

The Right to be Heard and be Healthy!

The sun has finally come out at the **end of a successful half term** at Brecknock. The children have been active learners throughout, connecting with nature through STEAM learning and promoting healthy minds and bodies in numerous outdoor activities and creative workshops.

We are very proud of how committed the children are to shaping change in their school environment and community.



Our fantastic School Council took part in the **Children's Conference** on Thursday, presenting to the Greater London Authority on how passionate they feel about the environment. They spoke with authority about reducing plastic waste, the impact of littering and about the importance of clean air. The children explained about local traffic congestion and the **impact pollution is having on their health**. The panel and the Deputy Mayor were **blown away by the children's call to action and gave some lovely comments:**

'Well done Brecknock, such a great presentation, especially about the environment, you should be very proud'

'Such intelligent individuals- well done! You guys should be running the country -honestly :)'



Beautiful Earth Day Quilt

Huge thanks to Irene and Claire from the Mothers Can group for sewing together the wonderful Earth Day Quilt. **Each patch has been carefully created by the children** and put together to give a **strong collective environmental message from our school community.**



Contact tracing over May Half-Term

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils, students and staff. This remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus. Where pupils, students or staff **test positive** for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms **more than 2 days since being in school, no action is needed**. Staff, young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, **where pupils, students or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school, please notify the school** by emailing c19@brecknock.camden.sch.uk so we can support with contact tracing as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.



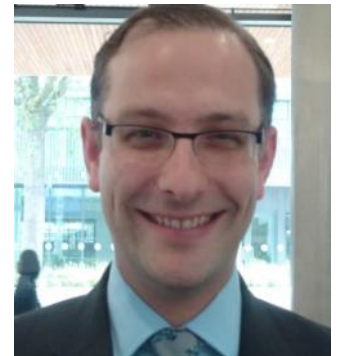
Inset Day - Reminder

We planned to have an INSET Day on Monday 7th June 2021. School will therefore be open on **Tuesday 8th June**. We will break up for the summer term on **Thursday 22nd July**.

Have a wonderful bank holiday and half term week.

Best wishes,

Helen Bruckdorfer



Message from the Governors

Governors met on Friday and Monday to discuss options for Brecknock next year. I am pleased to share with you that governors have agreed to enter into a partnership with Torriano Primary School, which will see Helen Bruckdorfer continue as our Executive Headteacher.

The detail of the partnership will be arranged over the coming half term, but we felt it was important to share an update with you before the holiday.

It has been another successful half term for the children and the staff, and so we wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

Richard Harrison Chair of Governors

HAVE A HAPPY HALF TERM

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

Wednesday 30th June - Friday 2nd July

Yr 6 Camping Trip

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

Wednesday 1st September

INSET DAY - Staff Training. School Closed

Thursday 2nd September

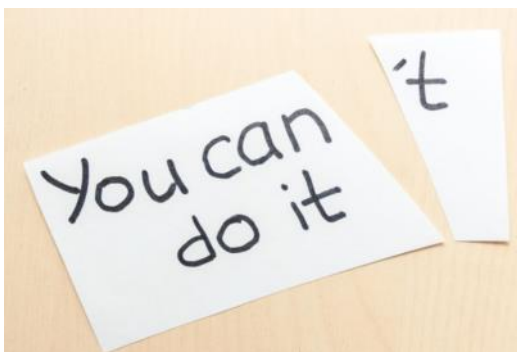
School reopens - first day of Autumn Term 21/22

Wellbeing Tip of the Week -

Overcoming The Fear Of Failure

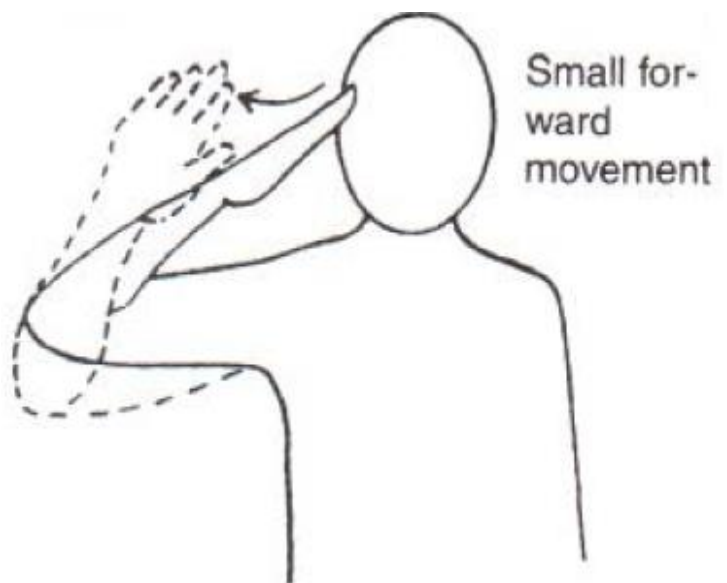
Failure is an inevitable part of life. We all make mistakes. But why do we let it stop us from trying? When we experience failure, feelings of rejection are triggered and our brain processes it as physical pain. This is why failure can feel like it hurts physically as well as emotionally. We might stop trying in order to protect ourselves from experiencing these feelings again. But, if we stop trying, we'll never grow and reach our potential.

It's important to learn to work through the pain of a failure. First step is to accept those difficult feelings so we can process them and move forward and then try to put the situation into perspective. We can then re-focus on our original goal and consider what we can learn from our failure and do differently next time to get us closer to our goal. The only thing standing in the way of success is our fear of failure. *"The one who falls and gets up is stronger than the one who never tried. Do not fear failure but rather fear not trying."* Paulo Coelho.



