

This newsletter celebrates Brecknock's final achievements of the term, **as we draw to the close of an extremely eventful academic year**. The children have been totally amazing this year - taking each challenge and change as it comes. We cannot thank you, our parents and carers, enough, for your unwavering support.



## Goodbye Year 6!

We managed to get to the end of term and despite 6B's bubble closure, they made it to the seaside and enjoyed the rollercoasters in Brighton! We had a brilliant BBQ and disco yesterday, where it was so lovely to watch the children have their last party together. **Today we said a fond goodbye to our very special year 6 children**. We celebrated their Brecknock years in two moving outdoor leavers assemblies. Tears were shed! We will all miss this brilliant group of children, who leave Brecknock with lots of special memories, friendships and achievements. We wish them all the very best and know that they will continue to thrive in their new schools. **In the spirit of Brecknock, Year 6 recorded their own version of 'The Bare necessities' as a goodbye to Brecknock**. Please sing along with this smashing group of children! Enjoy below!

## EYFS Sports Days

The Nursery Team had a super Sports Day this morning at Brecknock! Held in the morning due to anticipated afternoon scorching sun the children all participated in a round robin style activity bonanza! The four teams each had a go at 'The Dressing Up' race, 'The Friendship' race, The 'Mandarin' race and 'Kick a Goal' against Dave our premises manager. The children then enjoyed a special picnic lunch and a party in the afternoon! Please look out for photos on Tapestry!



## Thank you and the PTA!

We certainly needed a bounce last week - and boy did we get one! The PTA have been truly amazing, working hard to make special things happen for the children and community. **Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the raffle**. This funded **two bouncy castles, which provided great joy for children and staff!** We are very grateful for your support and efforts this year **and look forward to our next PTA event in the autumn term**. Please get involved and show your support in the next academic year. Well done to our raffle winners and **a special thank you to Lindsey for working her magic**.



## Reading Reading Reading!

**We are incredibly proud of our brilliant Brecknock readers**. The children have sprinted through the reading road map, devouring books as they go! We have so many gold, silver and bronze readers at the end of term. A totally special mention goes to Rizwan who has achieved the coveted **PLATINUM certificate - a whopping 40 Books!** Amazing! Well done to all of the children who took part. We look forward to more reading excitement next year, but until then, make sure you compete in the **Kentish Town Summer Reading Challenge**. The Kentish Town librarians treated us to a special assembly for both schools this week and explained how to take part so keep reading! Huge thanks to the parents who attended the parents reading focus group too.



## Thank yous and Goodbyes

We say goodbye to many wonderful, committed members of staff this week. We wish them the very best in their endeavours. **Particular thanks to Zoe, Henny, Muzeyin and Jo, who leave us after many years of commitment to the school and community**.



**It has been a pleasure to join you at Brecknock this year** and I am excited to continue to work across the schools with both the Brecknock and Torriano teams. It has been particularly **lovely, getting to know and working with the Brecknock staff, who have shown great resilience and commitment throughout**. I am also very appreciative of the governing body, who bring great expertise and guidance to the leadership of the school. It has been a joint effort to achieve so much through such challenging times and we have truly learnt the value of community.

It just remains for me to wish you a restful and safe summer. I do hope that you manage to get a break and enjoy some quality family time. We look forward to seeing your children in September.

Happy safe holidays.  
Helen Bruckdorfer

## Looking forward - a message from Conor

I am delighted to be continuing at Brecknock next year as Head of School. This school has an abundance of energy and positivity, and I feel privileged to have been appointed by the school governors. I am committed to the continued success and development of Brecknock and excited to work closely with Helen and the other members of SLT to develop opportunities for all.



I am confident Brecknock can flourish at the heart of the community and I look forward to working with the children and their families more closely in September. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Conor

## A Message from Richard Harrison, Chair of Governors

Dear Families

I said at Easter that it had been a spring term like no other, and now that we are at the end of the school year I can assuredly say that it has been a *year* like no other.



