



# NEWSLETTER

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It really has been a wonderfully sunny first full week back at school! **We have loved welcoming new Reception and Nursery families to Brecknock** and looked forward to more joining us in the coming days. The highlight of our week has been the return of in-person **assemblies**, with our school halls full of children and music; it was wonderful to welcome Tom Cambata for our singing assembly! In addition to music assemblies, two year groups at a time have been able to come together to celebrate their achievements in **'Star of the Week'** and reflect on the Brecknock school values. We are particularly proud of our **Year 1 and 2 children**, who had never participated in a 'real' assembly before. From their first assembly they showed us how they can sit and contribute beautifully as a group.

Next week we have our **Meet the Team** meetings. The **presentations shown, along with curriculum letters and leaflets**, will be sent out later next week, giving you a full rundown of what your children will be learning this term.



Day	Monday 13th		Tuesday 14th		Friday 17th	
Year group	Year 4 15:45	Year 5 16:15	Year 2 15:45	Year 3 16:15	Year 1 15:45	Year 6 16:15

**Reception and Nursery (EYFS) parents will have the chance to attend their own meetings on Monday 20th September.**  
Nursery @15:45      Reception @16:15

## After school clubs



**After school clubs** will be starting again next week for children in Year 1 - 6. Tara and Sam have been working hard on a full schedule. Please look out for details about the clubs your children have been allocated via an email. EYFS extended hours are also available for children in these year groups and Year 1 - please contact the office for more information or see [page 8](#).



## Keeping Safe

We have published the new **risk assessment** for this term, which has been agreed by the Chair of Governors and shared with the local authority. This can be found online [here](#). We will be in constant consultation with Public Health to ensure that we uphold safe practices at school. Thank you for co-operation with the slightly altered systems around collection and drop off. We would like to remind adults to please wear masks when on school grounds and to follow the one-way systems in place. KS2 and Year 1 parents, you should collect your child and continue around the one way system to exit at the York way gates.

## New Developments



Please continue to check our twitter feed **@BrecknockSchool** for exciting developments across the school over the course of the year.



## SLT Coffee Mornings and PTA/ Governor meetings

We aim to further develop our close partnership with parents and the support for our PTA is hugely important. We would encourage any parents/carers who are interested in supporting the PTA to speak with Lisa or email [brecknockpta@gmail.com](mailto:brecknockpta@gmail.com). The first SLT coffee morning will take place on **Thursday 16th September @ 9:30am** and will be for Year 1 - 6 parents (please note the date change). On **Thursday 30th September @ 9:30am** a SLT coffee morning will take place for Reception and Nursery parents. If the weather is fine we will be able to have these events in the playground in person, if not we will move them online.

**Have a lovely weekend,  
Helen and Conor**

# D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

## Monday 13th September

- After school clubs begin
- Year 4 'Meet the Team' - 3.45pm
- Year 5 'Meet the Team' - 4.15pm

## Wednesday 14th September

- Year 2 'Meet the Team' - 3.45pm
- Year 3 'Meet the Team' - 4.15pm

## Thursday 16th September

Senior Leadership Coffee Morning - Years 1-6 parents

## Friday 17th September

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

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## Thursday 30th September

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

## Friday 1st October

- Black History Month begins
- Year 4 trip to The Shaw Theatre

## 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

### Settling Back into School

It can be a bit of a shock to the system going back to school after the summer holidays. Whether you're starting school for the first time, starting a new year, or going to a new school; any change can make us feel a bit anxious. How can we make this new start feel less daunting?

- Try and get into a good morning routine, allowing enough time to have breakfast, get dressed and check your school bag without feeling rushed.
- If you're feeling anxious in the morning or the night before school, try listening to some calming music and practicing some breathing exercises e.g. deep breath in through the nose, hold it there and then breathe out through the mouth.
- Talk to your family about any anxieties you're having. It can be helpful to get these off your chest and to problem-solve together.
- Each night, make a list of things you are looking forward to for the next day or in the year ahead, or all the things that went well that day, to remind you of all the positives there are.

Starting anything new can feel quite alarming, but take it one day at a time and you'll soon feel more comfortable as you get settled in.



## Sign Of The Week:

### School



The Reception children are almost at the end of their first week of big school! We are all exhausted but all absolutely delighted to be a part of Team Brecknock! New lifelong friendships have been made as the children have so bravely navigated their way around their learning space.



# Reception

## Year 1

It has been a great start to Year 1! They have familiarised themselves with the new classroom and have spent lots of time getting to know their new teachers. They have a new friend in the classroom. An African snail. Each child has the responsibility to look after it and make sure that it is a safe space for it to live. They have also taken part in the Daily Mile. The children attempt to run a mile around the playground every day to keep themselves healthy and ready to learn.



## Year 2

At the start of the new academic year, Year 2 have created some wonderful art pieces representing Brecknock as 'A lighthouse of learning' and linking their work with the school's core values. The children initially sketched their ideas, before painting their finished pieces.



