

## World Children's Day 2020 – The Right to be Heard!

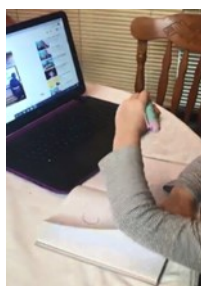
Brecknock went **BLUE today** to mark **World's Children's day**, which celebrates the **United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child**. This is a special day where the voices of children are heard across the world and this year it is about the climate and children's rights. The children took part in special assemblies and lessons about climate change and how it is affecting children's right to be safe and healthy. They also tested their knowledge in special climate change quizzes and sent postcards to the COP26 President's office sharing their learning and views about climate change. Across the school, the children created **blue displays of their hopes and dreams of a better future** and our new school councilors shared them in assembly. **A brilliant BLUE day at Brecknock!** Huge thanks to all of the children and staff who took part.



## Parent Elections

I would like to congratulate **Mr Muhammed Abu Naser** who has been elected, unopposed as a parent Governor. **We welcome him again to the Brecknock Primary School Governing Body**, as Mr Nasser has previously held a position as governor until 2019. He brings a wealth of experience and understanding of the school and community. Brecknock would also like to thank outgoing parent governor **Steve Franck** for his commitment and contribution to the school, following 3 years of governance.

## Keeping Safe



**Please see the Camden COVID weekly update attached to this newsletter.** This week, I informed you of a positive case in the school. The children and staff affected have been so resilient in their response. A full online curriculum is taking place, with some wonderful work taking place on Tapestry and google classrooms. Please ensure that you continue to be vigilant and follow the sickness protocols. Contact the school if you need advice or require any support.

## Race to Health

**Next week we launch Race to Health**, an award winning online physical activity challenge. The aim is to encourage children **to remain physically active despite reduced opportunities during the lockdown and pandemic**. We will be recording our fitness activities online as a school, racing against other Camden schools the ambition to be crowned the Race to Health Champions. **Brecknock children have shown so much dedication and improvements in the Daily Mile**, so we are confident that we will put in a great effort. Look out for a **letter from Tom, our PE lead**, about this event.



Have a great weekend,

Helen

# D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

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!

### 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](mailto:brecknockpta@gmail.com)

### PTA:

If you want like to join the PTA please email [brecknockpta@gmail.com](mailto:brecknockpta@gmail.com)

### Christmas Trees:

If you would like to order a Christmas Tree, at whole sale prices, for December 4th delivery, please email [brecknockpta@gmail.com](mailto:brecknockpta@gmail.com)

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week - Quality Time With Family or Friends

Try to find some time to do an activity as a family or household, such as, going to the park (keeping to Covid restrictions), playing a board game, cooking together, or making arts and crafts. Spending quality time together can strengthen our relationships, help us to reconnect with others and encourages positive communication. Bonding with loved ones increases dopamine levels which help us to feel good and promotes positive wellbeing.



## Meet The Staff - Natalie Paul



Natalie has worked here at Brecknock since January 2017, having had the privilege of working with the two year olds and reception classes.

Natalie has four children and two grandchildren. Everyone at Brecknock knows how much Natalie loves Christmas, so it would come as no surprise that is she could live anywhere it would be at Santa's real secret village, where it would be Christmas everyday!

She loves reading David Walliams books and loves eating macaroni cheese. Natalie loves elephants and butterflies but wishes she could wake up as a bird so that she can fly anywhere she wants.

Natalie may only speak English, but loves to learn songs in different languages for the children here at Brecknock, so they enjoy singing in their home languages.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are pleased to announce that our Christmas lunch will take place on **Wednesday 16th December**. Look out next week for details of how to reserve your child's place.

## Christmas Menu

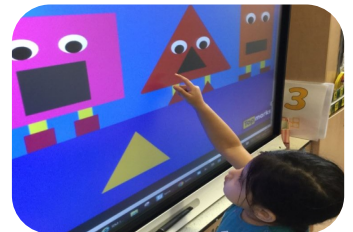


Roast Turkey  
Feta, Spinach & Cranberry  
Puff Pastry Roll  
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Roast Potatoes, Chipolata  
Sausage  
Stuffing, Gravy  
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Brussel Sprouts  
Peas  
Carrots  
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Gingerbread Biscuits

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feeding the imagination



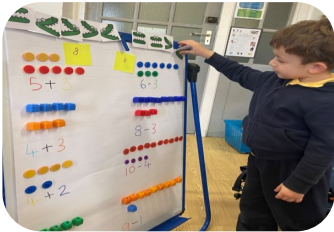
In Nursery this week, they have been working on developing their climbing, balancing and overall gross motor skills, as well as learning to wait to take turns when using equipment. They have been exploring shapes and the children have loved using the interactive whiteboard to feed the different hungry shape monsters their shapes for lunch.



