

14 November 2014

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **'Everybody Outside!' Day 13 Nov**

What a wonderful day we had!

This is what some children have said...

'You can explore the trees searching for leaves, pine cones and conkers to make a beautiful masterpiece, plus you get the pleasure of having fun with your classmates while still learning.'

Adisa Y5 Jet

'My favourite bit was when everybody was making colourful, vibrant leaf tornadoes.'

Batin Y3 Sapphire

'It gave you a chance to think about art and your ideas coming together. It let your imagination come first.'

Lia May Y5 Jet

'I liked the fact that we all worked together and we got to make beautiful pieces of art work that looked brilliant!'

Matthew Y5 Jet

### **Year 6 visit to 'Hazard House'**

Ruby and Charlotte in Y6 report...

'Last Friday we travelled to Hazard House and in groups we did lots of different activities linked to keeping ourselves safe. These included: dog handling, using the underground, road safety, fire safety and our own personal safety. Each activity was 10 minutes long - it was so fun and a really exciting way to learn!'

### **Writers' Workshop at Blackheath High School**

Freddie in Y6 Opal reports...

'When we went to Blackheath High on Monday, the author Valerie Bloom was there. She taught us how to write poetry well and we wrote our own poems. It was a very good experience for everybody to

mix with other good writers and for young people to do what they enjoy.'

### **Stories in home languages**

Thank you to our visitors in Nursery and Key Stage 1 – parents, aunties, grandparents – who have come into school to read and tell our children a story in their home language. The children have been mesmerised and delighted.

If you would like to volunteer to read or tell a story in your home language we would love to hear from you - please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Dates for your diary**

**21 - 26 November:** School Book Fair

**25 November** Rec/Year 6 height and weight measurement checks at school

**4 December:** Turning of the Year concert (KS1 choir) at Blackheath Halls 5pm

**11 December** Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 Christmas Lunch

**12 December** Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas Lunch

**12 December** Winter Fair after school from 3.15pm

**19 December** End of term

### **Winter Performance dates:**

**'The Christmas Story' – Nursery, Y1, Y2 Nativity**

**Dec 9 and 10**

9.30am performances:

Jade (N)am Emerald (Rec)

Jasper (Y1) Amethyst (Y2)

**Dec 9 and 10**

2.00pm performances

Jade (N) pm Turquoise (Rec)

Onyx (Y1) Ruby (Y2)

**'Winter around the World' – KS2**

**Dec 15 9.30am and Dec 16 2pm**

Diamond Y6, Aquamarine Y5, Topaz Y4, Quartz Y4, Sapphire Y3.

**Dec 15 2pm and Dec 16 9.30am**

Opal Y6, Jet Y5, Amber Y4, Pearl Y3

**Tickets for performances:** We will be distributing your ticket requests early next week. As our initial deadline was yesterday - 20 Nov, any later requests will be placed on a waiting list while we look at availability.

**\*\*26 January** KS2 choir sing at the O2 with 'Young Voices' \*\*

**and finally...**

**Book Fair – starts today!**

Please make sure you come along to our school Book Fair in Manor Hall and stock up on a great book present for children.

Here are the times:

Friday 21	3:25 - 4:00pm
Monday 24	3:25 - 4:00pm
Tuesday 25	3:25 - 4:00pm
Wednesday 26	<b>8:45 - 9:15am</b> and 3:25 - 4:00pm

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

**Breakfast and After School Club at Brindishe Manor**

Parents and carers who use this facility please note:

Our current breakfast and after-school care at Brindishe Manor is run by an independent business, Star Kiddy.

Star Kiddy's contract with our school terminates at Christmas and from January, Brindishe Manor will have a new provider.

The new service will be operated by Little Gremlins who also run the Breakfast and After School Club at St Winifred's School. Little Gremlins will be in touch with families shortly to let them know details of their new service at Brindishe Manor.

**PSFA News**

Hello from the PSFA (Parents Staff & Friends Association)

The PSFA held its AGM on Tuesday evening and we were delighted to welcome some new parents and teachers to the meeting. Many thanks go to outgoing chair Scott McCready and secretary Shannon Daly for all their hard work and dedication over the past year. A team of parent volunteers was elected in order to fulfil the constitution of the organisation, and they will be giving us more news over the coming weeks.

The first task for the year now is to plan our Winter Fair, which will be held after school on Friday December 12th. We would love to hear ideas on how we can incorporate the winter festivals and traditions that you celebrate with your family and community. There will be a coffee morning on Wednesday 26th (next week) at 9am in the Community Room: please do come and have a cup of coffee/tea and share your ideas (and any other thoughts you have about PSFA activities) with the team so that we can make this an event which celebrates the whole school community. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can email [brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com). Ms Morris (teacher in Y4 Topaz and Cultural Diversity leader in school) is also keen to hear your ideas about how to help the PSFA organise events that celebrate our vibrant and diverse school community.

Finally, did you know that the PSFA has a Facebook page? Please do join so that we can keep everyone up to date with events and plans, and hear your ideas. Search Facebook for Brindishe Manor.