

**Friday 12 July 2019**

**Dear families, staff, governors and friends**

### **This week at Brindishe Lee ...**

Down at the Reception allotment ... a chance to check out the fresh vegetables and herbs.

Grow, harvest, enjoy!



This week Kathryn Workman, one of our parents and a volunteer member of the River Thames RNLi crew, met with every class to think about keeping safe near water. Every child heard how they can look after themselves and what to do if an emergency occurs when they are near rivers or the sea. Thank you Kathryn, perfect timing with possible day visits during the summer holiday.

Year 5 have been out exploring Manor Park this week, observing the wildlife and enjoying an artistic opportunity by the Quaggy. Thank you to all parents / carers who accompanied the children.

Our treat of the week this week was the Year 6 performance of Wind in the Willows. What a hoot! And ... how lovely to see every member of Year 6 on the stage, celebrating friendship, history and being at Brindishe Lee. Thank you children for your WONDERFUL performance and thank you Mrs Sharrock for preparing such a professional production.

### **Parent/Carer Curriculum Review Survey**

The survey for parents and carers to complete is now available. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Brindishe Schools are reviewing our curriculum following recent changes to Ofsted's Education Inspection Framework which will come into force in September 2019.

It will only take 5 minutes of your time and it is your chance to provide us with feedback, comments and constructive criticism in order to help all Brindishe Schools move forward. Click the link below to reach the survey ...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NMD675Z>

The survey will be open for one more week and close on Friday 19 July 2019. It can be accessed on PC's, Tablets and mobile phones.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your valuable feedback

### **School Counselling Provision**

As part of our commitment to the well-being of all of our children and families, we have been reviewing the provision we offer across the Brindishe Schools and from next year we will be enhancing our schools' skill-set by training up key staff as ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and moving to a new, specialist counselling provider.

We have been lucky to work with Place2Be within the Brindishe Federation, however it is important for us to further build our capacity within each school to ensure the children have continued access to trained staff throughout the week. Our Inclusion Team and Mental Health Leads are putting together an information pack for children, parents and carers to explain the different levels of support your child will be able to access, to ensure we meet their emotional well-being needs.

### **Family football update ...**

An update on the Brindishe parents / carers / friends football team who played their first match last Sunday. The team and their supporters thoroughly enjoyed the first competitive game which was a close match against Halstow Primary Greenwich with a final score of 6-5 to Halstow.

They have been invited to join the local league that Halstow play in and are looking to set up other matches against local primary schools.



### Attendance this week

Top attenders this week are ... **Year 4 and Reception tie with 99.3%** and **Year 5 Willow with 98.9%**. Well done all!



### Dates for your diary ... This week ....

<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 6 visit to Chessington
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y6 Leavers assembly, Y6 parents/ carers welcome 2.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Last day of the year for children
<b>Friday</b>	INSET day for staff

**NB** ...No clubs or boosters this week!

### Rights Respecting and Safeguarding news

Next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on **Article 12**  
**You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously**



Article 12 of the UNCRC is you have the right to an opinion, and this is this guidance from thinkuknow about children giving consent to their images being online. Please take a look at this link, you might like to talk about it with your child(ren) ...

Interesting conversation starter!

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Shar-ing-pictures-of-your-children/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=8a726bc872-TUK\\_JULY\\_EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-8a726bc872-64864365](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Shar-ing-pictures-of-your-children/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=8a726bc872-TUK_JULY_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-8a726bc872-64864365)

### And finally...

Last week next week ... please return all reading books to school and take home all PE kits, jumpers, sweat shirts, water bottles, packed lunch bags ... Thank you!



Have a lovely weekend ...!

**Lisa Morris**  
**Headteacher**



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[www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk)

## This week's learning at Brindishe Lee!

We coloured in phonics butterflies: so a 'h' might be blue and you colour all the 'h' bits in blue! We did some writing for our new teacher and also made some things but want to keep them a surprise!

Reception

We did an investigation into capacity using water to find equal containers. You fill one with water and if you can fill another one without it overflowing, then it has equal capacity!

Year 1  
Magnolia

In Art, we've been finishing our Alex Katz style collages using colourful paper on a black background to make the colours stand out. We also played cricket and learnt that the fielders need to work together.

Year 1  
Sycamore

We used cotton and felt to sew puppets with our Year 6 buddies. In R.E., we learnt that Muslims travel to the Kaaba and walk anticlockwise it seven times.

Year 2

We were researching pollution - did you know that by 2050, more than 50% of the sea will be covered in plastic? We're trying to think how to use less plastic in our lives.

Year 3

We submitted posters about flytipping and after shortlisting, one of ours is in the top three! The Mayor of Lewisham will decide and we can't wait to find out the verdict!

Year 4

This week, we went on a school trip to the River Quaggy. We measured the width and depth, and used a cork to measure the speed of the river over a 10m stretch.

Year 5  
Willow

We had some visitors from RNLI who taught us about water safety and volunteering. We are also very excited for our new Year 6 teacher who seems kind and fun.

Year 5  
Cherry

This week, we held our Year 6 performance. We were kind of nervous, but if you look nervous, the audience would enjoy it less, so we all tried to be professional and believe in ourselves!

Year 6