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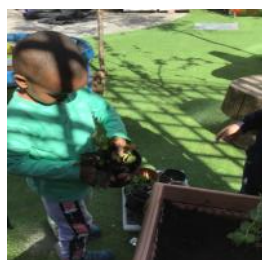
It has been a glorious start to the term with the children straight back into lots of learning and creative exploration. **Summer term letters**, with information about the year group curriculum and events, will be sent out on **Tuesday 27th April**. Thank you for continuing to follow the social distancing guidance at drop off and pick up.

Earth Day 2021

Brecknock went green on Thursday to celebrate Earth Day 2021! Zoe held a special assembly to introduce the day and raise awareness for this important event. The children also took part in **World's Largest Lesson** to learn more about climate change and how they can play an important part in respecting and restoring our planet. Yesterday, we rolled up our sleeves, tidying and de-littering the playgrounds as part of the **Big Clean Up Campaign**.



Children also planted a range of seeds to re-wild our school. We can't wait for our radishes, rocket, snap peas and broad beans to flourish in the roof allotment! There will be tomatoes and courgettes growing in classrooms too. Green fingered **Year 3**, went out to the **Brecknock allotment in Caledonian Park** to do some weeding in preparation for their planting and growing science project. The teachers will also be learning to garden there too!



Every child created a design for the **'Earth day Quilt'**, which will be stitched together by the Mothers CAN group and any **parents that would like to get involved!**. We are excited to see the finished result, which will be displayed in the window of the Education Centre in Caledonian Park!

On Friday, some children shared their experiences and aspirations online in an **Inter-school Earth Summit with Torriano Primary**. The children had some great ideas on how to work together for our community. We are looking forward to our **'Think Big, Act Wild'** STEAM project to start on the **10th May!**



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'Little Steps to Healthy Lives'



The Early Years Team have thoroughly enjoyed working in partnership with **The Health and Wellbeing Team** at Camden this year, with an aim to achieve the **'Little Steps to Healthy Lives'** award. We have focussed on the best possible ways our school and community can work together to continue to improve the health of our young children as well as supporting the health and wellbeing of our families. **Watch this space!**



Lateral Flow Testing



Thank you to all parents who are involved in the **Lateral Flow testing pilot** and have collected tests from school this week. If you would like to access testing in the



community, please see [page 9 and 10](#) where there is information regarding Camden services for local testing.



Ramadan



Thank you to those parents who have informed us that their children are fasting during Ramadan. Please see information on [page 8](#) from Camden Council with guidance about observing **Ramadan safely**.



Sustrans Update



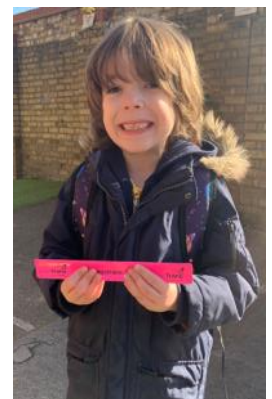
We are excited to be taking part in the **Big Pedal National competition!** Well done all, for keeping healthy by biking, scooting and walking to school. Keep it up and more information can be found on [page 7](#). Here is the this week's **golden lock winner**, with his chosen prize.



Extra-Curricular Clubs



Spaces for our after school clubs are filling up fast. If you would like your child to attend an after school club, please email admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk, before 3pm Sunday evening, as clubs are due to start next week. If your child is unsuccessful in obtaining a place this half term, there will be more opportunities in the second half of the summer term.



Have a lovely weekend,



Helen Bruckdorfer



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 KTFC – football skills with Kentish Town FC and John. Free – Y3&4 https://www.kentishtownfootballacademy.com/	 AFC Double Club – football & learning with Arsenal and Tom. Free – Y3&4 https://www.arsenal.com/doubleclub/the-club/community/about-arsenal-double-club	 JK Academy – street dance Y4 £2.50 per week www.jkdanceacademy.co.uk	 Gardening – Tending to our school plants with Henny and Angie Free – Y3&4	 My Maths – Fun maths activities on a laptop with John. Free – Y4
 Arts & Crafts – with Francesca. Free – Y4		 B-Better – street dance Y3&4 £2.50 per week https://www.b-better.org.uk/	 Multi sports – different sports activities each week with John. Free – Y4	



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 Group 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 -

Learn To Live In The Present

Rather than dwelling on the past or being anxious about the future, the best thing for our mental health is to focus on the here and now. ***"No amount of regretting can change the past, and no amount of worrying can change the future."*** — Roy T. Bennett.