As a school community we have managed Cal's absence and her leaving the school, re-started school in September with restrictions on the way children and staff interacted, navigated a local lockdown followed by a national lockdown, managed another re-start, and ended the year agreeing to work in partnership with Torriano and Helen for another year. Throughout these various challenges, the commitment and encouragement shown by families has been fundamental, epitomised most in my mind at the Winter Fair in December, when it was wonderful to meet so many of you face-to-face.

The Governing Body and I are grateful for how you have supported the school through this year. We appreciate the resilience shown by the children in this strangest of years, and the patience parents, carers and other families members have shown. Thank you.

We are, of course, hugely grateful to the incredible staff of Brecknock for their continued devotion and care. They have supported children to return, re-engage and remember the power of the shared learning experience. We wish those staff leaving us – Henny, Zoe, Muzeyin, Jo – the very best for their futures, and look forward to welcoming new faces in September.

We have also been humbled by the dedication shown by Brecknock's SLT. Tiggy, Laura, Sam and Rachel have supported Helen and Conor to steer the school through this year so that we are in a strong position going into the 2021-2022 academic year, with a leadership structure that is mirrored in Torriano, and which has the potential to see both schools continue to achieve success. We are delighted that Conor is joining us on a full-time basis next year, and that Lisa will be a member of SLT from September.

Special mention must go to Helen for all that she has done to support Brecknock this year, providing leadership, care and strength at the most challenging of times while getting to know our school and seeing what makes this a special place to learn and work. Thank you, Helen.

It is now time, though, to wish everyone a wonderful and restful summer holiday. I hope you are able to safely enjoy time with family and friends as we all recharge ready for an exciting and successful year to come.

With my very best wishes  
Richard

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## FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 19th July

Parents Meet The Teachers

### Wednesday 21st July

Nursery Sports Day

### Wednesday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers Disco and BBQ

### Thursday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

### Thursday 22nd July

End of the School Year - **School Closes at 2pm**

### Friday 23rd July

Inset Day - Summer Holidays Begin

### Wednesday 1st September

INSET DAY - Staff Training. School Closed

New School Uniform Collection - Times TBC

### Thursday 2nd September

School reopens - first day of Autumn Term 21/22

### Friday 17th September

Bike Service - Bikes need to be pre-booked.

Details to follow.

### Tuesday 12th October

Individual and sibling school photos

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

## Wellbeing Tip of the Week

### Managing anxiety about the summer holidays

Some of us might be a bit anxious about heading into the summer holidays. It might feel a bit like another lockdown; being away from school friends again, not having that same structure and routine, and possibly having summer plans cancelled due to Covid. When we're bored, we can start to overthink things and assume everyone else is having fun when we're not, which can increase our anxiety and cause our thoughts to spiral. Try to take control of these thoughts by questioning how true they are and try to combat your boredom by doing the following:

- Make plans with friends so you have something to look forward to
- Spend time with family doing family outings, meals together or games nights
- Volunteer or start a fundraising project that you're passionate about
- Try out a new hobby e.g. martial arts, gardening, baking, arts and crafts
- Get outside, go for walks, explore places you haven't been before

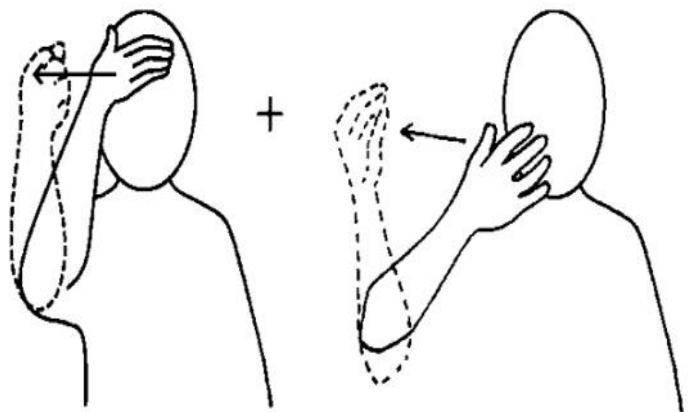
If you need more ideas, check out these websites: <https://www.summerincamden.co.uk/> or [100 things to do when you're bored](#)

If you're concerned about your mental health over the summer, speak to someone and try these Apps: [Kooth](#), [Calm](#), [Headspace](#) or [Catch it](#).