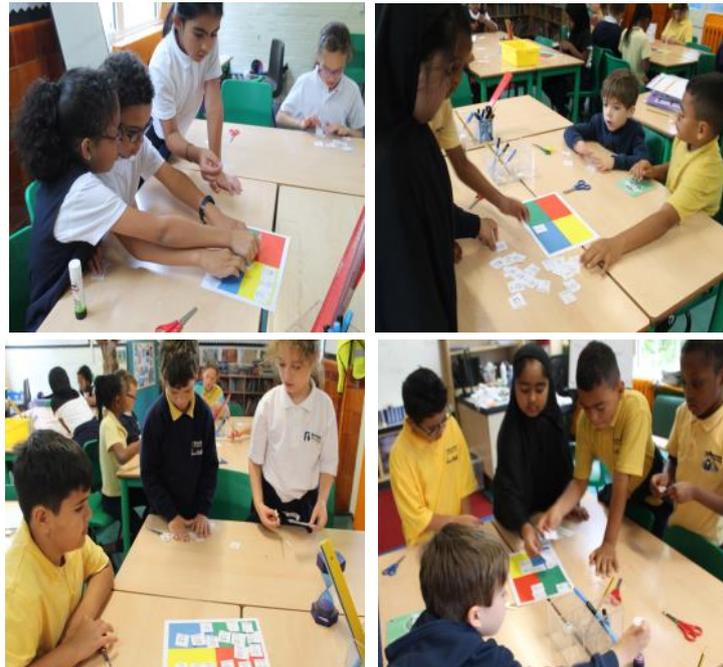
### Year 3

This week Year 3 have practiced our speaking and listening skills, to talk about the Stone Age. They looked at an artefact to get started and then talked and listened in pairs. They were given a range of sentence starts so that they could start talking in different ways.



### Year 4

4Lk have settled in really well and have spent time reviewing Zones of Regulation, identifying the different colour areas and then sorting the different emotions into these categories. All the adults are very happy to have the children back.



### Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about their rights as children and what it means to be a gold rights respecting school. As a class we chose the rights that are the most important to us, then we've had lots of fun creating our class charter!



### Year 6

Year 6 have settled back into school with ease! They are displaying all the BRIGHT values and working hard already. This week we've been working together and solving problems in maths. children showed they were 'Innovative' and 'Resilient' in their group work to solve problems.



# Stars Of The Week!



# Breakfast Clubs

## 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 express your interest using this google form:

<https://forms.gle/aLVqC1f3jo2S7AVdA>



# Wraparound Care

## (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)

The extended hours provision for our early years and Year 1 children will be facilitated by our Early Years Practitioners. We will provide the children with a light tea, fruit and have free play and games. There are two different booking options:

15:30 to 17:00 £8 per session

15:30 to 18:00 £13 per session

Places are limited each week, so your child's place **must** be booked in advance via your Parent Pay account. Please see below for further booking instructions.

## Booking instructions for Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care

All sessions will need to be pre-booked through your Parent Pay account, in order to secure a place for your child. You will need to book by **Friday at Midday** to attend the following week. We will not accept same day bookings, and unfortunately, we are unable to make allowances for this, as the number of children due to attend determines how many members of staff are needed per day.

To book your child's place for the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September you will need to book through your ParentPay account by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.



# After School Activity Clubs

Please see below details of the after school clubs we will be offering during the autumn term. The clubs will run from **3.30pm until 4.30pm, Monday through to Friday**. The clubs will be run by members of the Brecknock team.

We will also be offering an after school club run by the **Bloomsbury's Football School Programme**.



Clubs are starting on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Most places have been allocated, but if you are interested in your child attending a club, please email:

[admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brecknock.camden.sch.uk)

All clubs are £30 per term or £15 if your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Crafts</b> Y1 & 2	<b>Fun &amp; Games</b> Y1 & 2	<b>Dance Club</b> Y1 & 2	<b>Crafts</b> Y1 & 2	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b> Y1 & 2
<b>Cooking Club</b> Y3 & 4	<b>Multi Sports</b> Y3 – Y6	<b>Cooking Club</b> Y5 & 6	<b>Multi Gym</b> Y3 – Y6	<b>My Maths</b> Y3 & 4
<b>Bloomsbury Football</b> Y1 & Y2	<b>Bloomsbury Football</b> Y3 & Y4	<b>Bloomsbury Football</b> Y5 & 6	<b>Bloomsbury Football</b> Y3 & Y4 Girls	<b>Bloomsbury Football</b> Y5 & Y6 team training Market Rd



# 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))

### 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, 22 September, 12 noon

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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))

### 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

### 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))

### 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))

# Fluoride varnish

Whittington Health **NHS** Camden ISLINGTON

An NHS dental team is coming to your child's school/nursery as part of the community fluoride varnish programme!

**Enrol Now!**



The community fluoride varnish programme is designed to improve the dental health of children.

Part of this programme involves a very brief inspection of your child's teeth followed by application of fluoride varnish as a means of preventing tooth decay.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE THE FORM INSIDE AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL/NURSERY.

We are pleased to inform you that the Whittington NHS Community Dental and Oral health Promotion's Fluoride varnish programme is back to your child's school this month on **20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

We will see children in year groups Nursery -Year 2  
Fluoride varnish is highly effective at reducing tooth decay when applied twice a year.

Fluoride varnish provides extra protection against tooth decay when used in addition to brushing.

The pale-yellow gel sets quickly when applied to children's teeth using a soft brush. The varnish sets quickly, has a pleasant taste and a fruity smell.

Scientific studies have shown that fluoride varnish gives added protection to teeth against decay when used in addition to brushing teeth regularly with fluoride toothpaste.

Make sure you enrol your child by filling out and returning the consent forms to the school.

The forms will have frequently asked questions answered.

For further queries you may contact the programme lead by email

Farheen.naqvi@nhs.net

Follow the top tips for good oral health

- Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste
- Reduce the frequency and quantity of sugary foods and drinks <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/sugar>
- Visit the dentist regularly

For more resources and information, visit the Whittington Oral Health Promotion Website

<https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=42279>