

Friday 23 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,
Following on from my announcement the other week informing you that Kate Porter was successfully appointed as the Headteacher of Brindishe Manor, I am now in the position to let you know of the leadership in place for the next two terms. The Governors have agreed that I will take over the headship of Brindishe Manor for the two terms, and James Baguley will move across from Brindishe Green to complete the leadership team.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Rachel Waite

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

What an exciting day it was on Wednesday for Years 1 and 3 when 'the circus came to town'! The classes spent the day learning circus skills – they tried juggling, plate spinning and even walked the tightrope! It was a day full of challenges, the children all worked so hard to learn the new skills and everyone really enjoyed themselves (not too many plates were broken!).

Year 5 were out at the Greenwich Observatory on Wednesday. They, too, had some very practical learning opportunities and enjoyed the Planetarium show about the Solar System and beyond.

Road Safety week ... Throughout the week we have been thinking about keeping safe on the roads, especially during the winter when it gets dark so very early. The theme this year has been to be 'BIKE SMART'. It was good to see so many children wearing their **BRIGHT COLOURS** today.

Do remember ... **Be Safe. Be seen!**



Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on **Tuesday 11 December**. If your child(ren)

usually has a packed lunch but would like to enjoy this celebratory meal with their friends, please let the office know by Wednesday 05 December. Please **send £2.20** to the office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. Thank you.

A couple of messages from F@B ...



Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is **NEXT SATURDAY!** It is shaping up to be another festive extravaganza, providing fun for the school community as well as raising funds for the school.

Please help by:

- volunteering to help run a stall for half an hour (speak to your class rep)
- donate cakes for the cake stall
- donate teddies for the tombola (please leave teddies at school reception)
- bring plenty of change on the day
- buy raffle tickets in advance from your class reps (the star prize is an iPad mini!)
- clearing up after the fair

F@B 100 CLUB LOTTERY

New at this year's fair will be a chance to sign up to the **F@B 100 club lottery**

How it works

- There are 100 numbers to be purchased for an annual fee of £20 (cash only please)
- We will hold a draw every half term (6 times per calendar year)
- First prize £100, second prize £50 for every draw. That's a minimum of £900 of prizes every year!

*We will extend the scheme if it proves popular and increase the prize money!

Attendance this week

Best attendance this week ... **Year 1 Magnolia with 97.8% and Year 3 with 97.5%** Very well done both classes!



Rights Respecting news

Our focus in assemblies and discussion this week is 'Mutual Understanding of Communities', echoing our School Community Development Plan. The key articles are 2 and 14 – **All children have rights and You have the right to choose your own religion.** In assemblies we will be thinking about how to decide what is right and what is wrong and what is right 'for you'.



Dates for your diary ...

Next Saturday 01 December F@B Christmas Fair 11am – 1pm

Tuesday 04 December Reception & KS1 Performance 'Baubles' @ 2pm

Wednesday 05 December Reception & KS1 Performance 'Baubles' @ 2pm

Thursday 06 December Reception & KS1 Performance 'Baubles' @ 2pm

Tuesday 11 December School Christmas lunch

Tuesday 11 December 'A Christmas Carol' KS2 performance @ 6pm

Wednesday 12 December 'A Christmas Carol' KS2 performance @ 2pm **AND @ 6pm**

And finally ...

Please see below for details of what you need to do to take part in the F@B Christmas Card competition.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Lisa Morris, Headteacher

F@B CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION!!!

Children of all classes in Brindishe Lee! You are invited to enter our Christmas Card competition!

We would like you to design a Christmas card picture. The winning picture will be used on the annual Christmas card sent by the company Toucan Computing - one of the contributors to the Christmas Fayre.

Designs should be on A4 paper. Please don't fold or include any text - we are looking for a **PICTURE ONLY**, to be used on the front of a card.

Don't forget to hand your entries in to the office by **THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER LATEST.**
THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!



This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

This week, we've done the letters 'h' and 'b' and we also did the tricky word 'to'. We spent a long time learning our Christmas song!

Reception

We had a circus man come in to teach us how to spin plates and juggle scarves and balance a feather on our hand! We did tight wire walking - it was fun but tricky.

Year 1 Magnolia

In phonics, we learnt the split digraph 'a_e' in 'cake', 'maze' and 'lame'. The 'a' and 'e' aren't allowed to sit together - they're naughty! We also drew pictures of our families in frames.

Year 1 Sycamore

In history, we're studying the Victorians and Florence Nightingale, a wartime nurse who changed how male doctors saw female nurses. She was kind but very strict!

Year 2

We've started learning about magnets and forces. So far, we've found that magnets stick to metal, but not all types of metal. However, they stick to each other very strongly!

Year 3

We used a geoboard to make rectangles (opposite sides equal) and squares (all sides equal). In history, we sorted statements about Henry VIII into fact, opinion and fiction.

Year 4

On our school trip, we stood on the Meridian - the line between East and West. Did you know that if we turned off all our lights, we could see more stars!

Year 5 Willow

We went on a school trip to Greenwich planetarium where we watched a space show projection! Did you know the Big Dipper's corner star points to the brightest star in the sky?

Year 5 Cherry

We've been studying algebra in maths, solving equations like ' $3b-4 = ?$ '. We've also been planning a story and using evidence from *A Christmas Carol*.

Year 6

Our Sports correspondent has reported that next Friday, 30th November, we have a football match against Sir Francis Drake (Deptford). We are undefeated following the previous two games in which Year 6 and Year 5 came out victorious. Can Year 4 keep up the winning streak?

Also, Junior Eurovision is this Sunday - you can vote for your favourite for free this weekend on the official Junior Eurovision website!