

Friday 7th June 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe Manor,

This week at Brindishe Manor

What a week...

Although we have only been back at school for 4 days this week, it has been action packed as usual at Brindishe Manor. It got off to a swift start on Tuesday, with our Open Days. They were very well attended by perspective parents/carers and our year 6 children did a fantastic job as tour guides! A big thank you to all of them. They did Brindishe Manor proud. On Wednesday, the year 1 children experienced a sewing workshop, which they thoroughly enjoyed. It has also been a very busy week for our sports coach, Mr Green. On Wednesday he took a team of children to a local cricket tournament and on Thursday he attended a 'Quad Kids' tournament. A big thank you for all your hard work Mr Green. See his sports bulletin below for more details.

On Thursday I had the pleasure of spending the morning in reception. The children got to experience a water safety workshop, where they learnt about the dangers of water. I was amazed by their knowledge and enthusiasm! What a week!

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Jasper – 98.2%

Key stage 2: Opal – 99.1%

Well done to these classes!



Rights Respecting news

This week we concluded our assemblies and class discussions on

This week our assemblies and class discussions have focused on [Article 15](#).

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.



LET'S SWAP THE SCHOOL RUN FOR A SCHOOL WALK!

Thinking about my previous newsletter, I explained the importance and benefits of walking to school. Please catch up with me on the school gate and let me know if you are wearing out the soles of your shoes to get to school!

Brindishe Manor Nursery

Please tell your friends and neighbours with nursery-aged children about our fantastic Brindishe Manor nursery. Please ask them to contact the school office. We have 1 part time nursery class offering 15 hours per week of high quality early years education. Children aged 3 before 31 August 2019 are eligible for a September 2019 place. Please speak to a member of our office team as soon as you can.

A message from Ms Dee...

Developing resilience workshop

We are very excited to be hosting a workshop for parents on **Friday 21st June from 9-10.30**. The workshop is run by parent volunteers under 'Lewisham Parent Engage' and the programme is developed by Mind. It aims to support parents to develop resilience and wellbeing skills for both themselves and their children. Due to space restrictions we can only accommodate 25 adults in this session. Please drop into the office or email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk to reserve a place. To be as fair as possible to all families, initially we are limiting spaces to one per family. However if the workshop is as popular as we anticipate, we will run it again in September and make sure that everyone who wants to attend is able to at some point. If you have any questions, please come and speak to me on the school gate.



Year 4 Cricket competition - We entered 2 teams with 18 children to the Kwik Cricket Hither Green Festival. Our Team A managed to win 5 games in a row but lost a very tightly contested final losing by a margin of 2 runs! The Children received silver medals and certificate for their efforts and have really done the school proud. Year 5/6 competition- 10 children were entered into the Quad kids events, including a sprint, long distance race, a vortex throw and a standing jump. The children performed valiantly and finished 9th out of 20 schools. The majority of our children were year 5 so this gives us great experience for next year's event. A big thank you for the dedication and commitment of Mr Green.

A message from Mr Maguire...

Next half term our KS2 Choir will be performing at the Lewisham Music Summer Gala on Thursday 27th June. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child. Tickets are still available via Southbank Centre's website: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/125319-lewisham-music-summer-gala-2019>

Science week is fast approaching...

In Science Week (24th - 28th June), we have a whole school science home learning project where different year groups have to design different objects. Please see the end of this newsletter for what each class has to do. Entries have to be in on Monday 24th June. There will be certificates for:

- Most successful project
- Most original design
- Most effort

During the week, there will be a competition in your child's class to choose which ones will go to the final.

The science team will then judge the finals and the winners will share their projects in whole school assemblies at the end of Science Week.

All projects will be out in the classrooms on Friday after school so parents, carers and children can look at them all.

Rules:

- You can buy the materials to make it with but you can't bring in something that you have bought ready-made.
- It can be a joint project with a friend but remember it is a home project.
- Everyone at home can get involved and help but don't do it all. It's their project!

Key stage 2 picture competition: help to stop rubbish!

