

## Curriculum news and lots of words!

Today, you will receive the **curriculum letters** and an overview of the **learning that will be taking place in your child's year group.**

We hope this information will help you to support your child at school. **We are working hard to extend the children's vocabulary.**

They are learning new words every day and then sharing their favourite word with their peers and family at the end of the week.

**Please ask your child about their word - you will be impressed!**



## Active Brecknock!

**It has been another active week at Brecknock!** The children have been enjoying a variety of exciting activities in our extra-curricular clubs that started this week. In the spirit of **International Dance Day**, Year 1 and Year 5 and 6 made some moves in their street dance classes. We have also been honing our ball skills with Arsenal and Bloomsbury football too!



**Reception and Year 1 had a wonderful time on the pitch with the Bloomsbury bears.** There are still some spaces so please contact the office [admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk) if you wish to find out more. See [page 8](#) of this newsletter for details of the clubs on offer. We ended the week at a pace as we took part in **England does the Daily Mile**, joining children across the country in a shared endeavour for healthy bodies and minds. Well done to all of the Brecknock children who took part!



## Sustrans

Children have been cycling, scooting, running and walking to school all week, helping contribute to the Sustrans Big Pedal. We clocked up an average of 66% active travel journeys on the Big Pedal challenge. **The classes with the most active journeys** were 1Y, 3Y, 4B, 5B and 6Y with **around 75% active journeys.** Well done! National announced results won't be announced until next week.



# NEWSLETTER

## Send My Friend

Children throughout the school have been speaking out and using their right to be heard this week. **Our school councillors took action by giving an assembly** about Unicef's annual **Send My Friend** education for all campaign. This year's theme is **Education Interrupted** in response to the devastating effects Covid 19 has had on education worldwide. **The children are designing schools of the future** and are writing to our MP Keir Starmer asking him to support the call for more investment into global education to help create more sustainable, peaceful and resilient societies.



## Eid

We are planning carefully how to celebrate Eid this year, in line with COVID restrictions. **There is a PTA meeting this Wednesday, 5th May** to discuss ideas - all are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95070226146?pwd=KzYwZ2ExTE9SckVPR29LZmc1Ykc3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 950 7022 6146

Passcode: 496622



**You will have received a letter on Monday to inform you that Cal has decided to leave Brecknock with effect from today.** The Brecknock community wish her well for the future. Governors are in meetings to decide the next steps for Brecknock. I want to assure you that I will continue in my role, supporting the Brecknock and Torriano partnership during this period.

Please remember that **school is closed on Monday so the children will be back on Tuesday.**

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend!

Helen Bruckdorfer

# D A T E S FOR YOUR DIARY

## Monday 3rd May

Early May Bank Holiday. School Closed

## Wednesday 12th May

Eid al-Fitr

## Monday 17th May

Outdoor Classroom Day

## Wednesday 19th May

Class Photo Day

## Thursday 20th May

Sports Day - Parliament Hill for Yr 2 - Yr 6

## Friday 28th May

Last Day of Summer 1st Half Term

## Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

SUMMER HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED

## Monday 7th June

INSET DAY - Staff Training. School Closed

## Tuesday 8th June

School reopens - first day of 2nd half term

## W/C 5th July

End of year School Reports to go home

## W/C 12th July

Summer Street Fair

## Thursday 22nd July

End of the School Year - School Closes at 2pm

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week -

### Positive Self-Talk

We can easily fall into the trap of critical self-talk. When we get something wrong or make a mistake, we can dwell on these "failings" and only notice the flaws in ourselves. Sometimes we can be so harsh to ourselves, saying things that just aren't true e.g. "I'm useless!". We would never put someone else down in that way, so why do we do it to ourselves? This type of negative self-talk can contribute to low self-esteem and feelings of low self-worth. Instead, we need to actively be our own cheerleader. When we catch ourselves being self-critical, we should stop and say 3 positive things about ourselves: one thing that we've done well that day, one thing that we're proud of and one thing that we've achieved. Changing our inner self-talk can be so beneficial to our wellbeing.



## Sign Of The Week:

### To Run







This week Nursery began their week continuing to celebrate the Queen's 95th birthday. The children were eager to make the Queen her favourite food, cucumber sandwiches for her birthday tea party. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn about safety when using knives and also strengthening the muscles in their fingers and hands through spreading and cutting. The children did a wonderful job with this and we are sure the Queen loved her special treats!



This week Reception have continued to learn about our 5 senses. They focused on 'sight' and did this by using their eyes to observe changes in the weather. They made their very own weather station- a wind vane, rain catcher and barometer and will monitor the weather by collecting data from them. They also had a go at blind fold drawing to further understand their sense of sight.



Year 1 have been using weighing scales this week to test the weight of different items in the classroom. Testing what was heavier, lighter or equal in weight.



Year 2 have been running their Daily Mile each day, come rain or shine, in preparation for Friday's National Daily Mile day!

Well Done Year 2!





