

We hope that you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. We reach the end of a short but busy week at Brecknock, excited about 'Thinking Big and Acting Wild' on our STEAM adventure next week.



## REWILDING GALORE!

On Thursday, Angie launched **STEAM with a fabulous assembly** about using our Science, Maths, Technology and Engineering skills creatively to improve our environment. **We are really excited to be working with CRICK institute and Power up North London to bring our learning to life!** Many of the children in KS1 and KS2 are now well into their new STEAM projects and can't wait to share their progress with you. Year 3 have been busy looking after our allotment and Year 2 have been planting lots of seeds in our roof garden. Gardening club have also been digging weeds and prepping the beds. **We can't wait for the Green Team election next Friday!**



## Eid Celebration/ PTA Group

Thank you to all those who attended our meeting to discuss Eid celebrations on Wednesday. If you would like to be part of the working group to support organising this, please complete the form below with your details by Tuesday 11th May.

<https://forms.gle/EaJ3kyDjbJPuXw147>

## In-school celebrations

We will be celebrating Eid in school on **Friday 21st May** when we will be having a whole school assembly, to which **all parents are welcome**. This will be online due to current Covid restrictions. We will be sending out a link and details of other **Eid activities in our Eid celebration letter next week**.



**Sports Day will take place for Years 5 and 6 at Parliament Hill on Thursday 20th May.** Please see [page 7](#) of this newsletter. We will update you regarding Sports Day dates for the rest of the school shortly.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Helen Bruckdorfer

**Wednesday 12th / Thursday 13th 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 5 - 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

**Thursday 2nd September**

School reopens - first day of Autumn Term 21/22

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week -

### Growth Mindset vs Fixed Mindset

Growth mindset is the belief that we can "grow" our abilities through hard work, a willingness to learn and being open to feedback. Fixed mindset is the belief that we can't change or improve. Research has shown that a growth mindset allows people to navigate stress more effectively and can lead to higher levels of wellbeing. To achieve growth mindset, we need to:

- Accept our imperfections
- See challenges as opportunities for self-improvement
- Replace the word "failing" with the word "learning" – when we make a mistake, we haven't failed, we've learned
- Value the effort we have put in, over the end result

Practice one of these ideas each week to help you achieve a growth mindset. "I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." *Thomas Edison*

#### FIXED vs. GROWTH MINDSET



## Sign Of The Week:

### Breathe



palm flat on chest  
moves gently away  
and back





This week in the Nursery the children had a big problem to solve. They were given The Queen's Crown Jewels to look after. This allowed the children to do some lovely number work and to learn how to match the correct number of jewels with a numeral. Then overnight the jewels were stolen so the children had to get really busy using their sounds to write their own missing posters. Thankfully The Queen's Jewels were found and returned safely back to her.



This week, Reception have been learning about our sense of hearing. They explored different sounds by designing and making their own instruments to play.

In maths, they have had lots of fun playing their own class board game. It had lots of 'chance' cards and maths challenges for the children to complete along the way.



The Year 1 children have been measuring out different amounts of water, as they have been learning all about capacity this week.



In preparation for their STEAM design and technology project, Year 2 have been designing their own plant pots. They had to choose the most effective shape to use, the appropriate materials for it to be made out of and any special features it may have.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

LO: To design a reusable plant pot	I	S	GW
• I can explain what reusable means			
• I can choose what my plant pot is made out of			
• I can draw my plant pot			

What shape is your plant pot going to be and why?  
It is going to look like a wood pot because it will not break

What is your plant pot going to be made out of and why?  
It is going to be made out of paper because it looks nice

Special features:  
my plant will move around.