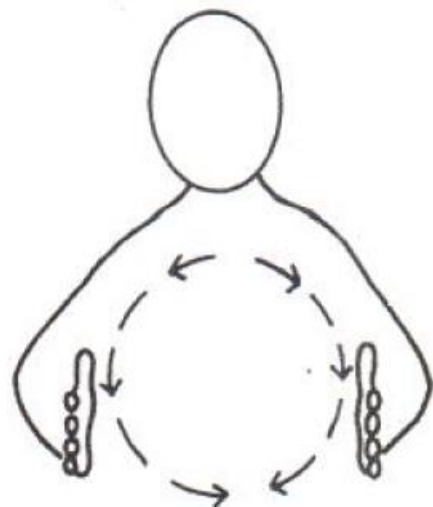
If we get stuck in the past or are preoccupied by problems that might occur in the future, this can lead us to experience anxiety and low mood.

If we can appreciate what we have now, let go of the past, and focus on solving the problems in front of us, rather than things that haven't happened yet, this can increase our happiness and improve our wellbeing.



Sign Of The Week:

Earth





This week in Nursery they have been learning all about the special city that we live in, London. The children have enjoyed reading the story of the 'Queen's hat' learning about the special London landmarks. The children enjoyed using the magnatiles to create the London Eye, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace and even Big Ben. Well done Butterflies!



Reception have been learning to find the total number of items in two groups. Some have been focusing on 'subitising', whilst others used 1:1 correspondence to count the dots on the dice. They have been practising how to 'count on' from the biggest number too.

They also had lots of fun using the P.E apparatus. Using their upper body strength to try to pull ourselves up the ropes and stairs.



Year 1

Year 1 have been doing lots of measuring this week. They even measured all of our tables and chairs! They have also been learning about trees in science.



Year 2

Year 2 created posters this week for Earth Day, focusing on the importance of understanding climate change and how we look after the Earth.



Year 3

Year 3 went on the first class outdoor trip this week! They may only have gone to Caledonian Park, but it was a great moment for them all. They enjoyed taking part in a nature hunt, identifying common British plants and then using that information back in the classroom to compare and contrast the plants.



Year 4

In literacy this week, Year 4 used drama to better explore and understand Edward Tulane. Edward is a very dramatic, sensitive and self-absorbed china rabbit. They used hot-seating to express this, which was both hilarious and informative. They will use their understanding of the character to help write their own diary entries from his perspective.



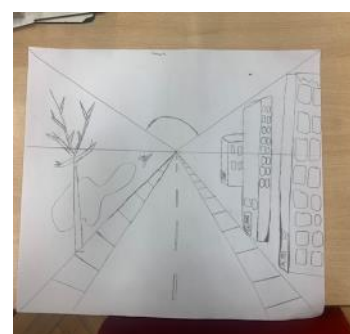
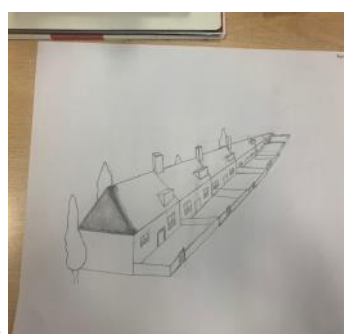
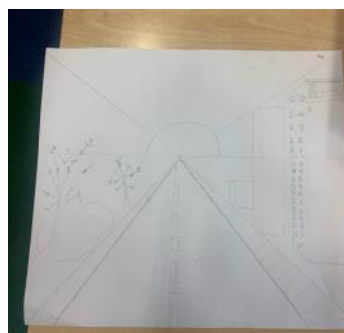
Year 5

Year 5 have started learning about Living Things and their Habitats. To start off their learning journey they took a trip to the local park! Whilst at the park they examined the flowers and had a go at sketching them. Next lesson they will identify the different parts of a plant.

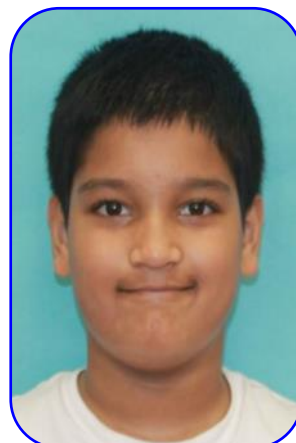
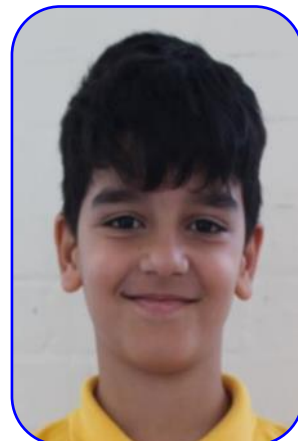
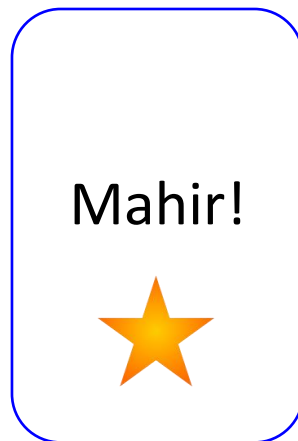


Year 6

This week Year 6 have started their new art unit - landscapes. They began by learning how to draw with perspective. Below are some examples of the work the children created.