Over recent months we have been in regular communication with the local council regarding making the area around Brindishe Manor School more pleasurable for local residents and children. Below is a message from councillor Octavia -

Most people know the bad effect dropping rubbish or fly-tipping (dumping large items) can have on the environment, but a few people keep doing it and ruining it for everyone. Your Councillors want to put up a big, permanent sign at Hither Green station to ask people to stop doing it and we need your help to design the sign. Any children in years 3-6 can enter the competition, and the Mayor of Lewisham will judge the entries. Remember your picture can include words too and needs to stop people from thinking it is OK to dump rubbish or fly-tip.

Eligible: any local children in KS2 (individuals or pairs)

Deadline: Friday 21st June 2019

Judge: Mayor of Lewisham

Prize: The winning picture will be made into a permanent sign at Hither Green Station

Entering: entries must be made on an A4 or A3 sheet and the child/ children's names and year group and school must be written on the back (NOT the front)

Queries: [cllr octavia.holland@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:cllr_octavia.holland@lewisham.gov.uk)

Dates for your diary!



International week at Brindishe Manor – **week commencing 10th June**

12th June – Year 6 visit to the Natural History museum

13th & 14th June – Reception visit to Lee Fire Station

17th June – Year 1 (Moonstone) visit to the Horniman museum

18th June – Year 1 (Onyx) visit to the Horniman museum

19th June – Years 1 – 4 Sports Day at Manor House Gardens

Thursday 20th June – **School group photos day**

- Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Green

24th– 28th June – Science Competition Week!

25th June – Year 1 (Jasper) visit to the Horniman museum

1st July – Year 5 trip to the Design museum

Monday 8th July – Brindishe Manor's musicians' concert

Tuesday 9th July – Year 1 visit to the Greenwich Picture house

Wednesday 10th July – 2 pm Year 6 end of year performance

Thursday 11th July – Year 5 trip to the Design museum

Thursday 11th July – 5.30 pm Year 6 end of year performance

Have a lovely weekend

James Baguley,
Deputy Head
Brindishe Manor

In class this week...

Each week we will continue to share with you what each year group has been focusing on in class and offer some ideas on how you can support your child over the coming week.

Nursery

Welcome back to all our parents and carers after the half term break. We have enjoyed hearing from the children on what they have all been up to over half term. This week, we have been discussing people who help us (in particular Lifeguards) in preparation for our Royal National Lifeboat Institution workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed the informative workshop. They were able to spot potential dangers at sea, re-enact how to keep safe in the water, and differentiate between the flags and equipment. In Maths, we are continuing with our number recognition to 20- identifying the number and matching it to the correct amount of objects. Lastly, just a polite reminder. Could you

please ensure that your child returns their books first before choosing another 2 story books to take home- our book corner is starting to look a little sparse. Thank you.

Reception

The children loved the RNLI Water Safety Workshop this week, where they learned to Stop and Think when near water, to call 999 if they are in trouble or if they spot anyone in danger and to stay with their grown-ups at all times. They dressed up as lifeguards and RNLI crew members and practised the star shape for floating. We would love to raise a bit of money to give to the RNLI as everything they do is run by volunteers, including our workshop! We would really appreciate it if children could bring in a bit of loose change.

We've been using different types of weighing scales and comparing weights of different objects. At home, you could talk about weights of different fruits and vegetables using vocabulary like *heavy / heavier, light / lighter* and *balanced / the same*.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fun and busy first week back. They kick-started the term by planning their fairy tale stories, which they will be publishing as picture books. The children are using story language and adjectives to set the scene, and have introduced their very interesting characters. Can they use adjectives to describe a character's traits? Setting? For example, *The princess loved to explore the woods because she was brave and adventurous. Big Bad wolf was very clever and imaginative for dressing up as grandma to trick Little Red Riding Hood.*

In preparation for the phonics screening next week, please encourage your child to practise their phonics skills by reading any books, magazines, or anything they would enjoy. (Please check their bags for any reading materials provided)

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sewing workshop this week where they made their own tote bags using recycled materials like boat sails and old bicycle tyres. We are very proud of the children's efforts in using the sewing machine to successfully make their bags and the way they have carefully hand-stitched the fine details.

Year 2

This week, Amethyst Class have started learning about the Victorians. We have been role playing what it might have been like in a Victorian post office and a Victorian school. Ruby Class have been creating learning inspired by the book, *The Last Wolf* by Mini Grey - designing and making the tree where the last wolf lives and conducting independent research into the endangered species of Britain. In maths, Ruby class have been problem solving and Amethyst have been comparing numbers up to 1000.

