

The end of COVID restrictions

As announced this week, the roadmap for Covid recovery will move to Step 4 with the removal of the majority of Covid restrictions on Monday 19th July. This will be confirmed next Monday, 12th July. The removal of restrictions happens two days before the end of term and the following guidance has been issued to schools.



'At Step 4 we will no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). When we proceed to Step 4, this means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision (for example, summer schools) or in schools from the autumn term.'

This means that we can plan to return to normal school operations from the start of the new school year in September, but will also keep restrictions in place until the end of this term.

We will still have to monitor all the children for symptoms of Covid and they will still need to get a negative PCR test result before returning to school but we will be able to get back to normal school. We look forward to it!

I will contact you again with more information about next year as soon as our plans are finalised. Infection rates are on the rise in Camden so please continue to follow the measures in place at the school until the end of term.

Sports Days!

We have enjoyed non stop fun, with our Olympic inspired year sports days this week. The Year 1,2,3 and 4 children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship in a range of games and challenges. A huge well done to all of the children and big thanks to the staff and Tom, for making the event so successful. Early Years are yet to come! See pages [9](#) and [10](#) for more pictures.



What a buzz at Brecknock!

The year 3 children went to Holland Park Ecology Centre on Thursday to learn about our favourite super pollinators. Our year 3's were the bees knees and really enjoyed being free to play in Holland Park too.

We also had a visit to Reception as part of the Honeybee Programme and learnt about the vibrations from our buzzy friends.



Summer fun!

We will be **bouncing our way to the end of term**. Following our need to postpone the Summer Fair to September, the Brecknock PTA have organised for the children to have a **very bouncy time**! There will be **bouncy castles** in the EYFS area and MUGA area for each bubble to enjoy. There will be a very **special raffle held next week** to help raise funds for the event. **Please show your support! More information on [page 11](#) of this newsletter.**



Parents Evening

Annual Reports will be sent out on **Monday 12th July**. This report will inform you about your child's achievements, progress and targets this year. If you would like to discuss the report in more detail with your child's class teacher. Meetings can be booked **for Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th July** via the **school booking link** shared in a recent letter. There is also an opportunity for you to meet your **child's new teacher** on **Monday 19th**. **More details to follow.**

Eid Al-Adha

Our Muslim families will soon be **celebrating EidAl-Adha**. This date is dependant on the sighting of the moon and is predicted for **Tuesday 20th July**.



Farewell Jo

Farewell to the lovely Jo Curran, who has been part of the **Brecknock family for 23 years**, **is retiring from her role as Learning Support Assistant**. So many children have benefitted from her love, support and guidance in this time. I remember Jo, when I started teaching at Brecknock 20 years ago - a well respected member of the team and champion of children. Jo was a former pupil and her own children also attended the school, in fact her own mother worked here at Brecknock too! **Jo is Brecknock through and through - she will be greatly missed by all.**



We finish the term at 2pm on Thursday 22nd July. Please **check the term dates that are now published on the school website** and the link can be found on [page 3](#) of this letter. If you are intending to travel abroad, please ensure that you have allowed time for quarantine measures if restrictions are in place. Children are expected to be back at school on **Thursday 2nd September**.

Have a lovely weekend - **let's hope we get a good result!**

Helen

D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th July

End of year School Reports go home

Monday 12th July

2021/2022 Classes announced

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th July

Virtual Online Parents Evening - [schoolcloud](#)

Wednesday 14th July

Reception Sport's Day

Thursday 15th July

Year 6 Brighton Trip

Wednesday 21st July

Nursery Sports Day

Wednesday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers Disco

Thursday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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

To see the New Term Dates for the 2021 - 2022 School year, please visit our website [here](#).