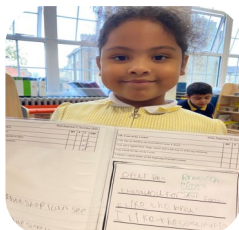
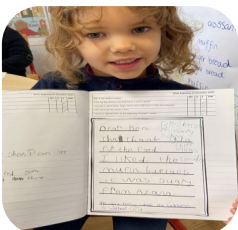
Year 1



Year 1 have been comparing equations in maths using their 'more than', 'less than' and 'equal' to signs. It has been really tricky but the children have really got the hang of it.



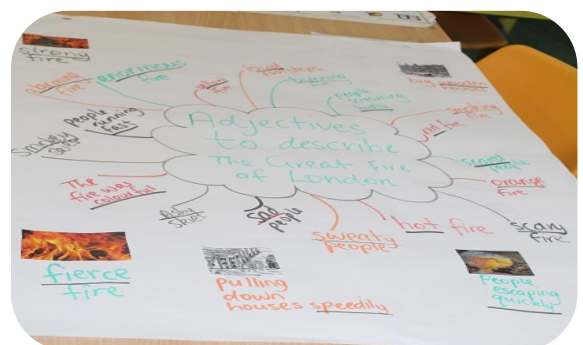
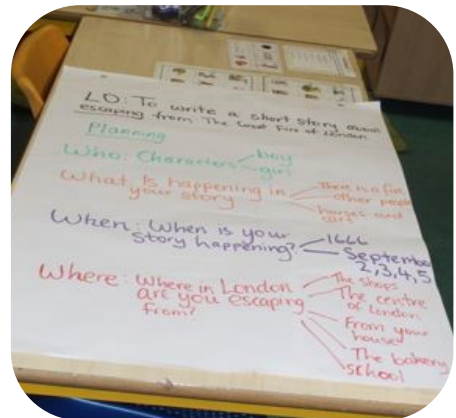
They have also been writing letter to Ben the Baker this week, saying thank you for his baked goods and describing what they tasted like.



Year 2



Year 2 have continued their learning about The Great Fire of London. They have been thinking creatively about ways that they can make their writing and stories more exciting by using adjectives.





Year 3

### LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Year 3 have been discovered their inner actor/ess and have been creating some drama around 'The Great Kapok Tree'. The children were acting as a logger and an animal, trying to dissuade them from destroying their habitat in the rainforest.



Year 4

Year 4 are learning about mountain ranges. This week they applied their geographical skills to locate famous mountain ranges around the world.

*How many can you name?*



Year 5

Year 5 have continued their Odysseus' journey this week, as he voyaged across the sea. He encountered a terrible storm, brought on by Poseidon, God of the Sea. They used water colours to recreate the boisterous sea storm he encountered.



They have also been building ancient temples using only paper and masking tape. Although all the teams did a great job, their winning team had a temple that was strong and sturdy - fit for a Greek god



Year 6

This week Year 6 have been working on their collaborative art piece for Black History Month. They learnt about Claudia Jones in class and have created a joint piece to celebrate Notting Hill Carnival which she founded.

The completed piece will be in the school hall next week.

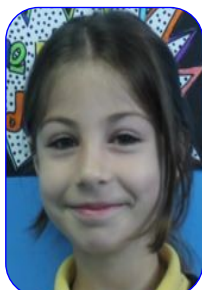
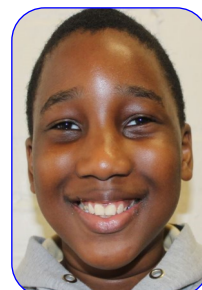
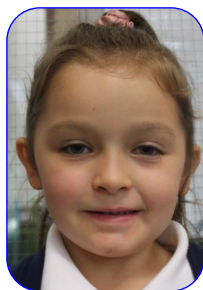
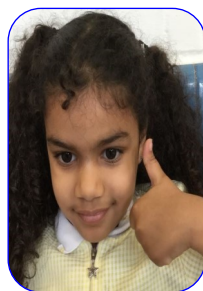
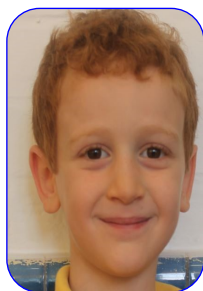
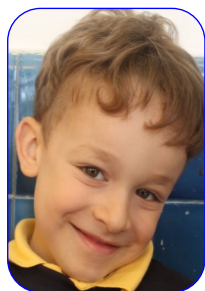




As well as there being more **blue** than usual this week in support of World Children's Day, our daily supported reading groups for KS1 shown great concentration this week during their reading sessions.

