

Remembrance 2020

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in a **special online Remembrance Assembly**. This year we marked the **100th year of the burial of the Unknown Soldier**. We also learnt about the contribution of soldiers across the Commonwealth and their experiences in World War 1. Every class made poppies to create corridors of remembrance across the school. Children gathered separately in their bubbles to pay their respects and then the whole school **observed the 2-minute silence**, remembering those who lost their lives. We also thanked the critical workers, who have contributed to keeping us safe during the pandemic. There has been lots of learning brilliant taking place at Brecknock this week. You can find out more on **page 6 of this newsletter**.



Every Vote Counts!

Election fever gripped Brecknock this week as the **2020 School Council elections** were in **full swing**. Voters eagerly turned in their ballot papers in spirit of pupil voice and democracy. **We are very proud of all of the children**, who put themselves forward to represent their classes. Staff were impressed by their ideas, enthusiasm and brilliant presentation skills. Well done to our new councillors, see page 7. **We cannot wait for our first online council meeting and celebrating World Children's Day 2020 on Friday 20th November!**



Huge thanks and praise to our out-going school council, who will support and coach the new councillors into office

Anti-Racism Working Group

On Monday, the **first meeting of the Anti-Racism working group took place on zoom**. It was a really interesting and productive meeting where parents, staff and governors shared their views and listened to others. **We agreed that through learning together we could change curriculum and policy to combat racism in all its forms**. The school is working with Torriano primary, receiving training and input from the Black Curriculum as part of a wider Camden Anti-Racism hub. All parents who signed up for the group will be sent the presentation and the minutes from the meeting. **We really want to encourage more parents to get involved and will conducting a survey to gather your views.**



Keeping safe

Please see the **Camden COVID weekly update attached to this newsletter**. It is so encouraging to see the community response to staying safe, following guidance and taking precautions such as wearing masks at drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that you continue to be vigilant and follow the sickness protocols. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you need advice or require any support.

Connecting Communities at Christmas time

Plans for the **Winter Street fair** on Saturday **12th December** are in full swing. **Brecknock and Torriano PTAs** are joining forces for a wonderful outdoor community event in the streets of Kentish town. Please see **page 3** of this newsletter for further information on **how to get involved in the Brecknock PTA**. There are many ways you can contribute, support each other and the school.



Happy Diwali to our Hindu families. Have a lovely weekend.



Helen Bruckdorfer

Saturday 12th December

- Winter Street Fair

Friday 18th December

- END OF TERM

Monday 21st Dec - Friday 1st Jan 2021

- Christmas Holidays - school closed

Monday 4th January 2021

Start of Spring term - school reopens

Thursday 11th February 2021

Last day of Spring 1st Half Term

Let's Recap!

After School Clubs:

If you have an interest in After-School clubs for the Spring term, please visit: smartsurvey.co.uk/s/T1AFJ6

Breakfast Club:

Should you require morning childcare, please request a registration form and then email it to: t.kubilay@brecknock.camden.sch.uk

Winter Street Fair:

On Saturday 12th December will be hosting a Winter Street Fair, if you would like to sign up to take part or to help out, please email brecknockpta@gmail.com

PTA:

If you want like to join the PTA please email brecknockpta@gmail.com

Wellbeing Tip of the Week -

Pause and Breathe

When you notice you are feeling stressed, overwhelmed or worried, take a moment to pause and breathe. Deep breathing calms our nervous system and increases oxygen flow to the brain. This helps us to think more clearly and enables us to problem-solve.

Next time you are stressed, try breathing in through the nose, holding it for 5 seconds and breathing out through the mouth for 7 seconds. Repeat this at least 5 times and see if that helps you to feel a bit calmer.



Meet The Teacher - Tanit Madanes



This is Tanit, who recently joined us as our nursery teacher. She loves working in EYFS, with her favourite book being "The Secret Life of 4,5 and 6 Year olds".

Her favourite colour is red and she loves eating spaghetti Bolognese. She can only speak English as a language, but would love to be able to speak more.

Tanit loves penguins and loves that they huddle together to keep warm. If she woke up as an animal tomorrow though, she would like to spend her time as a koala.

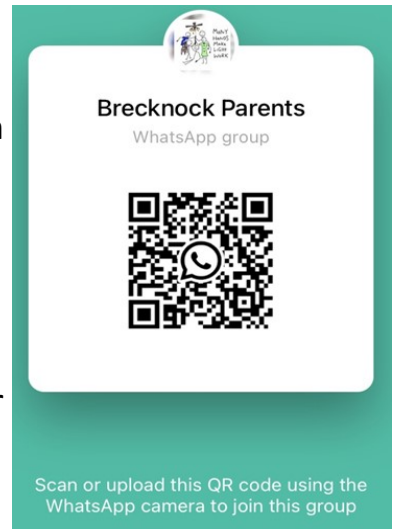
Her dad is her hero and she considers anchovies to be the worst pizza topping ever.

If she had to choose she would rather have caterpillar legs than octopus arms, in order to make her faster. She would love to visit the Caribbean, where she would enjoy the beautiful weather.



