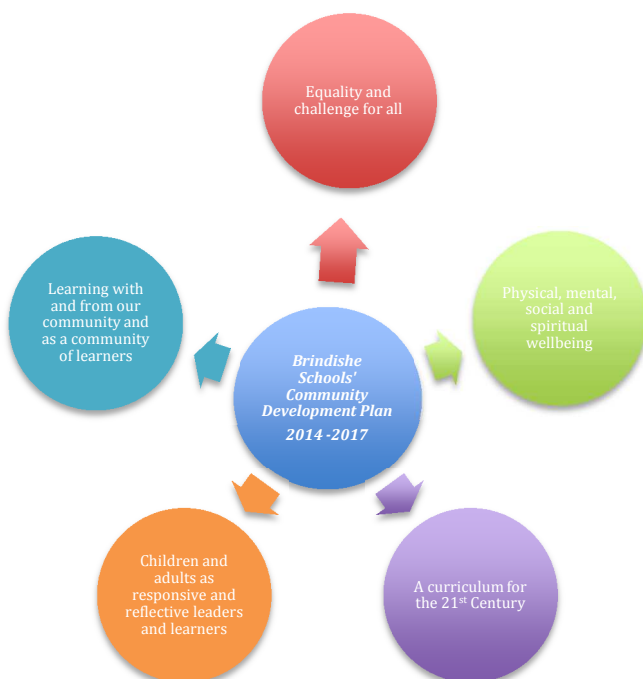


3 October 2014

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Brindishe Schools Community Development Plan 2014-2017

We have worked together across our three partner schools to write our draft plan for development for the next three years. Our main areas of focus are:



Each week we will let you know more about what is planned for each of these areas. The first is:

Learning with and from our community and as a community of learners. This involves:

-working with our partners and families in and across Brindishe Schools to maximise opportunities for shared learning and achievement at all levels.

-developing children and adults' understanding, tolerance of and appreciation for the many different cultures, religions, faith traditions and family circumstances in our community and ensure their voices are heard / responded to.

-working with Lewisham and the Local Plan to develop in our community: a safe and healthy local environment, safer travel, better use of leisure and local amenities and, where possible, more school places.

-designing and developing a tri-school project to support parental engagement in children's learning.

-building, strengthening and widening our global and cultural partnerships

-using ICT, social media, networking and an extensive programme of visits and visitors to build our learning community.

If you would like a copy of the development plan please ask in the office.

This week at Brindishe Manor.

Thank you to parents and carers in Ys 1 – 6 who have taken the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher over the past fortnight. Teachers report that they are delighted to have met with nearly every family in their classes already and feedback from parents and carers has been very positive. If you haven't yet made your appointment, do contact your child's class teacher.

Year 6 parents and carers came along to a Secondary Transition meeting at school last night to hear presentations from 6 local secondary schools. All local Secondary schools were invited and the schools attending included Eltham Hill, Prendergast Ladywell Fields, Harris Academy,

Blackheath High, Thomas Tallis and Colfes School. Some pupils attending the schools came to speak as well, including our very own Misty McGraw, now in Year 7 at Colfes, who spoke eloquently about how much she has enjoyed her first few weeks there. Parents and carers found the event very informative and useful - thank you to Sam Collins our Learning Mentor for organising the evening.

Year 5 classes have visited The Horniman Museum today to look at ancient artefacts throughout history.

Brindishe Schools' Fun Run

We hope to see many of you tomorrow, October 4th, at Sutcliffe Park SE9 for the Brindishe Schools' Fun Run. In total there are over 200 runners taking part – a fantastic number. Even if you are not running yourself, the runners and walkers will need as many supporters as possible. The event runs from 9.30am – 12pm with refreshments available, as well as live music all morning from Felix School of Rock.

There will be a 1k walk/run for children and a 5k walk/run for adults. Money raised will go to children's charity, Unicef, as well as to each school's fund. Final information about the event was sent home via book-bags on Thursday - do ask in the school office if you need another copy.

Visits and visitors next week

On Monday a librarian from Manor House Gardens Library will run an assembly to congratulate the many children at Brindishe Manor who took part in this summer's Reading Challenge.

Year 1 have a storyteller visiting them on Wednesday 8 October to tell Anansi stories.

We are hosting a Year 6 tri-school event at our school on Thursday 9 October. Year 6 children from across our partnership of schools will meet for an afternoon of fun team building activities.

Year 4 Topaz are off to The National Portrait Gallery on Friday 10 October to look at Tudor portraits.

Open Day at Brindishe Manor

Our next Open Day is on Tuesday 7 October. There are 2 sessions: 9.15 – 10.30am and 5.00 – 6.15pm. If you know of anyone with a child of Nursery age looking for a Reception place in our school, do let them know to come along to one of the sessions. Applications for a place in Reception class need to be made by 15 January 2015.

Dates for the diary

4 October: Brindishe Schools' Fun Run
Sutcliffe Park, SE9

7 October: Brindishe Manor Open Day
9.15 – 10.30am and again at 5.00 – 6.15pm

16 October: School Journey meeting,
3.30pm and 6.30pm

27 – 31 October: Half term

31 October: Deadline for Y6 applications
to secondary schools

Oct 21 & 6 Nov Governing Body meetings

3 – 7 November: Year 6 School Journey

20, 21, 24 November: School Book Fair

With best wishes,

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