Sign Of The Week:

Holiday

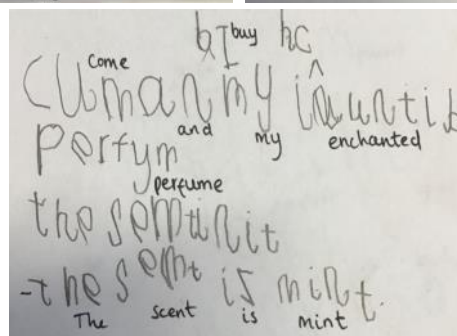
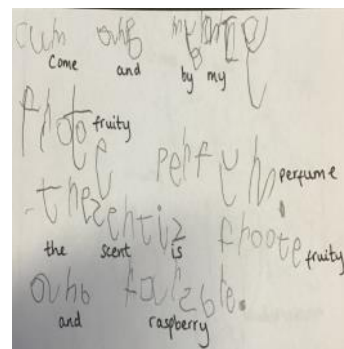
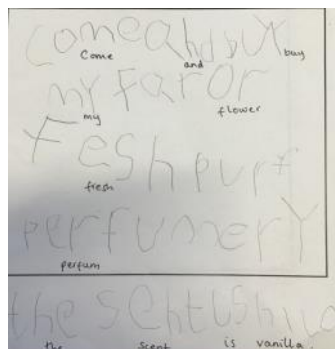




This week Nursery have continued to work on rewilding their outdoor area. The children have enjoyed planting raspberries, basil and runner beans. They have also loved using lots of natural objects to create the bug hotel and have loved exploring finding different mini-beasts in their new habitat. The outdoor area has definitely improved.



This week, reception have been learning about our sense of smell. The words of the day over the week were **scent, aroma, perfumed and advertisement**. After smelling vanilla, cinnamon, peppermint and lemon they created their very own personalised perfumes. They thought of all the creative ways to describe their scents to write an advertisement.



Year One went on an exciting trip to Clock Tower Park last week. As part of their science topic they were learning to identify different types of trees by looking at their leaves. The children were lucky enough to find lots of different types of trees, oak trees, holly trees and sycamore to name just a few!



They have also been looking at the different parts of a plant and sorting them under the correct headings.



In their Maths lessons this week, Year 2 have been focusing on measurement. They have been learning how to measure in centimetres and metres. They were challenged to measure various parts of the playground the metres and then convert it into centimetres.



Year 3

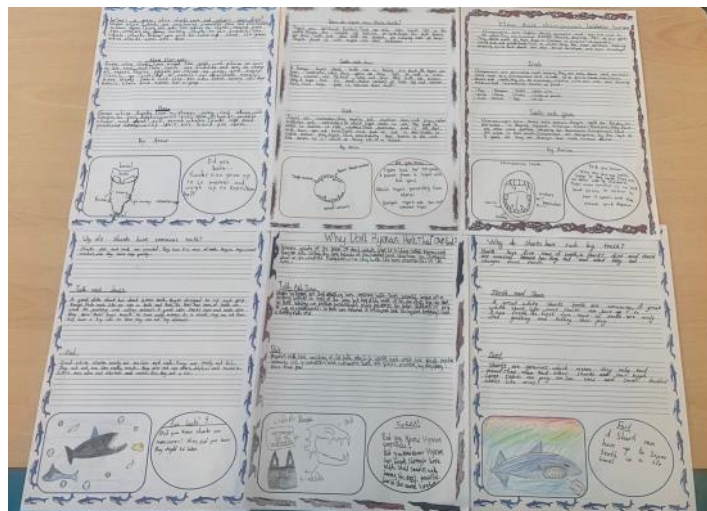
3B made paper copters inspired by Sycamore tree seeds. We tested them in the play-ground and users stop watches to time them. We even tested them against real sycamore seeds - turns out the real deal flew for longer!



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been busy learning all about explanation texts! Their learning journey began with identifying the features of an explanation text before we moved onto the use of causal conjunctions to make our reading more interesting. They then planned, researched, wrote and published our amazing texts based on animal teeth!

Did you know, sharks have around 3000 sharp, serrated teeth arranged in rows of 300 each!



Year 5

This week, Year 5 had a workshop from Tender, an arts charity who work with young people to promote healthy relationships based on equality and respect. It was a really interesting workshop with a mix of games, drama and discussion.

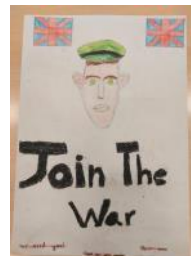


Year 5 have also been enjoying the process and critical thinking of DT. They are working towards making a bird box. This week, they had a go at designing their bird box and building a prototype of their design.

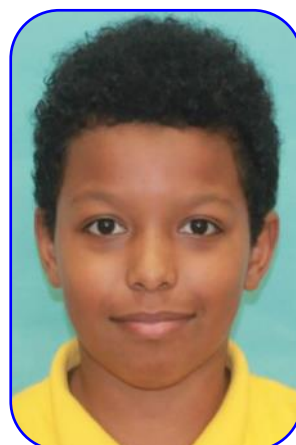


Year 6

This half term Year 6 have been learning about World War One. They learnt about how the British government persuaded people to join the front line or help with the war effort at home. They made some propaganda posters.



★ 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 21: Recycle your batteries. You can find battery recycling bins in most big supermarkets and we also have one in school. Next time you need new batteries consider buying rechargeable batteries and a charger, it is better for the environment and will save you money in the long run.



Different types of batteries can contain dangerous chemicals including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and even mercury. When batteries begin to rot away in landfill sites these chemicals may leak into the ground, causing soil and water pollution. When chemicals contaminate soil and water animals, humans and the environment can be harmed. Recycling is a great way to help protect the environment. Each battery placed in a recycling bin will be taken apart and the materials will be used to make something new.

