

We Won!

Brecknock are the champions of the Camden Race to Health Challenge! They competed against 11 Camden schools, which collectively logged over 500 days of activity in 2 weeks. **Brecknock not only came in 1st in the total minutes of exercise leaders board but also 1st in the average minutes pupil leader board.** We are so proud of team Brecknock who celebrated in their bubbles with the shiny Race of Health Cup! **Huge thanks to children, families, and staff for this great effort and achievement and of course to PE lead, Tom, for his drive and sporting leadership!**



Change for Good!

There have been works taking place on York Way this week. This has presented some safety challenges in accessing the school so we opened further gates to support safe access in the Year 1 and KS2 entrance. The



works are to provide **safer spaces** for you to walk and cycle, **for our children to get to and from school, safely and healthily.** We are very excited that the children's **Clean Air and safety campaign in October** has resulted in Camden taking this action; introducing bicycle lanes



and widening pavements to calm traffic on York way and improve air quality. Huge thanks to the children and the **Mums Can group**, who raised their voices collectively to make this change happen. Amazing!



Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day 2020 and the Winter Street Fair

We have been singing around the Christmas tree this week at Brecknock. The children have been practising and recording their Christmas songs in full festive spirit. **Today, Brecknock beamed Christmas cheer as we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day 2020.** The children and staff some showed off their extreme Christmas creations and raised £169.12 for Save the Children. Thank you for your generous donations!



We are looking forward to getting even more Christmassy at the Brecknock and Torriano Winter Street Fair on Saturday. Rumour has it that Santa will be out and about on his bike, giving presents to the children of Kentish Town. **There are 40+ stalls to visit. Please come along and have some socially distanced fun between 12-3pm on Saturday. There is a risk assessment in place to ensure social distancing and safe practices – please follow the guidance and the notices on each stall.** There will be marshals to support this process. **Check out the map on page 8 for information.** The raffle has also been a great success. Tune in on Monday to find out the winning prizes!

Early closure – 17th December

Please find attached the latest Camden Covid Update Newsletter. On Wednesday, I wrote to you regarding **closure on Thursday 17th of December.** This change is due to national advice to schools from the **DFE and Public Health.** **The school day will end at the usual pick up times on Thursday.** We will end with on Thursday with Christmas Lunch, a special visit from Santa and our class parties. A fabulous festive end to the term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 12th December

- Winter Street Fair

Wednesday 16th December

- Christmas Lunch for children

Thursday 17th 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

All clubs will be operated within Brecknock School and all children will be kept within their bubbles.

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

Wellbeing Tip of the Week -

Creative Expression

Engage in a creative activity to help you feel calm and more relaxed. Colouring, dancing, creative writing, playing an instrument or knitting, are all examples of ways we can be creative and express ourselves. Research has shown that creativity can help to reduce stress and anxiety and increase self-esteem. It also provides an outlet for us process difficult feelings and find some relief. Don't worry if you don't think you're any good at these things, this is an activity just for you!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES!!!!

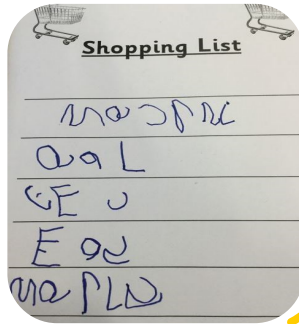
Next Thursday 17th December (the last day of term) each class will be having a Christmas party!! Children can bring in snacks, but for health and safety reasons, we ask that all food is store brought and sealed. We can not have homemade items coming into school for others to share. All store items must also be individual items and not share packs.

Please see the examples below:





This week in Nursery we have been practising our counting skills. We have been learning how to count out different numbers of objects and knowing when to stop so that we do not over count. This week we have also been writing our own shopping lists as part of learning about shopkeepers being the people who help us.

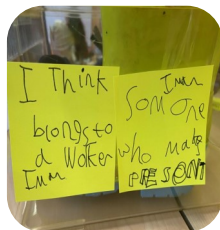
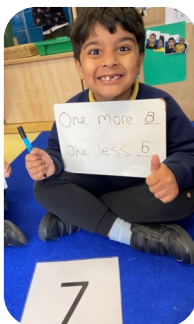
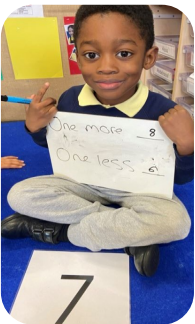


Our Reception classes have been practicing the song 'Jingle Bell Rock' to perform on camera for our parents to see. We can't wait for you to hear it! Take a look at their Christmas jumpers too. They even had tinsel, sequins and bows in the classroom to design their own jumpers.