We hope that the children are busy generating ideas and building prototypes for their flying machines. We can't wait for the flight competition during science week!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the final half term of the year! They have come back full of enthusiasm and with lots of energy. In maths this week, we have been learning about time. We have started with telling and writing the time, focusing on minutes and hours. In English, we have been thinking of different ways to describe settings as we will be writing our own stories over the next few weeks. The children have also been carrying out their own research about the environment, they will be using their research to make their own presentations over the next few weeks.

Year 4

Year 4 have been extremely busy as usual this week. So far, the ideas for new shops and services in Hither Green have been absolutely amazing! Children have clearly taken the project seriously and spent a lot of time and effort preparing their presentations. Miss Wilmot and Miss Snaith are both incredibly impressed and think we have future entrepreneurs in our classes! Those who have not yet presented their work will have the opportunity to do so over the next two weeks. In maths, we have started our new and very important topic of Time. Please help your child

tell the time accurately on analogue and digital clocks if they can't already do this. This is something that can be easily practised at home. We will be moving on to solving time duration problems. In science, we are looking at endangered animals and the effects humans have on the environment. Your child could explore this further at home and produce a fact file or a poster on an endangered animal.

Year 5

We've had a great first week back after the half term. The children have returned refreshed and ready to go!

Our topic this term is 'Dare to be different' where we will be looking at inventions that have had an impact on society, along with inventors from around the world. We are also looking at significant authors and have kicked off with William Shakespeare. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is the play we have focused on this week and the children have loved it. At first, the Shakespearean English proved challenging but the children deciphered the meaning and fully immersed themselves through drama in the story.

We are continually challenging the children in Maths and have been asking them to remember methods taught earlier in the year: topics such as equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, written multiplication and division, place value, decimals and much more. Please continue to ask your children what they've been doing in maths and perhaps they could show you some examples. We also encourage the children to practice all mental strategies, including times tables at home as this is incredibly valuable.

Finally, we have unfortunately had to change the date of our planned trip this half term. The trip will now be on separate days for each class; Jet - Monday 1st July and Quartz - Thursday 11th July. The letter will go out today.

Year 6

In Year 6, rehearsals for *Julius Caesar* and *King Lear* have begun in earnest! Impressively, many children have returned from half term already knowing the majority of their lines and cues, which has sped up the process significantly. By way of preparation, we are aiming to have script-less performances by roughly the end of next week, so any further help from home on learning them and being able to deliver the lines expressively would be a huge help!

Brindishe Manor Science Week

24th – 28th June

Whole School Home Learning Challenge!

How far can your
projectile fly?

Years 1 and 2



Nursery and Reception

Float

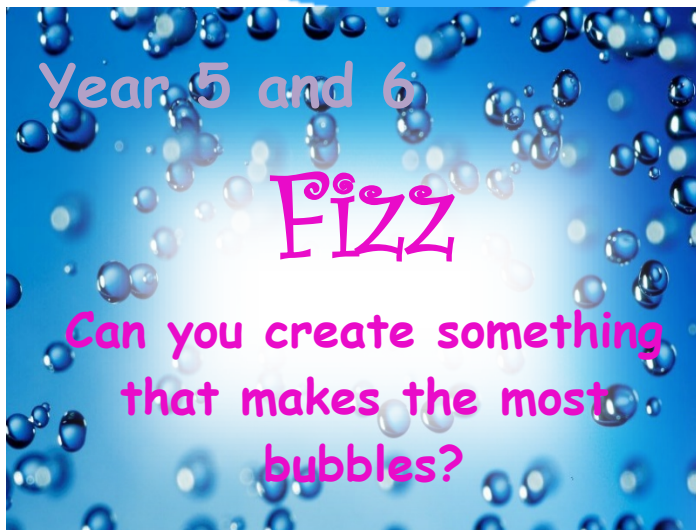
How much can your vessel
hold and stay afloat?



Year 5 and 6

Fizz

Can you create something
that makes the most
bubbles?



Year 3 and 4

Flubber

Can you make the best* malleable
material?

- Keeps its shape for 3 seconds
- Can stretch for 30 cm
- Can stick to a surface and be removed without leaving bits.

