

Friday 24th May 2019

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

This week at Brindishe Manor**What a week...**

It has been another action packed week at Brindishe Manor and it could hardly be said that we are sliding into half term. On Tuesday, year 2 visited the museum of London and had a great time. They came back and gave me lots of exciting facts and figures. Yesterday was also a very busy day. We had the years 5 and 6 Sports Day at Ladywell Arena in Catford. What a scorcher and not just on the athletics track! The children had a great time and it was lovely to see the children involved in a range of competitive sports. A big thank you to Miss Coupe from Brindishe Manor and Tom Williamson from Brindishe Green, who organised a wonderful day of sporting events. It was also great to see so many parents and carers in attendance. Thank you for making this a special day for all the children. We also enjoyed some other sporting success earlier in the week through the hard work and dedication of our sports coach, Mr Green. See his sports bulletin below for more details.

On Thursday evening, some of our children attended the Hither Green Music Festival. It is always a lovely evening of music and such a well-attended community event. The children had a wonderful time and sung their hearts out. A big thank you to Ms Willard and Ms Cullen for preparing the children to such a high standard and the rest of the staff for supporting them at the actual festival. And finally, a big thank you to the PFSA for organising our end of term cake sale today. I would personally like to say a big 'thank you' for all the hard work you do behind the scenes raising much needed money to spend on our children. After all that, I am off to lie down in a dark room for half term!

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Pearl – 97.6%

Key stage 2: Diamond – 97.6%

Well done to these classes!

**Keeping Safe out and about**

Now that half term and the warmer weather are here, lots of our older children may well be out and about with their friends in the local area.

Now is a good time to talk with your children to remind them about how to keep safe when they are out and about. Please talk with them about when it's safe to cross a road, what to do if a stranger starts talking to them, or if they have a problem with other children in the park. You can

find lots of information and advice about how to keep your children safe at:

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/

**Rights Respecting news**

This week we concluded our assemblies and class discussions on

Article 12

Every child has the right to express their feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or a child's day-to-day home life.



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

Thank you to all those parents, carers and children who made the effort to walk to school. It was pleasing to see less cars on Leahurst Road this week. It would be great to see more children biking to school next half term. Perhaps take half term to take your child out on a bike ride!

As you may be aware, Lewisham launched the *Healthy Neighbourhoods programme* in the Lewisham & Lee Green area last week. This is an ambitious programme aimed at reducing traffic cutting through our area, which will improve conditions for pedestrians, people on bikes and other vulnerable road users. All residents in the area will have received a letter through their door informing them of the project and how they can get involved. Over the next few weeks, residents can attend drop in sessions (see below), as well as sharing their views online at www.streetbuilder.io, to help develop the best possible designs for the area. At the end of this first engagement stage, consideration of feedback will be taken, and this will result in a proposed package of work being put forward for the area, consisting of a number of traffic management schemes that address through traffic. I ask all parents and carers to get involved for the benefit of all our children.

Drop –in sessions:

- Wednesday 5 June from 4-6:30pm at Manor House Library, 34 Old Street, SE13 5SY
- Saturday 8 June from 1-4pm, Outside Manor House Library, 34 Old Street, SE13 5SY

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 31st 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.

Headlice

There are some cases of headlice across the school. Please take the opportunity of the half term holiday next week to check and treat your child's hair. You can get once-only chemical treatments from your local chemist or use the non-toxic 'combing' method using conditioner. Here is a link describing how to do it: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



It is great to report some more sporting success for some of our year 5 and 6 children. 60 schools from across Lewisham were invited to attend a tag rugby competition on Tuesday 21st May. Brindishe Manor finished second after losing a tightly contested final 2-1. Over the 6 matches we played they were able to score 10 tries and only concede 3. The children will receive silver medals from 'Lewisham Schools Games' trust. Well done to all of them! A big thank you as always to Mr

Green for preparing the children so well.

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 now available via Southbank Centre's website: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/125319-lewisham-music-summer-gala-2019>

Au revoir

We sadly say a temporary 'goodbye' to Ms Phillips our much respected nursery teacher. However, it is all good news, as she is expecting a baby. We wish her and her family all the very best and we look forward to seeing her again very soon. It is great to welcome back Mrs Le Roux from maternity leave who will be teaching Jade Class for the last half term. She has been working in class this week to ensure a smooth handover. We are also saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Lewis, who has worked as a PPA teacher at Brindishe Manor over recent months. We wish all of them the very best of luck.

Dates for your diary!



Ice Lolly and Cake Sale 24th May

Half term 27th - 31st May, **INSET day on 3rd June. Children return to school on Tuesday 4th June**

Science Competition Week 24th - 28th June. More details to be announced early next half term.

And finally...

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again safe and sound on **Tuesday the 4th June.**

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

This week, we welcomed Mrs Le Roux to our class. She will be the class teacher after the half term break. She commented on how settled the children were and how confidently they lead their learning. She has had a lovely time getting to know the children and is looking forward to being with them after half term. This week, Mrs Le Roux and I have been able to finalise some dates for upcoming workshops and trips. More details are to follow nearer the time. However, we just wanted to remind you that when we have educational visits, the nursery will be closed and we will ask you to meet us at the venue. Finally, I just wanted to say a big thank you to Miss Chaudhari for making the Nursery such an amazing learning environment. The children have made huge progress during the year and I'm sure they will love the activities planned for the last half term. They are certainly ready for their transitions into their new schools and classes. Good luck Jade Class!