Wellbeing Tip of the Week

Commit To Something That Brings You Joy

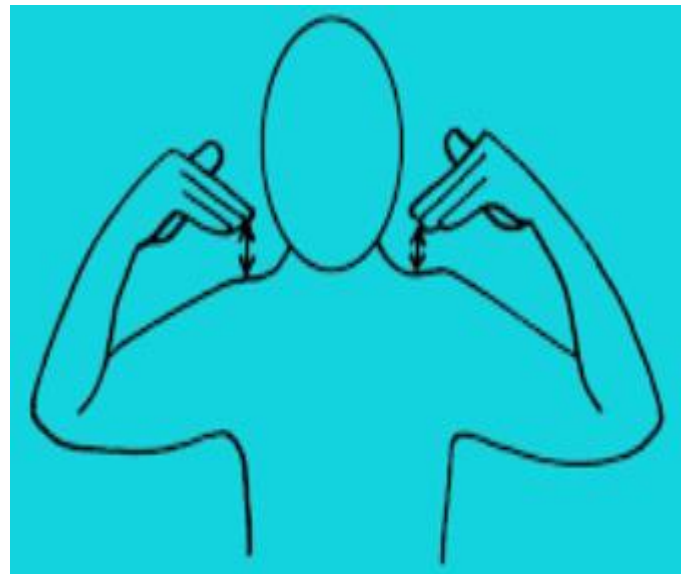
This week we want to focus on committing regularly to something that makes you feel good. Joy and laughter are medicinal, research has shown that laughter increases serotonin and endorphins in the brain, replenishes the lungs, relaxes muscles, eases tension in the body and strengthens our immune systems. Laughter also relieves everyday worry and stress, adds positivity and resilience to life, improves overall happiness and mood, and helps ease worry and fear.

Your go-to joy may be watching funny TV shows, playing with your pet, meeting friends or family, listening to music or going through old photos and videos. Whatever it is, investing in joy is not a waste of time. To start off, aim to have 30 minutes of joy every week, then increase this to at least 30 minutes a day. Enjoy!



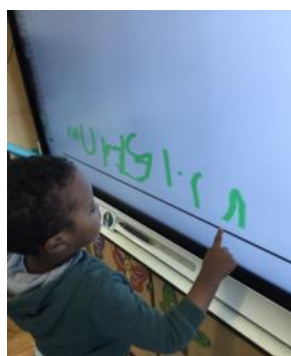
Sign Of The Week:

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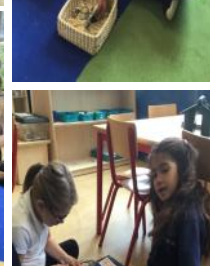


In preparation for many of the children's move up to Reception in a few weeks, the children have been working hard learning to write their names. It has been wonderful to see the confidence and perseverance that the children have shown in learning how to write these. Look at how well they have done!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous time acting out their own versions of Goldilocks! They have also been learning all about money. They enjoyed making a pretend shop and using notes and coins to buy what they wanted.



Reception

This week, Reception were very fortunate to have a special visit from a beekeeper. They learned all about honeybees and other bees, anatomy, the nest and life cycle, the importance of bees in food production and bee products such as honey. They even got to see the bees live in an observation hive.

Then they tried some of the yummy honey; it was a thumbs up from Reception.



Year 2

Linked in with their focus on prominent figures such as Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, Year 2 created their own portraits in the style of the famous artist Michael Basquiat. They had to create the stencil out of card and then used primary colours to create the finished piece.



Year 3

What a busy week for Year 3. They have been learning all about Male and Female body part in their SRE lessons and have been practicing their time tables and even went on a coach trip to Holland Park Ecology Centre. The trip had them buzzing with excitement! Could learning about pollination BEE any more fun? Check out their super cool bee protection suits! Thank you #wholekidsfoundation #schoolfoodmatters and #hollandparkecolgycentre!



Year 4

From worker bees to the Queen Bee herself, Year 4 were buzzing with excitement when they were visited by the London Beekeepers Association. Joined by a member of School Food Matters, the children covered topics such as honeybees and bees, the anatomy, the nest and life cycle and how important bees are in food production! Did you know, there are over 20,000 species of bees around the world!



Year 5

In History Year 5 have been learning about the origins of paper. They also looked at different Islamic art and scripture. They then had a go at making our own ink with coffee and attempted to recreate Islamic patterns.

