

10 October 2014

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **School Community Development Plan**

As promised in the newsletter last week, each week we will let you know the detailed actions planned for one of the areas of our Schools' Community Development Plan. The second area is:

#### **Children and adults as responsive and reflective leaders and learners: In this area we want to develop the way**

- children lead as decision makers and are enabled to be active contributors in their learning, and we help them to make sure that their behaviour supports their learning
- children know, form and own the next steps in their learning
- cross-age and investigative learning, inter-school and peer mentoring are planned and implemented throughout the schools and across the curriculum
- staff respond to and assess children's learning and use this, with real-time information to identify, plan and support each child's next achievable step

- our three schools build our capacity for continuous and sustained improvement through our own partnerships and collaborations as well as local school-to-school support partnerships

### **This week at Brindishe Manor**

#### **Brindishe Schools' Fun Run**

Children from all 3 Brindishe Schools and their parents and carers came along to Sutcliffe Park last Saturday morning to run, walk and cheer each other on in a special fund raising event for Unicef and for each school.

Over 250 runners took part and a great many more came along to clap and cheer. Brothers Freddy (Y6) and Joey (Y3) were both winners in the 5K race, coming 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. Other winners in the 1K race were Danus (Y4) – first place for girls – and Coltrane (Y3) – third place for boys. Ms Coupe and Mr Maguire also ran for Brindishe Manor. Many thanks go to Lisa Reddish (parent at BLee) and her team who worked extremely hard to make this event such a success. Will you be running next year ?

#### **Year 6 team building event**

On Thursday, Year 6 children from across our three schools met at Brindishe Manor for an afternoon of fun team-building activities. Elliot named his favourite activity as 'Toxic Waste' – his group had to work together as a team to neutralise the

waste, and managed to do it!  
Charlotte said she was so pleased to have already made new friends from the other schools.  
Thank you to Ms Coupe for organising such a successful afternoon.

### **Visits and Visitors**

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Diana, their storyteller, this week. Staff report that the children were captivated by the Anansi story she told and have been busy retelling and writing it ever since.

Y4 Topaz visited The National Portrait Gallery today. The children were impeccably behaved and, despite the rain, had a very enjoyable day finding out about Tudor portraits.

### **Next week at Brindishe Manor**

Amber Class visit the Maritime Museum in Greenwich on Monday 13 Oct.

A Brass Quintet from Trinity College of Music will visit Ys 3-6 for a special performance on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Reception Classes are visiting Manor House Gardens Library on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> (Turquoise) and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> (Emerald).

### **Welcome Evening**

We are holding a welcome evening for all new families on Tuesday October 23rd from 6.00 – 7.30pm. Molly, the school cook and head of kitchen will prepare tasty food for you all to enjoy on behalf of Chartwells our school meals providers. Staff, governors and I look forward to meeting you there.

### **Young Giver**

Adisa (in Y5) had his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday a few weeks ago. His mum tells me that instead of presents, he asked for cash donations for the Safari Ward (child cancer) at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and raised £40! He would like to thank the families who kindly gave contributions. He is a great example to us all – especially by thinking of others before himself.

### **Dates for your diary**

**16 October:** School Journey meetings 3.30pm and 6.30pm

**23 October:** Welcome Evening for new families

**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 for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

**Our trusty cake sale organisers  
invite you to:**

**THE HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE**

**Friday 24th October 3.15pm**

It's the first cake sale of the year at our school and we're looking for all your creepiest creations! You can decorate biscuits or whip up some ghoulish cupcakes - or bring a box of shop bought treats. All donations will earn money to add to the PFSA fund which directly benefits the school. Please leave your tasty donations with the school office on the morning of Friday 24th October, and don't forget to come and treat yourself at the end of the day too!

**Advert:**

Manor Park Users Group invite you to a 'Bat Walk' in Manor Park on Thursday 23 October.

Come to the main entrance on Manor Park (opposite Northbrook Road) at 6pm. There will be tea at 6.45pm followed by a talk 'Bat habitats and ecology – just a bit batty!'

Please see overleaf for final information on and thanks for last week's Fun Run.