★ 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 16: Stop, relax, think and listen. Spend some time outside or in nature, look up at the trees and sky, close your eyes and listen to the sounds around you. Think about all the things you appreciate in the world and everything that our earth gives us.



Appreciating all the wonders of our world and all the amazing things our earth gives us will help inspire us to care for our earth. In turn, this will help us to fight the climate crisis and restore our earth.



We are taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. Don't forget to walk, cycle, scoot or skate to school to keep your mind and body healthy and to help Brecknock complete the challenge.

Take part in the Big Pedal Family competition by photographing your active journey. Post it to Instagram, Facebook or Twitter, tag [@Sustrans](#) and use [#BigPedalWin](#) to be in with a chance of winning a prize for your family.

Go Brecknock!

KEEP CAMDEN SAFE

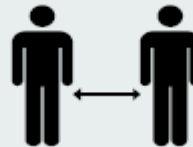
Please follow this advice to stay safe during communal or private worship:



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly



Wear a face covering unless exempt



Stay 2 metres from others, except those in your bubble or household



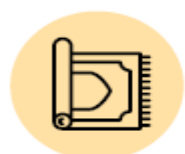
Keep places of worship well ventilated by opening windows



Avoid greeting others with close contact



Cover your mouth if you need to cough or sneeze



Bring your own prayer mat or religious texts to avoid contamination

GOT COVID SYMPTOMS? SELF-ISOLATE AND GET TESTED



Do not leave the house or enter a place of worship
Get a free test by calling 119 for free or at nhs.uk/coronavirus



Thank you for everything you're doing to keep Camden safe



If you're a member of Camden's Muslim community and currently observing Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarak! Here are some tips to observe it safely:

1. If you'll be visiting your local mosque, please do it safely by following above advice.
2. If you're planning to observe Ramadan at home instead of visiting the mosque, you could stream pre-recorded or live Islamic lectures or taraweeh instead and pray with loved ones over Zoom or hold virtual iftars.
3. Please enjoy iftar and catching up with loved ones safely and in line with the rules to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus to keep those around you safe:
 - Only socialise indoors with your household or bubble
 - Only socialise outdoors in groups of 6 or 2 households
 - Avoid sharing platters of food
4. If you're eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, please book an appointment to have it because it could prevent you getting seriously ill and could save your life. It's free from animal products and won't invalidate the fast. Book now by calling 119 for free or at nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

BOOK A LATERAL FLOW TEST

- ✓ Tests available to everyone
- ✓ You must not have any COVID-19 symptoms
- ✓ It's fast – get results in 45 minutes
- ✓ It's free



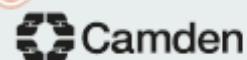
Book a test by scanning the QR code

Or to find out more and book online: camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

If your test result is negative this means you don't currently have coronavirus. You should continue to follow the national guidance and public health advice to keep yourself and others safe.

If your test result is positive you and your household must self isolate and you must book a follow-up PCR test to confirm the result within 48hrs. To book, visit gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

If you need help to self-isolate please contact the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9) or visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus



Book an in-person test.
Home test kits are also
available to pickup.



- 1 33-35 Jamestown Road, NW1 7DB, open Monday to Friday, 7.30am-7.30pm
- 2 Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3 3HA, open Monday to Friday, 7.30am-2.30pm
- 3 The London Irish Centre, enter via Murray Street, NW1 9XB open Monday and Thursday, 7.30am-2.30pm
- 4 JW3, 341-351 Finchley Rd, London (enter via Lymington Rd), NW3 6ET, open Monday to Friday, 7.30am - 2.30pm
- 5 The Dome, 170 Weedington Road, NW5 4NU, open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
- 6 Triton Café at Regent's Place, 17-19 Triton Street, Regent's Place NW1 3BF, open Monday to Friday, 9am -5pm
- 7 Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD, open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
- 8 The Allen Hall at Dobson Court, Bourne Estate, Portpool Lane, EC1N 7AA, open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm

Please remember to follow social distancing guidelines and wear your face covering to the lateral flow test site, unless you are exempt. Please bring ID with your name on to your appointment.

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