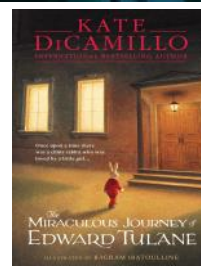
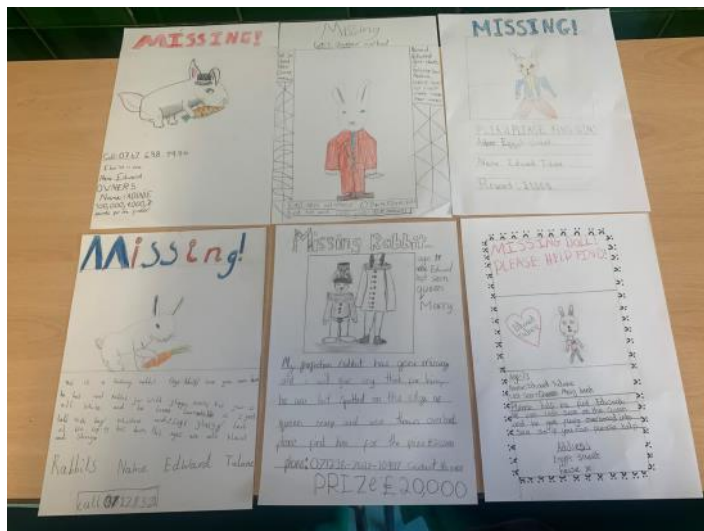
## Year 3

3B tended to the plants in the roof allotment and went to the Caledonian Park allotment to clear the weeds at the allotment, ready for planting! They even managed to squeeze in some time for an ice cream too.



## Year 4

This week Year 4 are continuing on the miraculous journey with Edward Tulane. They have been creating Missing Posters on behalf of Abilene, who is Edward's owner, as Edward fell overboard! Can you help us find him?



## Year 5

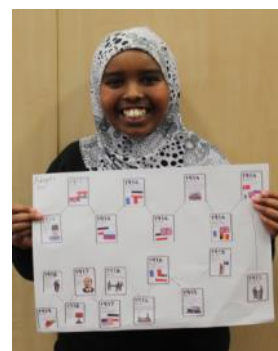
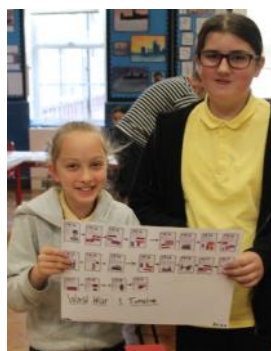
As last week was world earth day, 5Y had a think about why the earth is important to us and why we need to protect it.

They wrote their messages on a piece of material ready for it to be made into the whole school quilt!



## Year 6

This week Year 6 began their new history topic, World War One. To begin with they created a timeline of events which happened throughout the war. They then explored the causes and produced some newspaper articles.





★ Here are our stars of the week! ★





**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 17: Consider buying second-hand or refurbished electrical devices such as mobile phones, laptops or kitchen appliances. Lots of electrical devices can be fixed, contact the manufacturer to find out how. If you need to get rid of a broken device don't forget to take it to an electrical recycling centre. For more information check out <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/>



Producing electricals creates carbon emissions. We could save millions of tonnes of CO2 if we recycled our old electricals instead of binning them. If you are unable to fix or pass on your old devices, recycle them. A massive 75% of the materials in old electricals can be recycled and turned into anything from life-saving equipment to children's playgrounds.

## 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!

Each week the Bike It Crew choose a bike or scooter to lock up with the Golden Lock. The lucky winner needs to collect the key to unlock it from the school office and choose a prize. Some weeks we will choose children who walk to school.

**To be in with a chance of winning children need to walk, cycle or scoot to school!**



# After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 KTFC – football skills with Kentish Town FC and John. Free – Y3&4 <a href="https://www.kentishtownfootballacademy.com/">https://www.kentishtownfootballacademy.com/</a>	 AFC Double Club – football & learning with Arsenal and Tom. Free – Y5&6 <a href="https://www.arsenal.com/doubleclub/the-club/community/about-arsenal-double-club">https://www.arsenal.com/doubleclub/the-club/community/about-arsenal-double-club</a>	 JK Academy – street dance Y1 £2.50 per week <a href="http://www.jkdanceacademy.co.uk">www.jkdanceacademy.co.uk</a>	 Gardening – Tending to our school plants with Henny and Angie Free – Y3&4	 My Maths – Fun maths activities on a laptop with John. Free Y2
 Arts & Crafts – with Francesca. Free – Y1		 B-Better – street dance Y5&6 £2.50 per week <a href="https://www.b-better.org.uk/">https://www.b-better.org.uk/</a>	 Multi sports – different sports activities each week with John. Free – Y2	

“Street Dance club was so much fun. It’s the best club ever! 5 stars!”  
Lolly Year 5



We are delighted to tell you that Usborne Books are holding a virtual book fair from May 3rd - 7th for Brecknock families. Osbourne do lots of great non-fiction, as well as fiction, books and many linked to our STEAM topic plants. Please visit <http://www.quackquackbooks.co.uk> to browse the books and then place your order with our Usborne organiser - Jane Ireland, using the google form.

Placing your order via the google form enables Brecknock to get free books for our library so please don't shop directly through the website.