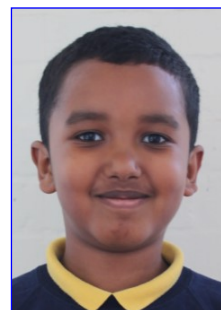
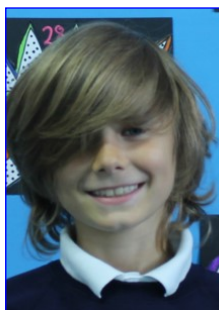
Here are some of our stars of the week, from last week !  
Well Done to everyone who was a Star

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# Reception Open Evening Tours

Brecknock Primary School is a happy and successful primary school that thrives within the borough of Camden. At Brecknock we share aspirations; to ensure that children achieve the highest standards academically and socially, that they are taught in a way which challenges their thinking, stimulates their interests and harnesses their ideas. We strive to develop confident, articulate, and resilient children who understand how to live a responsible, safe, and healthy life and are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges they encounter at each stage of their lives.

Brecknock Primary School is a **Gold Rights Respecting School**, this means we are committed to placing the values and principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of our policies and practice. It is important to us that children recognise their rights but also acknowledge the rights of others. As well as this approach shaping the needs of our own pupils, and creating a Rights Respecting community, we aim to use this shared understanding to work for global justice and sustainable living.

Brecknock Primary School will be hosting **Reception Open Evening Tours** for prospective parents on the following dates:



**Friday 23rd October @ 9.00am or 4.00pm**  
**Monday 16th November @ 4.45pm**  
**Tuesday 24th November @ 4.45pm or 5.45pm**  
**Tuesday 1st December @ 4.45pm**



You will be given a tour of the school, have a chance to meet the Executive Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team and find out more information regarding the teaching and learning that takes place at Brecknock. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about this important transition into the Early Years Foundation Stage of primary school.

In line with guidance from Camden Local Authority and Public Health England, we are limiting the tours to 12 people. We would ask those in attendance to

- **maintain social distancing of at least 2m,**
- **wear face coverings at all times,**
- **wash or sanitise hands at regular intervals.**
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Bookings are limited to two adults per session. If possible we would ask you to leave any children at home. To book onto a tour, please follow this link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AP652A/>

