

19 September 2014

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

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

Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to school. Thank you to parents and carers for helping your children settle so quickly. They are all enjoying their learning, happy and following their new routines.

Our new Nursery children have been enjoying 'stay and play' sessions this week, and join us officially from next Monday. We are really looking forward to welcoming them.

### **Home Learning** (or homework)

Staff have asked me to thank you for the support you are giving your children with their home learning. We have been inundated with models, projects and children's own books for home learning on a wide range of themes from sea creatures to Ancient Greeks!

Please do pop into your child's classroom one day after school to see the learning taking place.

### **Brindishe Schools Governing Body**

Last week our newly elected governors in the Brindishe Schools Federated Governing Body met for the first time and we are pleased to report that we agreed that Spyros Elia will continue as our Local Authority governor. We also co-opted six more people from our community to build a strong group of highly experienced and skilled governors who will continue to steer our three schools forward.

The first full governing body dates are Oct 21 & Nov 6 and these will be at Brindishe Lee School. All meetings are open to

anyone who wants to attend as an observer. Please let us know so that we can organise seating and refreshments for you if you wish to come along.

### **Children's Teams at Brindishe Manor.**

Last week we talked about our Rights Respecting Team and this week it's time to announce our...

### **Gardening Team**

Ms Cosin ran an assembly on Thursday introducing our older children to plans for our children's Gardening Team who will lead others in developing growing and outdoor learning projects over the year. Children are invited to apply to be part of this team which will meet a couple of times each week.

And our...

### **Young Interpreters Team**

We have many children in school who speak a different language as well as English. We are inviting bilingual children to join our Young Interpreters Team: these children support others for whom English is not their first language, helping them around school, helping to translate if necessary, and helping children new to English with their learning. It is a very important role, and we are delighted by the contribution our Young Interpreters have made to our school community over the past few years. Bilingual children are asked to let Ms Morris (Year 4, Topaz) know if they are interested in joining this team.

### **School opening time**

We have had a lot of very positive feedback from parents and carers about our new 'doors open' time of 8.50am. The school playground and pavements outside are much less congested as a result.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who make sure their children arrive settled and ready for learning by 9.00am.

### Clubs at Brindishe Manor

By now, you should have received details of the clubs offered to children in Years 1 – 6 this term. We have tried to ensure that as many children as possible who wanted to take part in a club have been able to do so.

Clubs and music tuition start again next week, from 22 September. Please ask in the office for more details of the clubs on offer or to put your child's name down on a waiting list.

### Results 2013 - 2014

We are very pleased to let you know the excellent results for our year 2 and year 6 children in the SATs or National Assessment Arrangements. This year our year 2s and year 6s did very well indeed.

Thank you to all the staff who worked with them and to parents and carers for their support.

Listed below are the results for Lee (Brindishe) Manor 2014, followed by the National results currently available, for comparison.

#### Lee (Brindishe) Manor KS1 ( Year 2) Results 2014

(please note level 2 is average, level 2b is a good average and level 3 is above average)

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Level 2+	92%	92%	95%
Level 2B+	92%	88%	92%
Level 3+	47%	27%	42%

#### National KS1 Results 2013

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Level 2+	89%	85%	91%
Level 2B+	79%	67%	78%
Level 3+	29%	15%	23%

#### Lee (Brindishe) Manor KS2 (Year 6) Results 2014

(please note level 4 is average, level 4b is a good average and level 5 is above average. Level 6 is for the most able children, nationally)

	Reading	Writing	GPS	Maths	RWM*
4+	97%	86%	97%	97%	
4B+	93%	95%	79%	95%	90%
L5+	74%	60%	59%	71%	52%
6+	0%	11%	4%	21%	0%

#### National KS2 Results 2013

	Reading	Writing	GPS^	Maths	RWM*
4+	86%	83%	74%	85%	75%
4B+	75%	unavail	65%	73%	unavail
L5+	44%	30%	47%	41%	21%
6+	0%	2%	2%	6%	unavail

\*RWM = the % of children who achieved the expected level in Reading, Writing and Maths Combined

^GPS = Grammar, punctuation, spelling

### Secondary Transfer

Just to remind year 6 parents - Lewisham Secondary School visits have started this week. Please visit the websites of out-of-borough schools to find out about their open days. You will need to register at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) anytime from 1 Sep and complete your application by 31 October 2014 for your child to get a place in a Secondary school.