At Brilliant Brecknock, we have a fantastic and diverse community. The parents enjoy interacting and creating events that bind the community together. We would like our community to stay in touch and help each other during these extraordinary times.

Because of sanitary/covid restrictions we cannot meet as usual, so we would like to offer a new way of caring for each other. Each class or year group will create a WhatsApp group and choose a parent representative who can be the link between the class/year and the school or Parents Association. The class/year group chat will allow parents to communicate.



If you want to represent your class, please join our Brecknock Parents WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/1Po4X9hgzL43AsERGmNeRx> for support and help. You can also use the QR code above to join the Brecknock parents group where the representatives will discuss ideas or their classes.



Christmas Tree Orders

For those who celebrate Christmas, we have a great deal arranged with a Christmas Tree company who sell fabulous REAL trees at wholesale prices to schools, meaning you will be paying a lot less than you would for a tree from a normal retailer (see the prices below):



3-4 ft £28

4-5 ft £30

5-6 ft £35

6-7 ft £42

7-8 ft £50

The school will be given a % of monies raised and so not only will you be saving money, but you will be making money for the school too. For more information about the trees, please visit: www.treesforchristmas.co.uk

If you would like to order your tree through the PTA, please let us know by Friday 27th November by emailing brecknockpta@gmail.com (we need a minimum order of 20 trees). All orders will be delivered on Friday 4th December - ready for that first weekend in December. They will be available to collect from Torriano School at the end of the school day.

*Torriano's usual Christmas tree seller has also very kindly offered to give all school families 25% of the sale price of artificial trees and baubles.
He will be there throughout December.*



Caterpillar class have been having so much fun outside this week doing lots of bouncing and painting too!



Butterfly Class have been finding their inner artist recently, firstly with expressive art and then by painting poppies for their display.



Reception have been learning about 'our local area'. They took a short walk outside of the school to see all of the things that make up our local area.

They took photos of street signs, roads, houses, flats and most importantly our school.



They have also had great fun making henna hands for Diwali.

Year 1



Year 1 have been doing an Autumn Art Project this week, using James Brunt as inspiration.

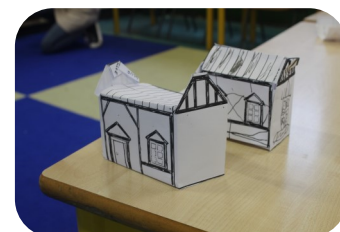
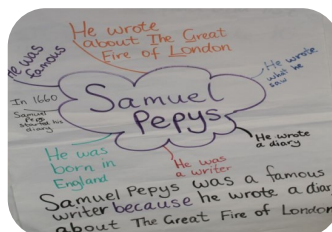
They used tweezers to sort out autumnal objects.



They have also been working hard on their maths, building part-part whole models.

Year 2

Year 2 have started learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. They are learning all about when and how it started and how Samuel Pepys kept a diary on the whole event. They even have started to build their own replica city.

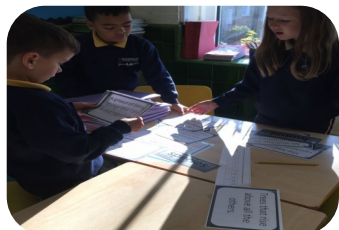


They have also enjoyed making lots of poppies this week for their window display.



Year 3

Year 3 are learning all about rainforests, as part of their geography topic. Pupils worked as a team to work out the meaning of key vocabulary. The teams worked very well together and learned some new words such as 'nutritional' and 'endangered', which they will be using in their writing.



Year 4

Year 4 are learning all about the continents of the world. They learnt about famous landmarks in different countries and had to travel between them in different and often challenging ways! They managed to mix Geography and PE into one lesson.



World Landmarks



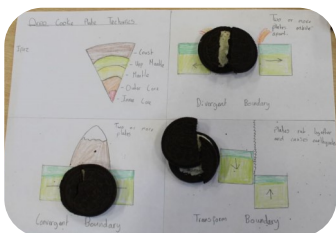
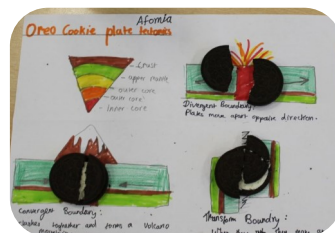
Year 5

Year 5 have been creating a play for the story of Odysseus and the Cyclops. They started off by writing scripts in groups and then they thought about the different ways to perform to the class. They carefully thought about the facial expressions and body language of the characters.



Year 6

Year 6 had their entry point for the new geography topic this week 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. They used oreos to represent the different ways that tectonic plates moves. Whether they are convergent, divergent or transform boundaries.



There was so much fun being had in the playground this week. Including Henry joining with Year 5 football , with plenty of goals being scored and celebration being had.



We have been displaying poppies for Remembrance Day around the school.
Do you know the meaning of all the different colours?