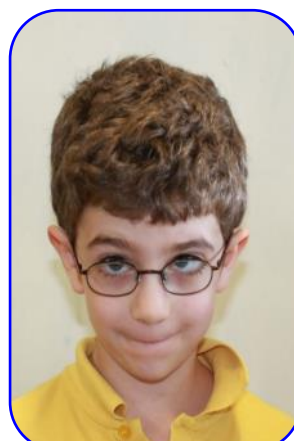
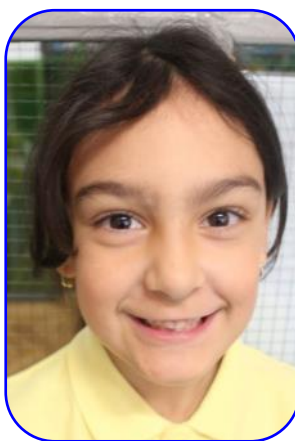
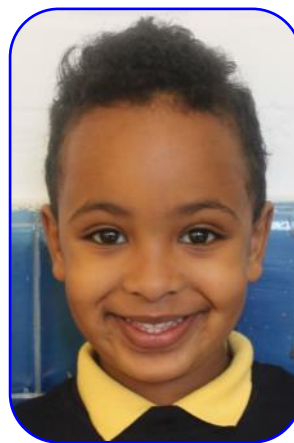


Year 6

This week Year 6 have been having lot of fun working together to solve investigations in maths. In the investigation below they had to work out how to fit several squares together to make one big rectangle with no gaps or over lapping. They had to work together systematically to solve the problem.



★ 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 26: Ask your energy company to install a smart energy meter in your house. This will allow you to track how much energy each of your appliances are using and may help you to reduce your energy consumption. Whether that's swapping bulbs for energy saving LEDs, using the tumble dryer less often or insulating your home, you'll be able to quickly see if you're using less energy.



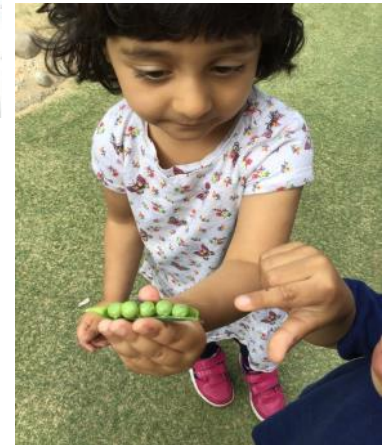
Around 44% of our electricity still comes from power stations which burn fossil fuels. Extracting and burning fossil fuels is major contributor towards global warming. By reducing our energy consumption we can keep more fossil fuels in the ground. Get smart, save energy, save money!

From farm to fork at Brecknock

The children have been enjoying the fruits of their labour in our EYFS garden, school allotment in Caledonian Park and from our roof garden. So far they've harvested peas, strawberries, lettuces, potatoes and garlic. They'll be lots more to harvest in the coming months.



Back in November the EYFS children planted garlic cloves into the soil. In May the cloves had grown into beautiful garlic bulbs. The children harvested the bulbs and left them to dry. We then made our own garlic butter to create garlic bread. It was delicious!

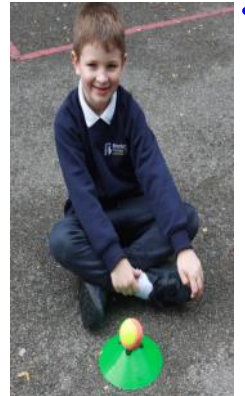


HELP WANTED!

We would love some families to help look after our school allotment in the Summer holidays. If you are able to help water or care for the plants please contact Henny h.wedmore@brecknock.camden.sc h.uk or the Brecknock PTA



KS1 SPORT'S DAY!



LKS2 SPORT'S DAY!





Tickets are on sale now for a mini summer raffle, raising money to get a bouncy end of term treat for the whole school!

£1 per strip of tickets

You can find our helpful sellers on the gates in the mornings and afternoons.

Prizes up for grabs are:

- ♦ A Tennis Court Session
- ♦ A voucher for dinner
- ♦ A bottle of Casillero del Diablo
- ♦ A mini bottle of Champagne
- ♦ A mini bottle of Prosecco
- ♦ £50 Odeon Gift Card
- ♦ A week's worth of School Dinners for a child
- ♦ And more to be announced!