If you would like any support with the process of choosing a Secondary school for your child, please do get in touch to arrange an appointment. Please remember that we are holding a secondary transfer meeting for parents and carers on **2 Oct at 6pm**. Members of staff from a number of local secondary schools will be there to answer your questions.

We have had several of last year's Year 6 children visit us already - looking very smart in their uniforms! Past pupils now at

Eltham Hill School visited on Monday to talk to our Year 6 children and answer their questions. They were very reassuring and had lots of helpful tips for starting secondary school.

Here is a list of the schools that our children went on to in September:

Addey and Stanhope – 1  
Beths Grammar – 2  
Bonus Pastor – 1  
Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar – 4  
Dartford Grammar – 1  
Eltham Hill – 8  
Haberdashers Askes Hatcham Coll – 1  
Haberdashers Askes Knights Acad – 2  
Harris Academy – 2  
Kemnal – 3  
Prendergast Hilly Fields College – 1  
Prendergast Vale – 1  
Riverston – 2  
Sedgehill – 2  
St Matthew's Academy – 4  
The John Roan School – 1  
Thomas Tallis – 12  
Townley Grammar School – 2  
Trinity School - 4

We wish all the children very good luck in their new schools.

### **Meet the teacher (Years 1 – 6)**

By now you should have received a letter from your child's class teacher inviting you to meet them to share information about your child. We look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have already returned their emergency contact forms to us. Please do get them back to us as soon as you can so that we can ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your child.

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

Our 3 schools are organising a sponsored walk / fun run at Sutcliffe Park, Eltham Road (just a few minutes from Lee Green) on Saturday 4 October. The aim of the event is to build links across our communities, to raise awareness of healthy lifestyles and to raise money both for charity (Unicef) and for each school's fund.

There will be a sponsored 1km children's fun run/walk, and a 5km fun run for adults with a minimum entry fee of £2.

This week we have sent home flyers for the event asking for volunteer help. If you are able to help please let Lisa Reddish (parent at Brindishe Lee) know on [lisar\\_uk00@yahoo.com](mailto:lisar_uk00@yahoo.com) or fill out your details on the flyer and return it to the school office. It promises to be a really fun day out!

### **Dates for the diary**

**Fortnight beg 22 Sep:** 'Meet the teacher' meetings

**2 October:** Secondary transfer meeting

**4 October:** Brindishe Schools' Fun Run Sutcliffe Park, SE9 – more details soon

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

**16 October:** School Journey meeting, 3.30pm *and* 6.30pm (note additional time)

**27 – 31 October:** Half term holiday

**31 October:** Deadline for Y6 applications to secondary schools

**3 – 7 November:** Year 6 School Journey

**20, 21, 24 November:** School Book Fair

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

Advert:

Brindishe Manor parent, Shirin Shabestari, is about to complete the last of 5 challenges in order to fundraise for the charity, Save the Children. As well as successfully climbing the UK's three highest peaks in less than 24 hours and climbing Mt Damavand in Iran twice in 10 days, Shirin is about to face her final challenge – running the Royal Parks Half Marathon on 12 October. If you would like to donate, please do so online at: <https://www.justgiving.com/shirin-shabestari1> or text SAAJ73 £5 to 70070.

Advert:

Hither Green Scouts  
Community Fundraising  
event:

Open Mic on Sat 4 Oct  
from 6pm

St Swithun's Hall,  
SE13 6RW.

To perform call: 07956  
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Tickets: adults £8.00  
(£10 on the door)  
Children £5.00.