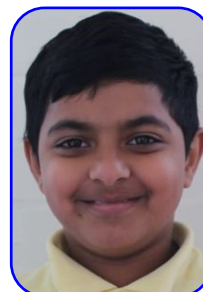
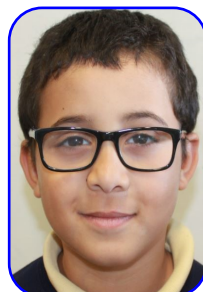
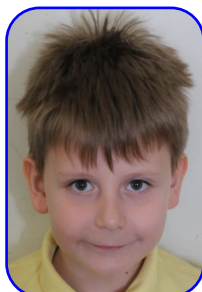
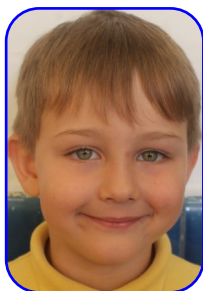
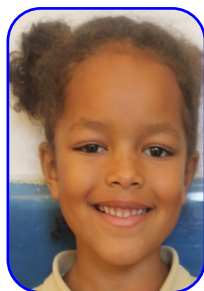
The poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. After the fighting in Western Europe during WW1, the countryside landscapes had turned to mud and were bleak and barren, with little to nothing growing - apart from bright red Flanders poppies.



Here are our stars of the week!

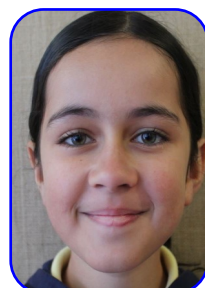
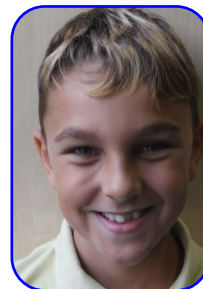
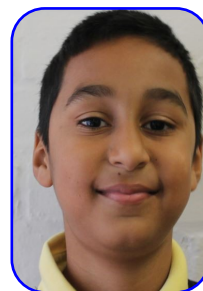


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Here are some of our newly elected School Councillors.

Well Done to you all and to all those who put their names forward.



Athlete and PE Stars of the Week

For those who have shown resilience and have put in all their effort into the Daily Mile and P.E. lessons.



*Happy
Diwali*





The climate crisis affects us all. Every week we will be offering a suggestion for a positive climate action you can take yourselves, as part of the bigger changes we need to make as a global community.

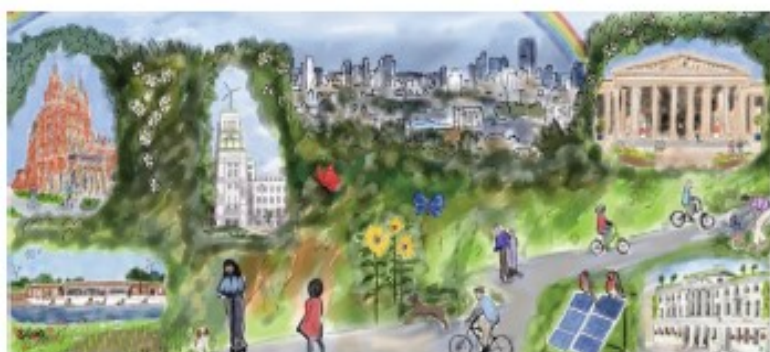
Action 1: Switch to a renewable energy supplier such as Octopus, Bulb, Ecotricity or Good Energy. Switching is easy and quick and can often be cheaper than sticking with your existing supplier.



Renewable energy means power generated from the sun, wind, water and biofuels; unlike energy produced by burning fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal, which is one of the main drivers of climate change.

Camden ^{future} New Journal

What if we created a special wraparound edition of the Camden New Journal written from the year 2030?



A vision of Camden from 2030 by the Secret Artist NW5

Neighbours, artists, activists, students, businesses and dreamers. What would Camden look like in 2030 if our borough rises to the challenges of tackling the climate emergency and social inequality? What news and issues would fill our local newspaper?

We are inviting people who live, work and play in Camden to write newspaper articles or create images describing life in Camden in 2030. Imagine Camden has met its climate targets* and things have changed to reflect the needs of our communities and the environment. We want your compelling stories that imagine a fairer, happier, and less consumption-based society - stories that will give us all fresh and hopeful ways to think about the future of Camden.

A selection of your stories and images will be printed in our special four page wrap around of the Camden New Journal on the 7th January 2021. Content can be anything from a photo-collage to a poster; from a short poem to a full article. All entries will be turned into an art exhibition and be published online.

The deadline for submitting entries is 27th November 2020

For more information and to submit your articles and images, contact: cnj2030edition@gmail.com

Up to 300 words per written entry, images must be in JPG or PDF. Written entries can be posted to 19 Highgate Road, NW5 1JY.

Together, let's imagine the future we want in Camden, and then start to create it.

**Camden Council's Climate Action Plan, launched in June this year, creates a framework for action across all aspects of the borough with the aim of achieving zero carbon emissions in Camden by 2030.*

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU THINKING

- What does your area look like?
- What can you hear?
- How do you get around?
- How do you connect with nature?
- How do you use energy?
- How do we treat the most disadvantaged in our communities?
- How is your food grown and transported?
- What arts and culture are on offer?
- What work do you do?
- What are the hot topics in zero-carbon Camden?
- How do we celebrate and have fun?
- How does Camden connect with the rest of the world?

