

## Great Start

There have been telling signs of Autumn this week with shorter days and cooler evenings upon us. Our Nursery and Reception children are settling into Brecknock school life brilliantly, making new friends in our lovely EYFS setting.



## Values Bar

We continue to launch our theme **'Time to Talk; Time to Change'**. The children have been learning about their right to be heard and the Brecknock Bright Values. Look out for the new values stickers that show that your child has understood and demonstrated one of the school values!



Article 3 The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

## Meet the Team!

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the **Meet the Team meetings** this week. We will be sending out presentations, curriculum letters and leaflets detailing your children's learning shortly. Please remember the EYFS Meet the Team meetings will follow on **Monday 20th September: Nursery @ 3:45pm and Reception @ 4:15pm**. Please check your emails for the Zoom links for these meetings.



Yesterday was **International Day of Democracy**, which we marked this week by launching our new **School Council** elections. During Monday's assembly we thanked our outgoing school councillors, who did a fantastic job of representing the voices of their classmates over the past year. Children who are keen to be School Councillors this year are encouraged to use their right to be heard and write their manifestos.

**Global Goals Week will be kicking off on Monday.** This annual week focuses on action, awareness, and accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals. It aims to make the world 'hear our voices' through **5 actions across the week focusing on the goals**. Look out for family homework which will encourage you to be involved.

## GLOBAL GOALS WEEK



**London Car Free Day takes place on Sunday 19th September**, providing the unique chance to "reimagine" the city, by walking or cycling. Streets will be closed to cars all over the city with play streets and events open to all - <https://londoncarfreeday.com/>

## Coffee Morning

Please note the change of date for the SLT coffee morning. It is now taking place on Thursday 23rd at 9:30am. We hope to see many of you there and update you on the plans for the year ahead, including the PTA's Autumn plans.

Today is the Jewish Festival of Yom Kippur, a day of fasting and atonement. We hope that all of our Jewish families have a safe and meaningful fast today.



We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Helen and Conor

# Reminder of Sickness and COVID-19 Protocols

We ask all parents to continue to follow, **without exception**, the guidance on **sickness protocols**. This is vital for the safety and protection of all children and staff. **Testing** is available for all children, their households and all staff. **Families need to be incredibly diligent and responsive in following the guidance.** This will be integral to the safe running of the school and must continue this academic year.

## *Illness and new guidance*

**Please do not send your child to school if they are at all unwell and notify the school for the reason of absence.** This includes a cough, cold, temperature, sore throat, stomach complaint or just feeling under the weather. Please follow the [government guidelines](#) if your child or any other family member is showing any symptoms of COVID-19. Please ensure the school is notified **immediately of any COVID-19 test results.**

In line with government guidance, **people are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:**

- They are fully vaccinated (14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine).
- They are below the age of 18 years 6 months.
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial.
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Therefore children can attend school if a member of the family tests positive for Covid. **However if you have a positive case in your household, we ask families to please test all family members with a PCR test before the children come to school.**

Children do not need to wear a face covering while at school but may choose to do so. **Lateral Flow Tests are not recommended for family members in this situation.** [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). As well as getting a PCR test, you may also consider:

- Limiting close contact with other people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces.
- Wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing.
- Limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.
- Taking part in twice weekly [LFD testing](#).

**Please use the following email address to report any COVID positive or negative test results:**  
[C19@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:C19@brecknock.camden.sch.uk)

# **D A T E S** FOR YOUR DIARY

## **Friday 17th September**

Bike Service - Bikes need to be pre-booked.  
Details to follow.

## **Monday 20th September**

- Fluoride Varnish for Butterflies - Year 2
- Nursery 'Meet The Team' - Zoom call  
3.45pm - 4.15pm
- Reception 'Meet The Team' - Zoom call  
4.15pm - 4.45pm
- Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting - Zoom call  
5.00pm - 6.00pm

## **Thursday 23rd September**

Senior Leadership Coffee Morning - Years 1 - 6

## **Thursday 30th September**

- Senior Leadership Coffee Morning - Early Years
- Online Safety Course for Parents

## **Friday 1st October**

Black History Month begins

## **Monday 11th October**

Year 6 Swimming begins (every day for two weeks)

## **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**

### **Overcoming anxiety about friendship**

It's natural at times to feel insecure about our friendships and to sometimes worry that we don't have any friends. The thought of making new friends when we start anything new, like a new school, can feel quite scary too.

