

Friday 14 December 2018

*Dear Parents and Carers,
As we head into the final week of the Autumn Term, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all the best during our festive break. I have had the absolute pleasure over the last week or so to see a number of amazing performances. From the angelic choirs, to the sinister characters in A Christmas Carol; the rhythmic samba drums and not to mention the coolest donkey around. The acting, singing and performing has been superb and something we, as the Brindishe Federation, are very proud of. It's at times like this when we remind ourselves of how amazing our children and staff are. A huge well done to you all.
I hope you all have a lovely time over the Christmas period and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th January, ready to embrace the Spring term.
Kind regards,
Rachel Waite*



Dear families, staff, governors and friends

How lovely to see everyone in their Christmas jumpers today! A very 'jolly' sight!

It's been another week of great performances at Brindishe Lee, this time in KS2!

What a treat to see every member of years 3, 4, 5 and 6 tell the story of 'A Christmas Carol' and sing together, sharing the message of good will and caring at this time of year.



Thank you for your many lovely responses to both performances ... "The best one

ever!" so we were told! Another thank you to you ALL for your generosity in giving your change to the collection boxes at the end. The total amount collected is just under £600. This is absolutely wonderful! We shall be sending the donation to CRISIS and share some kindness with the homeless in London.

Thank you all so very much.



"Boarders" Gaming Club 2019

A message from Mrs Wagland ...

We're bringing back the wonder of board games to Brindishe Lee School!

As it's that time of year where you may be looking to make some extra space in your cupboards, we're asking for donations for any board games that may be collecting dust at home.

Research on brain development has prominently pointed to the importance of executive function, which is the brain's ability to problem solve, be creative, utilize working memory and take prior knowledge and adapt it to new situations. Playing board games is just one way to tap into this mindset, as they are fun, engaging and have properties that help boost children's brain power too.

Free-Play

This allows for imagination, creativity, and problem.

Follow the Rules

Board games represent a low-risk entry point to reinforce the importance of following the rules. These classics are rule-based by nature and require specific actions to achieve a set goal.

Be Adaptable

Board games are subject to chance and the actions of the other players, making it paramount for players to think on their feet.

Engaged children must learn the rules, develop a strategy, prioritize resources, adapt to changes in situations, negotiate and collaborate, maximize opportunity and minimize risk, and achieve the goal faster than competitors.

All donations will be greatly received. Please see Mrs Wagland for further details.

F@B

A couple of messages from F@B today ...

Great news! Toucan, the IT company who support Brindishe Lee and donate to the fair each Christmas, have announced that Annabelle in Year 2 won their Christmas card design competition ... Well done Annabelle!

And ... F@B are delighted to announce that you / they raised £1700 at the fair. Thank you!

Finally ... just a reminder about **Monday's 'Film Night'**. Please collect your child(ren) in the usual way at 3.30pm and then take all Reception and KS1 children to the area outside the Main Office where they will be escorted in to the film at 3.45pm.

KS2 children will also be collected at 3.30pm, as usual, and come back to school for 4.30pm.

Reception and Key Stage One

(KS1) 3.45- 4:15pm

THE SNOWMAN (U)

Key Stage Two (KS2)

4:30- 6.10pm ELF (PG)

A sustainable plea!

When we return after the holiday we are planning on some tasks and activities for the outside spaces in each area of the school. Reception and KS1 are still looking for ...

- guttering and pipes
- offcuts and planks of wood
- heavy cardboard tubes, packing supplies, or corrugated cardboard

- tyres, rope, tubs, tubes, old musical equipment, rugs, material, wood, logs, crates,
- old kitchen equipment such as pot, pans and utensils
- old dressing up costumes, hats and fancy wear

And ... for the main outside space we are launching a 'Sow. Grow. Eat.' Project during the spring and summer terms. Mrs Rathbone has a couple of exciting ideas up her sleeve and one needs your support straight away ... please save all plastic water / drinks bottles you use over the Christmas holiday and bring them in rinsed and label free when we come back in January. We will use all we can!



Rights Respecting news

Our focus in assemblies and discussion next week is **Article 14**

You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents / carers should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.



Dates for your diary

... Next week ...

Wednesday

Break for the Christmas holiday

Monday 07 January 2019

The new term begins!

Attendance this week

Top attendance this week ...

Year Reception with 100% WOW!!!

and Year 1, Sycamore

99.4%

Well done!

And finally ...

This is our last newsletter for 2018 ... we hope you all have a very happy holiday. Have a healthy and happy holiday, see you on Monday 07 Jan!

Lisa Morris Headteacher



This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

We used our phonics to make reading and writing sentences like 'go and pat the dog.' We've also made some Xmas things to go home!

Reception

In maths, we've learnt subtraction with numbers up to 20! We've also done some breath-taking art - we drew the Aurora Borealis using chalks. Very pretty and calming!

Year 1 Magnolia

We've concentrated on minus and take away in maths. You put the biggest number first and take away the smaller one. We've also been doing lots of acts of kindness for each other.

Year 1 Sycamore

We learnt how glass is made: from sand and the rock, lime. We've also written the first paragraph of *Little Red Riding Hood*. We would've ignored that wolf!

Year 2

This week, we've written paragraphs about what makes us unique, which includes things we like and dislike, our opinions and what things we do everyday.

Year 3

We studied Tudor clothes: we took our photo, chopped off our head (very Tudor) and drew on Tudor style clothes! Men wore leggings and ruffs; women wore corsets to keep thin!

Year 4

In maths, we've studied equivalent fractions: one half can be 1 over 2 or 4 over 8. We've also studied the phases of the moons, such as gibbous moon and waxing and waning.

Year 5 Willow

In English, we've been writing stories about robots. We also did our Christmas play - no one liked Scrooge! We had amazing costumes and our hard work shone through!

Year 5 Cherry

This week, we've been doing a lot of work related to our Xmas play. We've practised and performed, and we've written descriptive words and phrases about Scrooge from *A Christmas Carol*.

Year 6

Our Environment correspondent has asked that Brindishe Lee pupils and families please save their plastic bottles over the Christmas period for an outdoor project planned for the New Year! Repurposing plastic bottles will prevent plastic litter whilst also helping the environment with our fantastic idea! Please, just make sure to rinse them thoroughly!

From water or coke bottle into... watch this space!