Year 1

Year 1 have been comparing numbers in maths and have been organising all different animals. They even had a mystery box in their classroom and they had to guess who the boots might belong to.



Year 2

Brecknock have been learning all about Hanukkah this week. Here is Isaiah giving his class a lesson on the Jewish Festival.



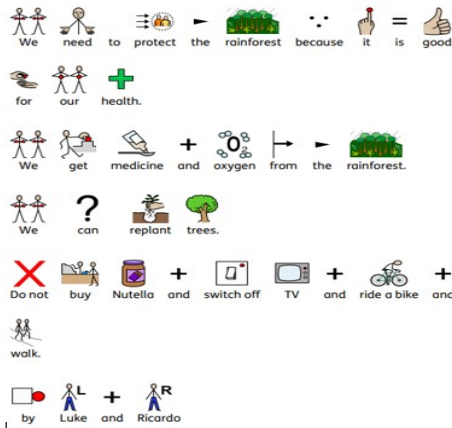
Year 3

Year 3 have been sieving soil to discover what lies beneath.



Conclusion

Luke and Ricardo used widget online to write their conclusion about saving our rainforest.



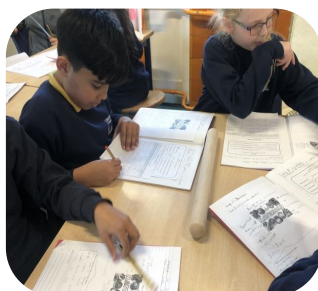
Year 4

Year 4 this week have been learning all about States of Matter in science. As well as learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases, they also carried out a scientific investigation to classify various materials into the three states. They were surprised to learn that shaving foam can exist in all 3 forms!



Year 5

Year 5 have started looking at Materials in Science. They have examined various objects and considered the materials of the objects and their properties. Following on from this, the children have planned an investigation to test whether certain materials dissolve in water.



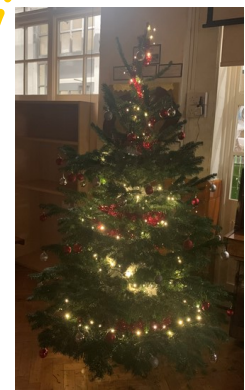
Year 6

This week Year 6 have really enjoyed practicing and recording our Christmas song, 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree'. As well as excellent singing the children's dancing was spectacular! The finished video will be shared with parents next week.

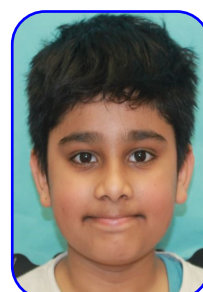
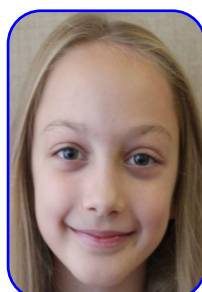


Christmas has truly arrived at Brecknock this week. It has been lovely seeing all the children reacting happily to our lovely Christmas Trees.

Here are more fabulous Christmas Jumper photos.



Here are our stars of the week!





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.



THE GOLDEN LOCK!!!

The Golden Lock



The Year 5 Bike It Crew are working hard to try and promote active travel to and from school. Each week they will be putting the 'golden lock' on a random bike or scooter parked at school. If the golden lock is on your bike or scooter please go to the office to collect the key and retrieve your prize!

Children who walk to school everyday will also be eligible for prizes!



WE WON!!!!!!

Here our some of our victory photos.



Join us tomorrow for our Festive Street Fair!
There is so much fun to be had. Please join in and help raise some vital funds for the school.



BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

FESTIVE STREET FAIR

Saturday 12th December
12 - 3 pm

GAMES & CRAFTING FOR ALL

MEET OTHERS & HAVE A NATTER

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

BRIC-A-BRAC & TOYS

SEASONAL GIFTS AND BARGAINS GALORE

VISIT SANTA AT ST LUKE'S CHURCH GARDENS

SAVOURY & BAKED GOODS

GRAB LUNCH AT ONE OF OUR STALLS

BRING YOUR OWN CUPS AND CONTAINERS

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Dear Torriano and Brecknock folk alike,

We are finally at Friday, the day before our mega amazing and **Festive Street Fair**, which will take place on **our streets**, at **St.Luke's** and at **Camden Square from 12-3pm!**

It has been very interesting to say the least to get it up and running with two schools, but we are finally there and we have over 40 stalls! We really hope to see you all out there tomorrow having fun because lets face it, we need it!

Where are the stalls?

You will have the Google map with lots of Christmas trees dotted on it to show you where all the wonderful stalls are. Please try to visit as many as possible! Here is the link to the map: [bit.ly/tsbsmap](https://www.google.com/maps/@51.531235,-0.122026,15z)

Online Payments and Donations

Here is the Just Giving link just in case you can't find it or if you're unable to visit the street fair, but still want to make a donation to the schools <https://www.justgiving.com/torrianopta>

Please bring cash with you to pay, but if you can't, you can pay for items **above £2 using the justgiving link**. All the proceeds of the event will be shared equally between the two schools!

Raffle

If you want to buy more raffle tickets, there will be some on sale on a few stalls, so please ask if people have them. Torriano will stream the draw on Monday 14th December. We have some lovely prizes, so you've got to be in it, to win it!

A little bit of news

So far, we have already raised **£500** from selling Christmas trees, so a massive thank you to everyone who bought a tree and to Charlotte for coordinating this and making sure everyone got their tree!

We will have a **festive treat in store for your eyes at St. Luke's**, which has been organised by the wonderful Aysegul, **Santa will be handing out gifts** for all the lovely kiddies who deserve a special treat for having done so well this year!

Santa will also be cycling around visiting stalls and children on his way handing out gifts too :) Will you spot him?? You might hear his festive music before you see him!

Fun fact or myth! Saint Nicholas, also known as Nicholas of Myra, was a Greek bishop during the fourth century in Modern day Turkey. From what we can gather from historical texts, he was born in Patara in Asia Minor in the southern town on Demre, now Turkey, on March 15 270.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-europe-30595254>

What else will you see, do and buy?

There will be craft stalls, hand-made gifts to buy, games to play, lucky dip, balloons being made by the wonderful Mam'zelle Dotty, trees for free, tombola, toys, books, clothes, bags, tea-towels, tree decorations, hand-made bird feeders, delicious vegan food, soup, mince pies, cakes and cookies, drinks like Mulled Wine, Spiced Apple, Prosecco and Hot Chocolate as well as Tea and Coffee and more more more!!!

Whatever you do, have a wonderful weekend and hope to see as many of you out there as possible as it's going to be fun!

Warm wishes from both Torriano PTA and Brecknock PTA



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 5: Reduce the amount of plastic you purchase: swap plastic bottles for reusable metal ones; refuse plastic bags and use your own reusable cotton bags; purchase loose fruit and vegetables rather than those packaged in plastic; think twice before buying new plastic toys and consider second-hand or those made from sustainable materials.



Did you know almost all plastic is made from petrochemicals which are derived from fossil fuels like oil and gas? Production of plastic is responsible for about 5% of greenhouse gas emissions which are the gases that are warming our planet. Discarded plastic is also polluting our earth and seas, destroying marine life, harming humans and other animals.

It's becoming easier and easier to go plastic-free, so go for it!

The Mayor of Camden's



Christmas Appeal 2020



Get in the spirit of Christmas giving
and lend your support

This Christmas will be a very difficult time of year for many families in our borough, who may be struggling financially. During these unprecedented times looking after each other and doing all we can for our communities has never been more important. The Mayor of Camden, therefore invites you to get in the spirit of Christmas with donations for local families of new toys, toiletries, gift vouchers or clothes.

This year because of the current coronavirus pandemic we are unable to accept donations at our offices or libraries. We can however accept online donations and would appreciate your support. When you purchase goods online please ensure that any toys

have a CE Mark. Any donations received will be distributed by Camden Family Services, social workers and early help teams, who continue to support families in what has been a very difficult year for many people.

Please purchase gifts online and have them delivered direct to:

The Mayor's Office, 2nd Floor Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt St, NW1 1BD.

Please make sure all toys have the CE mark.

Closing date for donations:
Friday 18 December 2020