The Covid-19 pandemic didn't help! Being away from our friends for so long made lots of us feel lonely or anxious about how it would be with our friends when we came back. Here are some tips for overcoming our anxiety:

- Everyone feels the same anxiety that you do! We are all worried about saying the wrong thing or looking strange. When you realise everyone's busy worrying about themselves, it takes some of the pressure off.
- Try not to overthink everything you said or did. Chances are no one thought anything of it, and these negative thoughts can spiral and make us think things that just aren't true.
- Don't spend all your time checking what other people are doing on social media and comparing yourself. The impression people give over social media is a false reality so it's not worth worrying about.
- Don't change who you are to fit in with others. True friendships are built on people accepting each other for who they really are.



## **Sign Of The Week:**

### **Respect**







The last two weeks in the Nursery has been an exciting time for all. Not only have we had our children that were previously in the Nursery return but we have also gained lots of new friends in the Nursery which has been wonderful! The children have had a great week settling in, becoming familiar with new routines, getting to know their new teachers and exploring the Nursery provision both indoors and outdoors. Here are photos of some of the magical moments of learning that we captured.



## Reception

We are enjoying so many 'firsts' together in Reception! We are selecting our own books during DEAR time, trying new foods during lunch and exploring and experiencing our classroom routines. There's so much to learn - but we are ready to go for it, with our friends by our side!

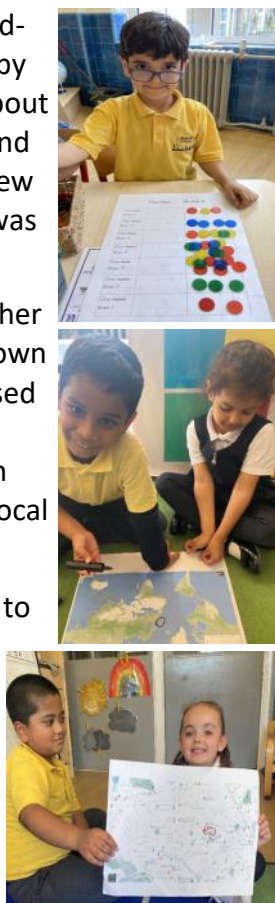


## Year 1

Year 1 have had a fun-filled week so far. We began reading the story 'The High Street' by Alice Melvin. We learned all about how to ask a 'good question' and then had the chance to interview Mr Kumar from the story. He was very entertaining!

We extended our learning further by finding out a bit about our own local area. In geography, we used maps to locate and explore England and Camden. We even used google earth to find our local high street.

In maths, we are learning how to count forwards and backward within 10. We showed our understanding by using different objects to represent the numbers. We then used objects to find one more and one less than a number.



## Year 2

In Year 2 we've been learning about The Great Fire Of London. Here are some photos from our drama activity! The children thought about what a victim of the fire might be thinking or feeling, ready for diary writing at the end of the week.





### Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Stone Age through our text 'Stone Age Boy.' We have written, researched and acted. For today's history lesson it was important we have a more general understanding of World History.

To do so we talked about some of the key moments in world history, learned about chronology and organised some key events from oldest to most recent.



### Year 4

Year 4 have started learning about the Ancient Egyptian Empire. We have been learning an Ancient Egyptian creation story. In the video below they retell the story, using intonation, actions and pausing for effect.

Please use this QR code to watch our fantastic video.



Or please use this link:

<https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/news/ancient-egyptian-creation-story/>



### Year 5

In year 5 we've been really enjoying getting our teeth into our new book 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman. This week we've been stretching our thespian muscles by using hot seating and drama to get into character as Fritz, the terrified Story teller in our book. We'll be using this to help us write a diary entry in character at the end of the week.



### Year 6

In the first two weeks back 6M and 6S have been working hard to make their class charters. We have been discussing the UNICEF 'Rights of the Child' and how we can implement them in our classrooms.



# Stars Of The Week!





# Hilldrop Artistic Takeover

## HILLDROP



## ARTISTIC

## TAKEOVER



FREE Multimedia workshop

Age groups

10-12 yr → 16:30-17:00

12-16 yr → 17:00-18:00

- ★ Film making
- ★ Video editing
- ★ Theatre and performance making
- ★ Collaborative games
- ★ Photography
- ★ Puppetry
- ★ Storytelling
- ★ Writing

At Hilldrop Community Centre

Every Wednesday  
from 15 September 2021



[fb.com/hilldropartistic takeover](https://fb.com/hilldropartistic takeover)  
[instagram.com/cutmoose/](https://instagram.com/cutmoose/)  
[info@cutmoose.com](mailto:info@cutmoose.com)





# Secondary Schools

## Choosing a secondary school in Camden Open events 2021



### Acland Burghley School

Burghley Road, London NW5 1UJ  
020 7485 8515  
[www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk](http://www.aclandburghley.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Tuesday 21 September from 5pm  
**Open mornings:** Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Thursday 23 and Friday 24 September 2021 from 9am  
**Sixth Form:** LaSWAP: Thursday 25 November, 5.30 to 8pm at Acland Burghley School (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))

