

9 February 2018

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor Winners!

We have had more football success this week with our team of Ys 5 and 6 winning the first round of games at the Lewisham Pathways Competition! We've now been invited to the final selection round after half term. The winners there will go on to represent Lewisham at the London Youth Games so we're keeping everything crossed!

Y6 children visit Parliament.

This was a follow up visit from the workshop on democracy which took place at school earlier this term, led by a team of students from University College London.

At Parliament yesterday the children watched debates in both the House of Commons and the Lords and then took part in a workshop to learn about how laws are made.

The children were delighted to see Lewisham MP Heidi Alexander in the House, and thrilled that she popped down to talk with them and answer some questions.

She tweeted about the meeting later that day:



Heidi Alexander
(@heidi_mp)

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It's fair to say that Brindishe Manor Primary School had some varied & challenging questions for me today. Would you stop Brexit if you were PM? What do you think of communism? What's your favourite ice cream?

You may remember that MPs Heidi Alexander and Vicky Foxcroft met with the Brindishe Schools' Y6 debating teams at Brindishe Green back in September. Heidi told the children yesterday that she remembered how impressive their debating had been...

It was a truly inspirational visit. Thank you to Mr Tiller and Mr Maguire for organising it, and well done to Year 6 – you were mature and responsive and represented Brindishe Manor incredibly well.

Full Governing Body meeting

Our Governing Body met on Wednesday. They had an update on school performance and heard a presentation on Brindishe Schools' new approach to marking and feedback in response to recent research and debate in education. Governors also heard how the schools are now using 'comparative judgement' to inform writing assessment across the school. Governors learnt that recent health and safety audits showed all three schools' procedures to be fully compliant and secure.

Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week

On Tuesday we had whole school assemblies entitled 'Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you.' We are helping children understand how what they write online, and the way they write it, can have a big impact on someone else's self esteem and wellbeing. The children have been discussing how it's everyone's responsibility to be mindful of the feelings of others online.

The theme of understanding feelings continued when Karen from P2Be held assemblies for Children's Mental Health Week on #BeingOurselves! on Wednesday.

Mid-term Review meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who have met with their child's class teacher already this week. We have another week planned for this straight after half term. If you still need to

make an appointment, you can book a time via Arbor's parent portal:
<https://brindishe-manor.uk.arbor.sc>
We look forward to meeting with you all by the end of February.

Class newsletters

Don't forget to log on to Fronter using your child's username and password to find out about the exciting learning that has been taking place and what's planned next for your child's class. Class newsletters also talk about how to help at home and can be found on your child's year group page. You can get to Fronter via our school website – just click on this link and then click the Fronter logo:

<http://www.brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=virtual+learning&pid=54>

Fantastic attendance this week!

Moonstone 99.3%!

Quartz 98%

Congratulations to both classes.

Dates for your diary

12 - 16 February Half Term

19 February Children return to school

19-23 February Mid term review meetings for parents and carers

26 February – 2 March Y6 School Journey

6 March Y2 to St Paul's Cathedral

12-14 March Challenge Partner Review at Brindishe Manor

15 March Full Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Manor. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

29 March End of Spring Term

16 April Children return to school

And finally...

Don't forget the cake sale straight after school tonight!

I hope you enjoy a restful half term and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 19 February.

Best wishes to you all,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

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