

## Coronavirus update Newsletter

Although this is not the start to 2021 that we expected or welcome, we understand the importance of protecting our families, communities and vital health services. **The school will be closed until the February half term**, in line with national lockdown restrictions and we will update you whenever further guidance is issued. I hope you are all adjusting to the stay-at-home and social distancing rules **that are now in place under Tier 5**. I understand that this continues to be a very difficult time for our families and community. **This newsletter includes information about services that are available during the school closure.** Below you will find links or attached information that aim to support you and your family.

**Thank you for your cooperation, adaptability and resilience in what has been a challenging week for all.** We are working hard to support our families to access online learning and to assist your individual needs.

**We are very proud of the response of the whole school community this week and want to assure you that we are here to help. Please find attached the Camden Coronavirus update.**



## Learning at Home

It was fantastic to host the most wonderful **Star of the Week Assemblies on Zoom today. Over 100 children and families logged in to celebrate** our collective achievements and our **online learning stars!** It made a huge difference to bring the school together online, following the sad but necessary news that we could not open and welcome you all back. We have been incredibly impressed by the **children's resilience and brilliance in Google classrooms and Tapestry.**



They have been respectful, active and curious learners in their live lessons and are supporting each other with their technical expertise! We are all learning in this new realm, **so a huge thanks to the parents and staff, who also deserve to be Stars of the Week too!**



Please follow this [link](#) for the **Google Classroom 'How to guides'** on the **website.** You can also find details on page 5.

On the website there are updates on **how to use other devices** including a **PS4 or Xbox.** You will also find a **Home Learning Statement with useful information about our online offer.**

You will also receive a **link today via Integris** to confirm that you have read and understood the **Remote Learning Agreement.** This is important to safeguard children, families and staff. The **Home Learning Policy** is currently being updated and will be published on the website next week.



## Access to devices

We are very aware that many of our families **still need laptops and internet access** to online learning. **If you require a device and have not yet informed the school,** please contact the main office via email on:

[admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk).

**Currently all of our available devices have been shared with families.** We are awaiting a delivery of chromebooks from the DFE and additional devices that were purchased by the school using the PTA funding. We will contact families **as soon as the devices have arrived and are ready to be collected.**

## Services Available

### Free School Meals Service

We are currently waiting for further information from Camden LA regarding this service. The government has announced that there will be a **national FSM voucher scheme available**. We will update you as soon as we have further information. We expect this service to resume next week.

If your circumstances have changed and you believe that you may be entitled to Free School meals now, please check your eligibility [here](#).



### KTTC Recipe Club

Kentish Town Community Centre are providing **Recipe Club** for families struggling to make ends meet, **families in need and those who have been affected during the pandemic**. Recipe Club provides **ALL** the food and ingredients, including the recipes, for 3 meals a week for Brecknock families. If you do not qualify for Free School Meals **or have lost work due to**

**illness, isolation and COVID-19 and would like to be considered for Recipe Club please contact:**

[admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk)

### In-school Provision

**We are running a service for eligible critical worker families and vulnerable children.** All families who responded to our survey or are identified as meeting the criteria have been contacted regarding a place at the provision.

### Mental Health Support

If you live in Barnet, Enfield, Haringey, Camden or Islington and are aged between 0 and 18 years old, or care for someone that is, you can now access a crisis line if you are in need of **urgent mental health support or advice**. Contact them on: **0800 151 0023**. This line operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

If you are an existing **CAMHS** patient you can also continue to contact your clinical team in the usual way. **Open Minded is also accepting self-referrals. Further information can be found [here](#).** If you would like support with this, please contact school and we can help.



### Communication with school staff

If you would like to talk to a member of staff, **please contact admin via telephone (0207 485 6334) or email [admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk)**. You can also use the Google Classroom App for any learning enquiries.

Thank you again for your support, patience and cooperation. I wish you a restful and safe weekend.

Helen Bruckdorfer



# D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11th February 2021  
Last day of Spring 1st Half Term

Friday 12th February 2021  
INSET Day - school closed

Monday 15th - Friday 19th  
February 2021  
Half Term - school closed

Monday 22nd February 2021  
Planned return for all children to  
school

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week - Gaining A Sense Of Control

In this time of uncertainty, where we can't predict what's going to happen next, it can feel like we have little control.

This can be damaging for our mental wellbeing. So, what can we do to regain that sense of control amongst the chaos?

Try to create structure in your day by establishing a routine, find things around the house that you can tidy up or re-organise, take on a project that you can do at home, e.g. growing some vegetables. Having control over our life circumstances can reduce chronic stress and improve our physical health.