## Sign Of The Week:

### Holiday







Nursery this week have been celebrating art week. They have explored the works of artists such as Van Gogh, Dali, Picasso, Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Banksy and Kandinsky. They have especially focused on the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky and his passion for abstract painting using vibrant colours and shapes. The children have enjoyed creating their own Kandinsky inspired paintings. Take a look at what they have created.

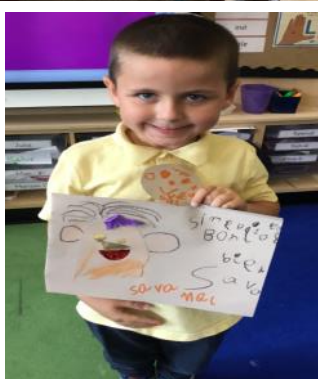


Reception had such a fun week, celebrating both art week AND sports day. They learned all about the famous artist Pablo Picasso and then made our own self portraits inspired by 'cubism'. They used lots of different shapes and colours to represent the different features of our face.

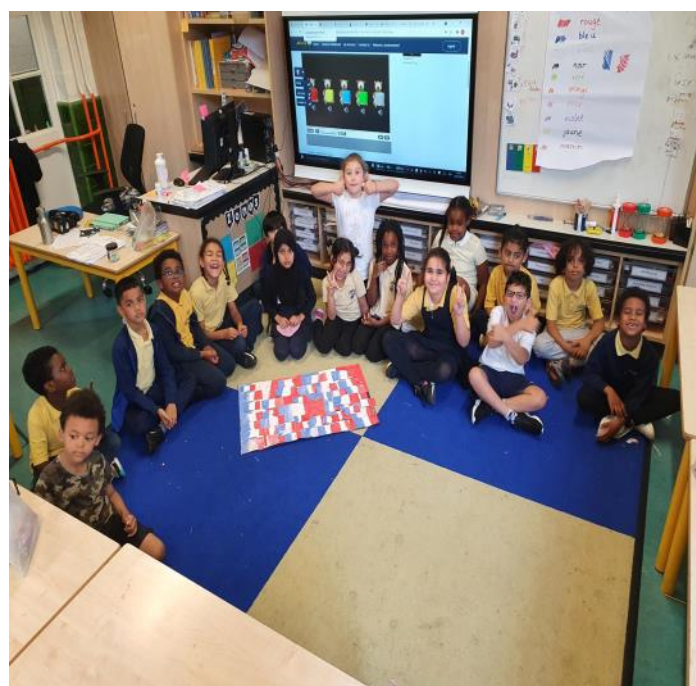
Sports day was a blast. They took part in 4 activities: the friendship race; potato and spoon race; the dressing up race and 'shoot the goal'. We are proud to say that Reception scored the most points against the adults in goal! We finished up with an award ceremony and a yummy picnic.



Year 1 enjoyed learning all about France on B Day. We learned to say 'How are you?', 'I'm fine', 'I'm not good' and 'I'm OK' in French and even made our own Eiffel Towers using spaghetti and grapes!



As the children were celebrating Bastille Day on Wednesday at Brecknock, Year 2 created a mosaic using the French flag. The children learnt the French names for lots of different colours and this helped them create their finished piece.





### Year 3

Year 3 did Science all day on Tuesday last week! The topic was forces and magnets.

They explored forces and friction and learnt about magnets and how they work. The children had fun testing out different types of magnets and testing to see which materials are magnetic or not. Then we tested if magnets are stronger the larger they are (they're not!).



### Year 4

Here are some of the beautiful silk batik art from Year 4. The red, orange, yellow and brown colourways seemed to suit the volcanoes and country and city sunset scenes so well. It is not a quick process with melted wax, permanent dye and a hot iron but the children really refined their skills on these second pieces. Well done Year 4.