### Hampstead School

Westbere Road, London NW2 3RT  
020 7794 8133  
[www.hampsteadschool.org.uk](http://www.hampsteadschool.org.uk)



**Open evening:** Tuesday 12 October, 6pm  
**Open mornings:** Tuesdays 21 and 28 September, 5, 12 and 19 October at 9.15am  
**Sixth Form:** Thursday 17 November, 5.30pm

### The UCL Academy

Adelaide Road, London NW3 3AQ 020 7449 3080  
[www.uclacademy.co.uk](http://www.uclacademy.co.uk)



**Open evening:** Tuesday 14 September and 26 October, 5 to 7pm  
**Open mornings:** 17, 22 September, 7 October, 2021, 9am to 10.15am. Please call to book appointments.  
**Sixth Form:** Tuesdays 2 and 16 November, 5 to 7pm

### Parliament Hill School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL  
020 7485 7077  
[www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk](http://www.parliamenthill.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 23 September, 5 to 7.30pm  
**Open mornings:** 28, 29 and 30 September, 9 to 10.30am  
**Sixth Form:** LaSWAP: Thursday 25 November, 5.30 to 8pm at Acland Burghley School (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))

### La Sainte Union

Highgate Road, London NW5 11RP 020 7428 4600  
[www.lasainteunion.org.uk](http://www.lasainteunion.org.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 23 September, 4 to 7pm  
**Open days:** By appointment during weeks beginning 4 and 11 October. Advance booking will be required. Please check the school website for further information and booking form.  
**Sixth Form:** LaSWAP: Thursday 25 November, 5.30 to 8pm at Acland Burghley School (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))

### Camden School for Girls

Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB  
020 7485 3414  
[www.csg.school](http://www.csg.school)



**Open evening:** Monday 20 September, 5pm  
**Open mornings:** Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 September, 9am  
**Sixth Form:** Tuesday 23 November. Tickets available Thurs 1 Oct  
**Banding assessment registration:** register online by Tuesday, 21 September 12 noon

### Haverstock School

24 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BQ  
020 7267 0975  
[www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk](http://www.haverstock.camden.sch.uk)



Please check the school calendar or contact the school for the arrangements of the open evening and Sixth Form events  
**Open mornings with tour of classrooms:** Drop in on any Thursday, 9 to 10am, from 16 September to 21 October

### Maria Fidelis School FJC

1–39 Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY  
020 7387 3856  
[www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk](http://www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 14 October, 4.30 to 6.30pm  
**Open mornings:** Depending on COVID-19 – will hopefully resume on Tuesdays from 9 to 10am  
**Sixth Form:** Please check the school calendar or contact the school for the arrangements of Sixth Form events

### Regent High School

Chalton Street, London NW1 1RX 020 7387 0126  
[www.regenthighschool.org.uk](http://www.regenthighschool.org.uk)



**Open mornings:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 October, 9am  
**Sixth Form:** Thursday 18 November, 4 to 6pm

### William Ellis School

Highgate Road, London NW5 1RN 020 7267 9346  
[www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk](http://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk)



**Open evening:** Thursday 23 September, 6 to 8pm  
**Open mornings:** 28, 29 September and 5 October, 9 to 10.30am  
**Sixth Form:** LaSWAP: Thursday 26 November, 5.30 to 8pm at Acland Burghley School (pre-registration is required – see the school website or [www.laswap.camden.sch.uk](http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk))



# Brecknock Club and Bloomsbury Football Breakfast Club

## Early Years Breakfast Club (Caterpillars, Butterflies and Reception Classes)

This club will be based in the Caterpillars provision and will be run by Brecknock's experienced Early Years Practitioners. The breakfast club will run from **08:00 – 08:45** and we will provide your child with a healthy breakfast, which will include fruit and cereals.



## Breakfast Club (Y1-Y6)

This club will be based in the dining room and children will have access to the main school playground. The breakfast club will run from **07:45 – 08:45** and we will provide your child with a healthy breakfast, which will include fruit and cereals.



## Fees for Breakfast Clubs

The fee is £2 per day or free if your child is entitled to Free School Meals. Places are limited each week, so your child's place **must** be booked in advance via your Parent Pay account.

## Bloomsbury Football Breakfast Club (Y3 - Y6)

Our new football club will be run by a Bloomsbury coach. Your child can **arrive at 07:45**, where they can have breakfast before engaging in some fun and fitness! The fee is £2 per day/£1 for Free School Meals. Spaces to this club are limited so you will need to email Tara at [t.kubilay@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:t.kubilay@brecknock.camden.sch.uk) to book your place.