Reception

The children have been writing for all sorts of purposes and in all sorts of ways in Reception this week. We've had stories about animals, letters and cards to family and friends, books about dinosaurs and fairies, tickets to the Moon, registers, shopping lists....It is wonderful to see so many children writing in difficult contexts and for different reasons.

This half term, you could encourage your child to help you make a shopping list, write a birthday card or perhaps a birthday wish list, send an email or text message, do some party planning, write a recipe for their favourite food and then make it...there are so many reasons to write everyday!

Board games like Snakes and Ladders or Ludo are a great way to embed counting skills and number recognition. Why not have a board game fest at home over half term? It really encourages turn-taking too! We are sending home some 'Wow' cards for families to share special learning moments with us. Your children do so much at home and we want to hear all about those things that make you say 'Wow!'

Have a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th June.

Year 1

In Literacy this week in Year 1, the children have been making story boxes linked to the stories that they have been working on in their classes (Jack and the Beanstalk/ Jim and the Beanstalk). Once completed, they will use their story boxes as a stimulus to create their own stories.

In Jasper Class, the children were presented with a challenge by the Giant:-Do the tallest people have the biggest feet? This prompted a discussion about how they could solve the problem and lead to lots of measuring and comparing of lengths in centimetres using a tape measure. Moonstone Class have been estimating and comparing the weights of different objects.

Onyx class would like to say a huge thank you to Kerrie (Éala's mum) for reading the book *Princess Mirror-Belle*. The children thoroughly enjoyed story time and they were able to engage in a detailed discussion about the main story events. In preparation for the Phonics screening in June, please encourage your child to practise reading a range of books and reading materials during half term.

Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Museum of London! Children explored some of the museum interactive galleries and took part in a *Fire!Fire!* workshop where they were showed off their extensive knowledge about the Great Fire of London.

Both classes have been very creative this week and it's been a joy to watch children use their imagination in various subjects. Amethyst class worked hard on their *Twisted Tales* and Ruby class wrote and then made digital posters about some of the UK's endangered animals. Inspired by mini Grey's book *Biscuit Bear*, children designed and then baked some biscuit friends for the Bear. We hope they didn't run away!

Children might have caught a "baking bug" and if you'd like to bake with them and then share your results (photos will suffice!) after the half term break, we might even create a Year 2 recipe book.

We would like to wish you a very sunny and restful break.

Year 3

This week in maths, we have been recapping the learning we have covered so far in year 3. It is always important to recap learning and it would be very helpful if children were given the chance to go over their learning at home. In English this week, we have found out what happens in the rest of the story 'The tin forest' and we have continued to write our diary entries. We have focused on writing in first person, chronological order and using adverbials to start our sentences with. In Art, we used oil pastels to create a picture that shows the old man's dream from 'The tin forest'. We studied the techniques used by George Shipperley in his oil pastel paintings.

Year 4

Next term we will be focusing on our Enterprise project. The children will be learning about investment spending their personal money and budgeting. This will be supported by the children's understanding of working with decimals this term.

Just a little reminder about our home learning project for over the half term. As part of our topic this term we learned about how the shops and marketing has changed in Hither Green over time. We would like the children to imagine there is a vacant shop in our local area and design a shop to go there. We would like you to encourage the children to think about the purpose of the shop, the customers and what our local area needs.

We would like the children to prepare some form of presentation to share their shop with the class. This can be a poster, power point, model shop or just a short speech to share with their peers! We look forward to sharing these in the first week of term.

We will be learning to tell the time in maths next term and because we live in a digital world we sometimes find children are less confident with telling the time on an analogue clock. Please support your child in practising telling the time on an analogue clock over half term.

Have a lovely break, the year 4 team.

Year 5

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the parents/carers that helped and supported on the Tri-School Sports Day. We really appreciate your help and wouldn't be able to run activities outside of school without you.

On that note, we have a trip to the design museum in South Kensington on Monday 10th June (the second week back after half term). Letters will be going out on the first day, but if you are available to come with us on the visit, please keep the date free.

In English, the children have been writing a persuasive piece on whether animals should be used in space trials. In the class debate, they were able to get their opinions across clearly and this has helped with their final piece. Have a relaxing half term break!

Year 6

First of all, we'd like to thank all of the children for their effort during SATs week. They were incredibly focused, resilient and remained enthusiastic throughout all the assessments- they were pretty fearless during our trip to Chessington too!

This week, we've written diary entries based on the creation of Frankenstein's monster from the points of view of Dr Frankenstein and his creation. We've focused on changing formality and sentence structures to show the difference between both characters, as well as use rhetorical questions and emotive language to show their feelings. On Tuesday, we started to get the wheels in motion for our end of year production by holding auditions. Again, we were blown away by the confidence and stage presence of the children. All children should be aware of their roles by the end of the school week. We hope all of the children have a lovely, well-deserved half term break.

PFSA News and Updates!

Manor House Gardens Festival 2019 - volunteers!

The PSFA will be running a stall at this year's Manor House Gardens Festival, on June 22nd. We will be offering glitter tattoos/face painting and the lolly game. We are looking for kind volunteers to run the stall - we only need an hour of your time! 12-2pm is sorted, but if you are able to help 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5pm please please get in touch - this will hopefully be a great way to promote the school, the PSFA and raise some funds for projects to directly benefit the school. You can find us on Facebook, or email us: brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend!

The PSFA Team