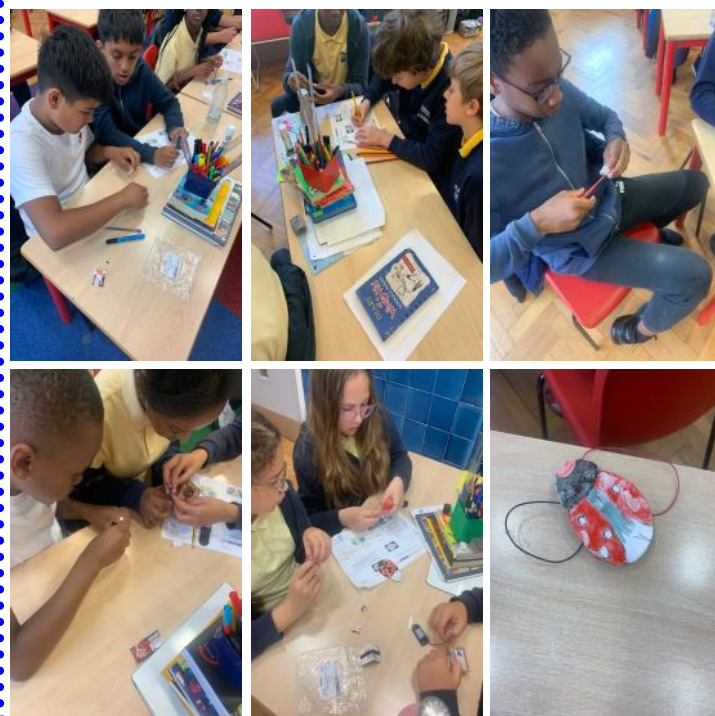
### Year 5

Year 5 have been reading 'Survivors' by David Long in their reading lessons. The children have been gripped by the tales of the courageous survivors as they all have an incredible ability to draw on all their strength, bravery and self-belief in order to survive. The children highly recommend this text to those who loves an adventure!



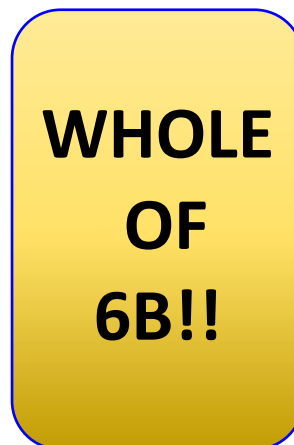
### Year 6

This week we used our D and T skills to make ladybirds with flashing eyes. We used LED flashing lights and made a simple circuit. We then designed our ladybirds and used a screw driver to secure all the parts.





★ 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 27: Encourage active and safe travel in our local area. For the last year Cliff Villas has been a temporary healthy school street. Support the campaign to keep the street closed at drop off and pick up times.

<https://safetravelcamden.commonplace.is/proposals/brecknock-primary-healthy-school-street-cliff-villas>



Creating quieter traffic free streets encourages more people to walk, bike and scoot to school. A traffic free street is much safer for our children and helps to keep the air around our school clean. If we can persuade more people to travel in an active way we will reduce the number of cars on the road and in turn, less greenhouse gases will be released into our atmosphere.

## 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.sch.uk](mailto:h.wedmore@brecknock.camden.sch.uk) or the Brecknock PTA



# Reception SPORT'S DAY!





# Bouncy Fun Day



The collage consists of 20 individual photographs arranged in a grid. Each photo captures a different moment of children and adults enjoying a large, colorful inflatable bouncer. The bouncer has a yellow and red striped interior and a blue and red striped exterior. The photos show children jumping, running, and playing on the bouncer, with some adults also participating. The background shows a grassy area and some trees, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Telephone: 0307 405 6334 Email: [info@gloucestershireplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:info@gloucestershireplaygroup.co.uk)







# **“A BETTER FUTURE”**

## **video competition for young people**

(age categories: 10-12 and 13-16)

Create a video using your  
phone, tablet or laptop with the theme:

**“A BETTER FUTURE”**

(120 seconds max)

and send to:

[betterfuture@cutmoose.com](mailto:betterfuture@cutmoose.com)

**Deadline:  
28 August 2021**

**3 x £50 prizes  
in each category**

Public screening at:  
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