



Lee Manor – in partnership with Brindishe Schools

Week ending Friday 22nd November 2013

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Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

Philippines Appeal

We have had an overwhelming response to our appeal for clothing to send out to the Philippines today. Hundreds, if not thousands of items of clothing, shoes and blankets have come in to Central Hall here at Lee Manor from school families and friends and from families and colleagues at our partner Brindishe Schools.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to make this appeal such a success.

I have also received a message from the Philippines Embassy in London asking me to pass on my thanks to all of you who have donated.

The items are due to be flown out to the affected areas in the next few days where they will be distributed on our behalf by the Red Cross.

We also send our very best wishes to colleague Amanda Reagan who is trainee teacher at Brindishe Green school. Amanda recently flew out to Manila as part of a group of search and rescue volunteers. Amanda is leading a team of rescuers and medics. They are working as part of an ERT (emergency rescue team) and join the many other aid agencies who are bringing much needed support to this devastated area.

Rights Respecting and Eco News

This week, our assemblies have focused on learning about the United Nations' Rights Respecting work. Ms Hall asked the older children to think about the right to have clean water across the world.

Ms Morris introduced her Eco team to the school. The school now has badged Eco Warriors in each class who will advise and remind us all how to reduce our carbon footprint and save energy.

This week our music for assemblies came from Iran. Many thanks to Aryan for introducing us to the music.

Cross Age Learning

Each younger class is now paired with a class of older children across the school for cross-age learning projects that will continue for the rest of this year and beyond.

We believe this cross-age learning not only boosts the confidence and experience of the younger children, but also puts our older children in the role of teachers and mentors, learning how to guide and support others.

The paired classes meet at a regular time each week and use each other's classrooms as well as our larger learning zone areas.

Over the last few weeks our paired classes have, amongst other things, made Diwali lamps together, interviewed and written biographies of their younger partners and started to rehearse Christmas songs together.

Woodland Learning

This term, many classes have enjoyed creative and exciting projects through woodland learning. This is led by our PPA teacher Ms Cosin. (Our in-house PPA teachers take classes while teachers have time out of class to plan, prepare and assess).

Woodland learning uses the natural environment as a way of teaching children and giving them new skills. For example, Pearl and Sapphire classes made stick-people and a stick-witch. They then took photographs to illustrate the stories they had written about them. Some of these were based on the

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well-known book 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Jasper class used their mud pie making skills to make Anansi spiders from mud, leaves and sticks.

Other classes have also created outdoor art projects based on the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy. For more information about woodland learning and to see some examples of the children's outdoor learning, look out for the central hall display from the beginning of next term. Information on woodland learning in general can also be found at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk.

Cooking and sewing at Lee Manor

This week five new electric sewing machines arrived at the school. Year 5 teaching assistant Mrs Newman and year 6 teacher Ms Porter also completed a sewing course last weekend and are keen to pass their skills on to other staff and children throughout the school. We look forward to more needlecraft projects in the future and our creative and performing arts leader Mrs Guest and her team have many exciting plans for the future.

Teaching assistant Ms Nicholls runs an arts and craft club for both the older children and younger children in the Community Room each lunch time. This is a very popular, free club where children, amongst other things, can sew, make pompoms and even scoubidou (plaiting plastic).

Ms Nicholls is also developing cooking and sewing across the school and will work with different groups of children over the next few months.

Visits and Visitors

Many thanks to Lila's mum Halima who came to school this week demonstrating henna mendhi patterns as part of Jasper class' learning about the Muslim festival Eid.

Both our Reception classes and our year 4 classes went separately to the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich this week. The younger children went on a monster hunt as a first introduction to the museum and the older classes went as part of their learning on the Tudors. Thank you, as always, to the adults who were able to join the classes to help on the visits.

Parent Pay

You are now able to view lunch money payments and balances online via ParentPay. Please see Miss Fulya in the school office if you would like to know your log-in details.

School Book Fair

Our book fair started today Friday 22nd and continues on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November. Come and visit us in Manor Hall from 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. to buy an exciting read or find a Christmas present!

Every book you buy helps us to earn FREE BOOKS for our school.

Seasonal events at Lee Manor

With last week's newsletter was a flyer with details of all the events coming up for the festive season. We hope that all families who wish to join us for some of these events will be able to do so. Places will be very limited for our most popular events so please see you child's teacher if you need more details nearer the time.

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Again this year we will be supporting our chosen charity UNICEF Children's fund. We will be collecting money at each of our performances if you feel able to give. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**Are you around at lunchtimes everyday ? Looking for part time work ?
We have vacancies at Lee Manor or Brindishe Green Primary-Schools, Lewisham**

We need people to work as children's lunchtime playleaders / supervisors everyday Mon – Fri term time only from either from 11.45am to 1.45pm at Lee Manor or 11.30am to 1.45pm at Brindishe Green. You will need to help and support and play alongside children aged 5-11 at lunchtime and during their playtime/ playground break.

Patience, enjoyment of children's company, a very positive and practical outlook and lots of common sense are what's needed as well as a clear DBS (Criminal Records Bureau check) which we will process for you.

The pay is £9.98 per hour or £99.80 for 10 hours a week.

Please contact either Judi Pollock Deputy Headteacher at Brindishe Green (Tel 0208 8527245 x 224) or Kath Margetts, Deputy Headteacher at Lee Manor School (Tel 0208 852 0852 x223) for more information and complete and return the application form (available from the school office or website www.brindisheschools.org or www.leemanor.lewisham.sch.uk). Forms should be returned to either

Lee Manor School, Leahurst Road, London SE13 5LS **or** Brindishe Green School, Beacon Road, London SE13 6EH

Dates for your calendar:

PSFA Winter Wonderland Fair – Sunday 8th December. See separate flyer in today's bookbags for details.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Alex Bell
Headteacher