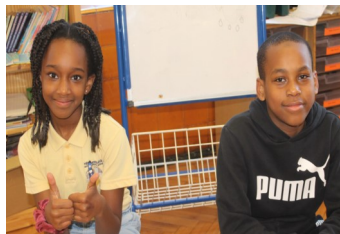


## Here are our stars of the week!

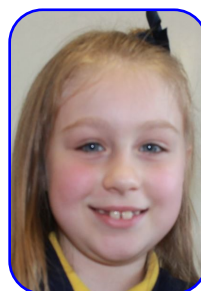




Our New School Councillors had their first socially distant meeting this week. Discussing important topics such as climate change and how we can make a difference.



We are pleased to introduce two new school council members who will be representing their Year 3 class.



## 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.





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 Virtual Reception Open Evening Tours for prospective parents on the following dates:

**Tuesday 24th November @ 4.45pm or 5.45pm**

**Tuesday 1st December @ 4.45pm**



You will 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.

To book onto a tour, please follow the [link](#) and complete the survey - [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AP652A/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AP652A/)





**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 2: Increase your amount of active travel. Instead of using a car, why not walk, cycle or scoot for short journeys of 15-20minutes? Active travel is healthy for your body and mind as you are exercising and reducing your exposure to harmful fumes from motor vehicles. Use this clean air route finder to help you plan a less polluted active journey <https://www.cleanairroutes.london/>



Active travel is free, fun and healthy. It helps to reduce the effects of climate change by decreasing the amount of fossil fuels extracted and burnt.

[www.cleanairroutes.london/](https://www.cleanairroutes.london/)



# Stay active with Sustrans

## Week 1: poster making !!

Win an  
amazing  
prize!

### The Challenge

Create a poster about the benefits of active travel!

### How to stand out

We're looking for bright and colourful designs and a good explanation of the benefits of active travel. For example, you can include information on how active travel is good for your health, talk about the benefits for the environment and explain how it is fun way to spend time with your friends!

### How to enter

- Design your poster in A3 or A4
- Hand your completed posters in to your class teacher by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November or email a photo to Henny: [h.wedmore@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:h.wedmore@brecknock.camden.sch.uk)

### Deadline

Your posters need to be in by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** to be in with a chance of winning a bike or scooter.

### What happens if I win?

- We will announce the winner on the following **Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> December)** via email.
- We will be in touch to arrange your prize: a bike or scooter!
- Your poster will be displayed around the school and on the school's newsletter or social media!

### What happens if I don't win?

- There's still a chance your poster will appear on our Twitter page. We will be putting some of our favourites up throughout the week, so keep your eyes peeled!
- This is a weekly challenge so there will be plenty of opportunities to take part again. Look out for our next challenge which will be announced **next Monday**.

## DID YOU KNOW...



You might be surprised to know that in the northern hemisphere the Earth is closest to the Sun during winter.



The Earth is 3.1 million miles closer to the Sun than midsummer when the Earth is furthest from the Sun.



# Share your posters!

Click on the twitter logo to go straight to our twitter page

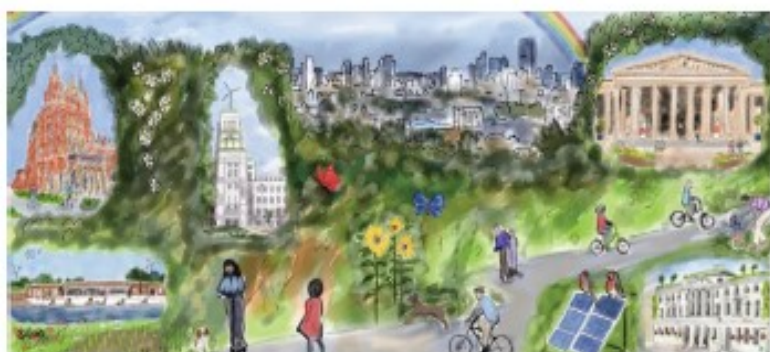


[#stavactivewithsustranslondon](https://twitter.com/stavactivewithsustranslondon)



# Camden <sup>future</sup> 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](mailto: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?







## Back to school and nursery

**Do you have questions or concerns about how your child's school or nursery is staying open safely during the ongoing COVID-19 emergency?**

We have a panel of experts ready to answer your questions – please email them to us in advance and book a place at our online event for parents on Thursday, 26 November from 1.30 to 3pm.

**Register on Eventbrite for this free online Zoom parents' webinar.**

[camden.gov.uk/backatschoolevent](https://camden.gov.uk/backatschoolevent)

