

18 May 2018

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Parent / carers at Brindishe: your views please

As we approach the last half term of this year each of our Brindishe Schools are beginning to put together their plans for the next three years.

I know that in each school there will be quite a few changes, not least in the leadership teams as I leave Brindishe and Rachel Waite takes over as the new Executive Head and the Federated Governing Body appoint new governors for Brindishe in September.

Last term we surveyed the views of Brindishe children and staff and we have been discussing these within our teams and using them to help us decide our next steps.

It is now your turn to let us have your views and we invite you to click

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RJG3JF>

and complete the parent / carer survey.

If you would prefer to give us your views about your child's school in another way (email, phone or in person) please do as we are always ready to hear about the things we do well and the things in which you think we need to improve.

If you wish to email please send your views to me on

vickipaterson@brindisheschools.org

or to your child's headteacher Gerlinde Achenbach on

headteacher@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

or to our current Chair of Governors

spyroselia@brindisheschools.org

The survey will stay open until **8 June**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head
Brindishe Schools

This week at Brindishe Manor

KS2 SATs

We are very, very proud of our fabulous Y6 children who have worked so hard all year and completed their SATs tests this week. They really deserve to do well. Today they have relaxed and celebrated their hard work outside school. We look forward to sharing their success with you later this term.

Thank you to the Y6 staff who have supported the children so well across the year – Mark Tiller, Mark Maguire, Liz Newman, Marva Hudson and Lauren Blackie - and to every member of staff who came early each morning to help prepare a special breakfast for the Y6 children to enjoy before taking the tests. What a team!

Hither Green Festival

Our Y1 choir performed at the festival concert hosted by Brindishe Green school last night. The children were delightful, singing with such energy and enjoyment. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the choir and to Helen Groothues and Ciarra Willard who lead the choir each week.

Fantastic attendance

Ruby 100%

Opal 99.3%!

Well done to these classes.

Rights Respecting School

Each week in the newsletter, we will share one or two of the 54 articles that link with our learning in school or a particular theme for the week. This week we are focusing on



Article 3 (best interests of the child). The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

...and the best way you can help your child is to bring them to school every single day.

Why is good attendance so important?

We know there is a link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement, yet every school year we receive requests for absence in term time for reasons that are not **exceptional**.

New learning takes place every day and children need to be there in order to keep up. It is very difficult for a child to keep up with their peers when they regularly miss days or are absent for a longer period of time.

We do monitor absence patterns very closely and we follow up on all absences. Any child whose attendance is below 90% is considered by the Government to be a **persistent absentee** and their attendance is referred to the local authority Education Welfare Officer.

Schools are in a position to issue fines which could be as much as £1,000.

School terms account for only 39 weeks leaving **13 whole weeks of holiday each year**. Thank you to all parents and carers who ensure their children are at school every day that they are well in term time.

Y5 families - Secondary transfer

If you would like your child to take the Bexley selection test next year you must register your child online via this link www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests

Registration opened on 01 May 2018 and closes on 08 July 2018. Any late registration will not be accepted.

Dates for your diary

24 May Year 5 and 6 tri-school Sports Day at Ladywell Arena

28 May – 1 June Half term

4 June INSET day. Staff only - school closed to children

5 June Children back to school.

27 June 6pm Full Governing Body meetings at Brindishe Green. Please let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

Want to go out cycling but need your bike (s) checked beforehand? Look no further!.....

Dr Bike (free bicycle check and adjustment)

Tuesday 29th May:

8 -10am Eddystone Bridge

11am – 1pm Hilly Fields, outside café

1.30 – 3.30pm Ladywell Fields, outside café

4.30 – 6.30pm Folkestone Gardens
(Surrey Canal Rd end)

Wednesday 30th May

1.30 – 4pm Manor Park (outside café)

4.30 – 6.30pm Eddystone Bridge

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

“Our Rights Respecting School” Cake Competition & Cake Sale - Friday 25th June

Bring your entries for the cake competition to Central Hall at school drop off next Friday morning. We can't wait to see how the children will celebrate the school's 'rights respecting' ethos in cake form! The cakes will be sold after school to raise funds for the school. If you could help set up, sell or clear up we would love to hear from you. We will also welcome donations of cakes even if you're not entering the competition.

PSFA 'Pop-in' June 8th after drop off, in the Training Room.

All welcome!

Come and say hello, meet the PSFA team, hear our plans for the summer fair and enjoy some refreshments at the same time. We'd love to hear your ideas, and have the chance to get to know more parents and carers who are interested in supporting the school. Meet us at the school office after drop off.

Ceilidh Saturday June 9th 7-11pm St Andrews Hall Sandhurst Road

Don't miss out on tickets for the first annual Ceilidh. You don't have to know anything about dancing - the band will give us all the instruction we need. It's

great fun, you get to meet new people and even have some exercise while you're doing it! Tickets available from PSFA representatives, via our website, by returning the slip which came home last week or by email. There's not long before the event now, so don't miss out!

Have a great weekend

The PSFA team

brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com

Brindishe Manor PSFA (Facebook))

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Brindishe Manor Science Week

25th – 29th June

Whole School Home Learning Challenge!

Years 3

and 4

Flight

How far can your projectile fly?

Years 1 and 2

Float

Nursery and Reception

Fizz

Can you create something
that makes the most
bubbles?

Year 5 and 6

Flubber

Can you make the best*
malleable material?

*criteria to be decided by
classes



Rights Respecting Baking Competition!



Are you a star baker?

Could you create a cake worthy of a celebration?

If so, we invite you and your family to create a '**Rights Respecting**' cake for our Rights Respecting baking competition (buns or biscuits can also be entered)!

Entries should be brought into school on
Friday 25th May in the morning.



You may wish to make a bake about one of these Rights Respecting articles...

- Your right to learn and go to school (article 28)
- You have the right to give your opinion on matters to do with pollution, politics and your community (article 12)
- You have the right to be healthy - food and exercise (article 6)
- Your right to have friends and join groups and clubs (article 15)
- Your right to relax and play (article 31)

1st prize is a £20.00 Sainsbury's voucher!!

Cakes will then be cut and sold on Friday afternoon to raise money for Unicef