# Let's Recap!

In case you missed the links for the fantastic Christmas singing performances, here they are again:

**Year 6:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/rockin-around-the-christmas-tree/>

**Year 5:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/all-i-want-for-christmas-is-you/>

**Year 4:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/rudolph-the-red-nosed-reindeer/>

**Year 3:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/feliz-navidad/>

**Year 2:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/silent-night/>

**Year 1:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/walking-in-a-winter-wonderland/>

**Reception:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/jingle-bell-rock/>

**Nursery:** <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/santa-claus-is-coming-to-town/>

You can also find the videos for each Year group on the brilliant Brecknock website, by going to CHILDREN - then select the year group - look on the left hand side of the screen under LATEST NEWS.

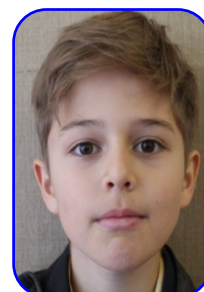
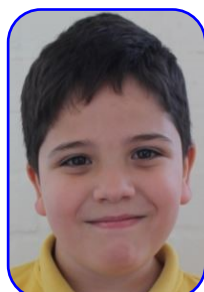
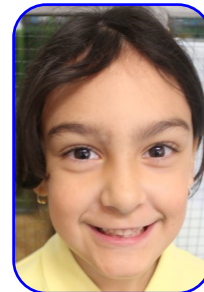


We have had a great start to home learning this week. We are so pleased that so many of you have managed to get online and are enjoying the live lessons that our wonderful teachers are putting together.

We will hopefully have more photos of home learning to share with you next week, but for now please enjoy these photos from Nursery, who have been investigating a theft!  
Some Dinosaurs have been stealing underpants!



## Here are our stars of the week!





Our wonderful music teacher Rod has updated the Year Group music pages with musical work that children can continue at home during lockdown:

- Year 1: <https://www.rod-n-tom.com/brecknock-y1>  
Year 2: <https://www.rod-n-tom.com/brecknock-y2>  
Year 3: <https://www.rod-n-tom.com/brecknock-y3>  
Year 4: <https://www.rod-n-tom.com/brecknock-y4>  
Year 5: <https://www.rod-n-tom.com/brecknock-y5>  
Year 6: <https://www.rod-n-tom.com/brecknock-y6>



Rod encourages regular daily instrumental practice for Year 4, 5 and 6 recorder and brass players. He will be updating the links above each week with new online learning.



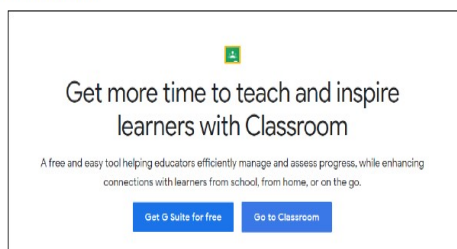
## Google Classroom

Thank you to everyone that has been accessing our online live lessons. If you still are yet to access Google Classroom, you can do so through these steps:

### STEP 1

Type into the search bar: Google Classroom Sign In

Click 'Go to Classrooms'

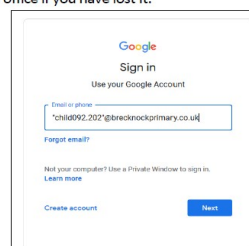


### STEP 2

Sign in: Enter your child's USO username followed by @brecknockprimary.co.uk

For example: hcommander.202@brecknockprimary.co.uk

The USO usernames and passwords were given to individual children. Contact your child's teacher or the office if you have lost it.



### Step 3

Use your child's USO username in the first line.

This time, the USO username should **NOT** include the @brecknockprimary.co.uk part.

For example: hcommander.202

Enter your child's password in the next box. It should contain letters and a number.

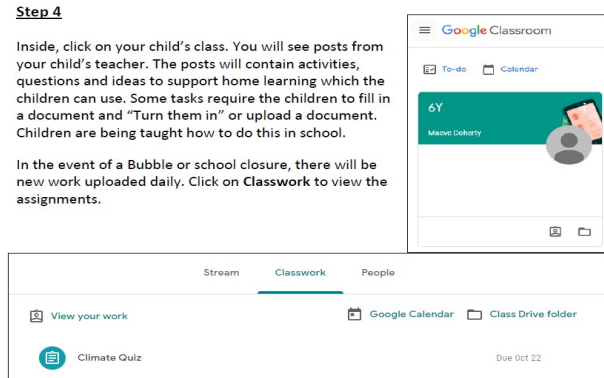
You will be asked to verify your account if it is the first time you have logged on from your computer. Press continue.



### Step 4

Inside, click on your child's class. You will see posts from your child's teacher. The posts will contain activities, questions and ideas to support home learning which the children can use. Some tasks require the children to fill in a document and "Turn them in" or upload a document. Children are being taught how to do this in school.

In the event of a Bubble or school closure, there will be new work uploaded daily. Click on **Classwork** to view the assignments.



When it is time to take part in a live lesson you will see a link like the below, appearing in your class title box (as shown in Step 4 above). Click on the link and it should take you to the live lesson with your teacher.