Draw a picture of your plant pot: OK

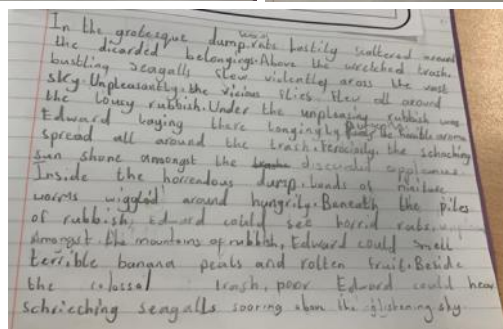
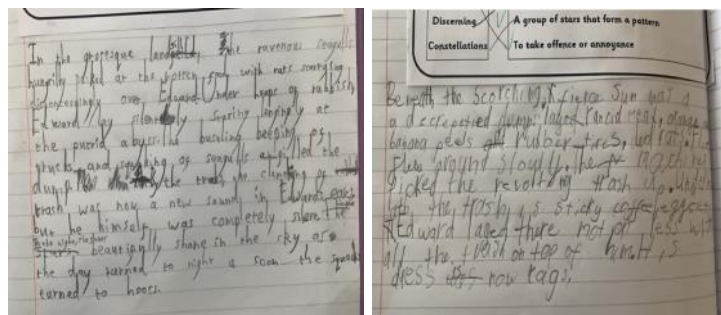
### Year 3

Year 3 have planted sunflower seeds, broad beans and peas! The children will write instructions on how to plant a seed and look after it throughout the week to add to their information text on plants.



### Year 4

This week Year 4 have been building their English skills to write a setting description. They have been working on the different features of a setting description to write an effective description of the dump where Edward has ended up. *Can you imagine being there from some of the amazing examples?*



### Year 5

The highly anticipated Reading Road Map has been launched in Year 5 and the children are very excited! After just a week of reading there are a few children already heading towards a Bronze Certificate, which means they have raced through 5 books! It has been great to hear the children talking about their books and offering recommendations. Keep up the great reading, Year 5!

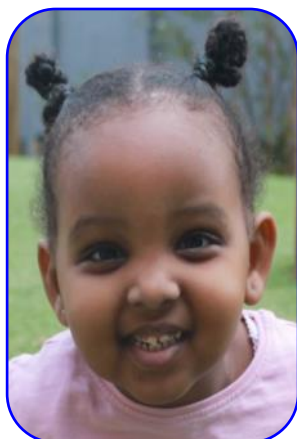


### Year 6

Year 6 have continued with their art topic, 'landscapes'. This week they used different techniques to draw and colour a simple landscape.



★ 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 18: Grow your own fruit, vegetables and herbs.** Strawberries, salad leaves, herbs and tomatoes can easily be grown in containers on a balcony or outside your front door. For more advice or inspiration check out the RHS website <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/beginners-guide>

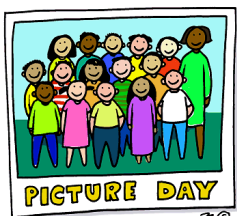


There are lots of benefits to growing your own food, you will reduce your food miles, save money and improve your health and well-being. Remember to use peat-free compost. Peat bogs are valuable habitats for wildlife and important stores of carbon. Removing peat results in the release of carbon dioxide into our environment which contributes to global warming. Grow your own food and you can enjoy fresh, pesticide free produce right on your doorstep.

This term we are going to be busy growing fruit and vegetables at our school allotment in Caledonian Park. We would love some parent volunteers to help look after the plants at the weekends and during the holidays.

There is also a special raised bed for our school parents to use, we'd love you to get involved and grow produce for your family. **Please contact Henny** for more information: [h.wedmore@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:h.wedmore@brecknock.camden.sch.uk)





Group Class photos will be taken on **Wednesday 19th May**.

The photographer will be sticking to current social distance rules and Procedures throughout the day, ensuring that the class photos are taken safely.

On the day, your child will be given a **QR code**, so that you have the option to purchase the **class photos online**, after a couple of days. Orders are then delivered to the school within a few weeks and handed out to the children.

**Children should come to school in the correct uniform for the class photo.**

Thank you



**Years 5 - 6** will be taking part in the brilliant Brecknock Sports' Day on **Thursday 20th May**.

This will take place at the **Parliament Hill Athletic Track**.

Please remember to dress your child appropriately (navy shorts if warm, navy tracksuit bottoms if chilly). They should wear their white P.E t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.

If the weather is warm, please remember to apply sun-cream on your child in the morning, to provide with a hat and a bottle of water. If your child is usually school dinners, you will need to provide them with a packed lunch and water - unless they are Free School Meals, and then the school will provide them with a packed lunch from school.

***Nursery - Year 4's date will be confirmed shortly.***