



**Lee Manor** – in partnership with Brindishe Schools  
Week ending Friday 8th February 2013

Headteacher – Alex Bell   Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

**Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,**

### **Pupil progress meetings**

Thank you to parents and carers who have already met with their class teachers for a pupil progress update. It is extremely useful for us to be able to share the progress your child has made so far this year and also to discuss the next steps in their learning. Before the meeting please take the opportunity to look through your child's books and other learning while you wait to meet with the teacher.

We would like to meet with the parents and carers of every single child at Lee Manor this month, so please do all you can to attend these meetings. Our teachers will do their very best to find a suitable time to meet with you.

When you arrive, please come to the main school office where we can tell you where the meeting is.

### **Don't forget...**

Don't forget that you don't have to wait for a pupil progress meeting to talk with the teacher. Our teachers are always happy to meet you to update your child's learning and progress. The easiest way to contact your child's teacher is to catch them at the classroom door or in the playground at the end of the day. You are also welcome to email them to ask for a meeting. Their addresses are via the 'contact us' tab on the school website or leave a message with the school office.

### **Learning around the school**

This week, children in Year 1 each wrote 'Wanted' posters to put around the school asking for help finding characters from their traditional stories. The topic gives them many opportunities to share their writing skills with others.

Two of our year 2 classes also visited the London Fire Brigade Museum as part of their learning on the Great Fire of London.

The children really enjoyed their visit, were excellent young ambassadors for the school and really impressed the museum with how much detail they knew about the topic already.

Thank you to the staff and families who came on the visit and made it such a success.

This week, Year 3 investigated the buildings and history of our local area in a walk and are using this information back at school. They also plan to share it with their pen friends in other parts of the world as part of their 'Flat Stanley' project.

Year 4 have written an updated version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet to show their understanding of the original story and how it might sound today.

Year 5 continue their topic on space and have generated lots of excellent writing based on an imaginary alien invasion.

On Monday, Year 6 Diamond class will be joined by Ms Katie Matthews from Brindishe Green who will work alongside Mrs Hill and get to know the children and their learning before Mrs Hill goes on maternity leave next month.

I am sure you will join me in making Ms Matthews very welcome.

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### **Celebrating the languages and cultures of the school**

It has been a great time for all things Chinese this week as we celebrate China and the languages of Mandarin and Cantonese in preparation for Chinese New Year on Sunday. Every class has been encouraged to learn some phrases, so do please ask your child to share their skills with you.

Ms Morris, who teaches in year 5 Aquamarine class, is inviting children who speak more than one language to help us recognise, share and celebrate our many cultures and languages across the school in the future. Look out for her in the playground if you would like to contribute or contact her via the school office or on [rmorris@leemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:rmorris@leemanor.lewisham.sch.uk).

### **Attendance**

Our target for attendance is 96.5%. Well done to Amethyst, Pearl, Sapphire, Jet, diamond and Opal classes for exceeding this target and a special well done to Jasper who achieved an amazing 100% attendance this week.

Thank you to all parents and carers who make sure their child comes to school ready and on time each day that they are able. Thank you also to everyone who let's us know as soon as possible if and why their child is unable to attend school for any reason.

### **Place2Be**

Enclosed with this newsletter are a letter and a leaflet explaining Place2B and the services it will be introducing at Lee Manor from this term. If you would like to find out more about Place2Be please come along from 9.00 – 10.00 a.m. on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February in the Community Room.

### **A parent asked why we send text messages...**

We had to send yet another text this week to alert all families of another report of a child being approached on the way home. I have been asked by a couple of parents why we do this as it might seem like 'scaremongering'. I am sure that most parents understand that we do this as we have a responsibility to pass on information that we receive from the local authority, the police or local schools in the interests of keeping all children safe especially on their way to and from school.

It is indeed very worrying to receive the reports but as the saying goes 'better safe than sorry'.

If you have not received the text messages it means we do not have an up to date/ accurate mobile number for you and so please make sure you phone ( 0208 852 0852) or email the school office ([info@leemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@leemanor.lewisham.sch.uk)) today to update your child's records.

### **Open days at Lee Manor for parents/ carers applying for places at the school**

This week we had our open day so that parents who may wish to apply for a place for their child here could look around the school. We received so many positive comments and feedback and felt so proud of the school. Details of our next open days are on the Lee Manor school website (under **admissions**). Please let friends and neighbours who are thinking of applying here know that our next open day is Tuesday 12 March and will be in the morning - and then in the evening for working parents.

**With best wishes to all families and friends,**

**Alex Bell**  
**Associate Headteacher**