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Lee

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Dear families, staff, governors and friends

Farewell to Dame Vicki, our inspirational Executive Head

In a few weeks time Vicki Paterson, our Executive Head, will be leaving Brindishe Schools. Today we would like to acknowledge and celebrate her immense contribution to Brindishe Lee and to our federation of Brindishe Schools.

Vicki has been working on behalf of Lewisham's children, and in primary education, for 40 years, 28 of them as Head and Executive Head. She started as Headteacher here, at the original Brindishe School, where, for 18 years and under her dynamic leadership, Brindishe grew to become the most successful, highly desirable, outstanding primary school we know today. She then went on to create the unique partnership of Brindishe Schools by guiding both Brindishe Green (originally Hither Green) and Brindishe Manor (originally Lee Manor).



At the request of Frankie Sulke, the then Director of Children & Young People's Services for Lewisham, Vicki went to Hither Green School in 2007 and, together with a hugely talented team of teachers, support staff and governors, many of whom came from Brindishe Lee, she transformed the previously failing Hither Green School, taking it to 'outstanding' in just 2 years. This was followed when in 2011 we came together with Lee Manor and we became the Brindishe Federation.

If you ask her, Vicki says that she did not do this on her own, but equally, it would not have been possible without her strategic vision, her relentless determination that all children at Brindishe schools should achieve at the highest standards, her ability to turn vision into reality and a strong set of values that children should feel empowered, trusted, included, valued, recognised as individuals and challenged.

In 2013 she was recognised in the Queen's Honours List for services to education and became known as Dame Vicki.

In all this time, Dame Vicki has kept our three schools at the forefront of national thinking, maximized opportunities to engage in leading practice and kept us all one step ahead, often many steps ahead, of other schools in and beyond London. She has been influential on national education platforms and has worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the benefit of all of our children.

Dame Vicki, as you know, will leave us at the end of term and I'm sure would be delighted to see any of our families who want to pop in to say goodbye to her. She is usually at Brindishe Lee on Wednesday and Friday each week.

She will continue to be a Trustee for Challenge Partners and will no doubt keep in touch with us. She leaves a legacy which I feel confident will continue for many years to come as there is no other federation of schools that works so openly, harmoniously, collaboratively and successfully as Brindishe.

We wish Dame Vicki a very happy and healthy future as she moves on to new things and thank her wholeheartedly for all she has done for Brindishe Schools, for our community and, most importantly, for our children.

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This week at Brindishe Lee ...

What can I say ...



... Picasso exhibition

I am sure you will want to join me in saying "Congratulations!" to every child and adult at Brindishe Lee for the most impressive art exhibition on Tuesday. What an amazing display of learning and creativity from everyone. It was fabulous to see so many visitors come to enjoy the range of art on display – sculpture, painting, dance and photography ... and take time to look at the sketch books and see the process the children went through in preparation. It was a real celebration of art. Well done everyone! And ... A very special thank you to Shirley Harughton who motivated and coordinated the visits to Tate Modern, the story teller and the exhibition too.

Summer BBQ lunch

Chartwells, our lunch providers, are offering everyone an outside BBQ lunch on Wednesday 18 July. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have the BBQ on 18 July, they can. It will cost £2.20. In order that Chartwells can plan their menu, **all requests and payments** for lunch must be **with the office by next Friday (13 July)**. Only children who have paid in advance will be able to eat the BBQ on the day. If your child wants the BBQ and they have food allergies but do not have a specific diet menu from Chartwells, please speak to Miss Matthews asap.

Rights Respecting School



Next week, in our assemblies and discussions we will be thinking about **Article 6: The right to be alive**

The right to life is the chance to be able to live and have the possibility to grow, to develop and become adults. This right comprises two essential aspects: the right to have one's life protected from birth and the right to be able to survive and develop appropriately.

Year 1 tri-school sports

Y1 took part in their first Tri- school tournament on Monday. They competed against children from Brindishe Green and Brindishe Manor schools. All the children gave their very best effort and enjoyed taking part and winning some events too - they had a great time. Thank you to staff and parents / carers for their great support in cheering the children on as well as accompanying them to and from Brindishe Green.

Dates for your diary ...

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday	Year 6 Leavers' evening
Wednesday	Reception to the park! Yr3 /4 Football tournament
Thursday	Outside reading day
18 July	Year 6 day out BBQ lunch
20 July	Last day of the school year
03/04 Sept	STAFF INSET DAYS
05 Sept	Children in, NEW School Year for Years 1-6 , Reception staggered start begins

Attendance this week

Best attendance this week ...

Year 2, with **99.62%** and **Year 4, Cherry** with **99.6%**. Very well done to both these classes!

Finally ... Lost clothes

We have an enormous amount of lost clothing in school at the moment. Children take off their layers when playing outside and then leave them. We are very keen for everything to be returned to its owner before the end of term. All items of clothing will be displayed outside, by the quiet area, all day on Tuesday. Please take the time to check to see if anything belongs to your child(ren). Many thanks.

Please see the message **from F@B** over the page
Have a great weekend.

Lisa Morris

Headteacher

F@B news for the autumn term ...

Next term Brindishe Lee will be celebrating Carnival.
Inspired by the great festivals, this is a chance to explore how different cultures celebrate across the world.

Every class will take part in a series of workshops at school in the weeks leading up to the carnival to create a fantastic parade for all to see!
Parents and carers will be invited in to school at 2:30 pm on Friday 5th October to watch the procession, so please save the date!

After the procession there will be a chance to share international food and drink, music, entertainment and a variety of games and activities for everyone. This is a whole school community celebration for children, staff, parents and carers – an opportunity for everyone.



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