



Lee Manor – in partnership with Brindishe Schools

Week ending Friday 6th June 2014

Headteacher – Alex Bell Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents, carers, colleagues, friends and families,

Welcome back

Welcome back to the last half term of the year and what a busy one it will be. The children have returned to school ready for the many exciting projects we have planned for them. Many classes also came to school on Monday with home learning projects completed during the holidays. Thank you to all the families who were able to support their child with their project.

Matisse Project

This week many of our older classes visited the Tate Modern gallery to view the major exhibition 'Matisse – The Cut Outs' as part of a whole school project in partnership with Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee schools. More classes will also go to the exhibition next week. The children who have already visited have been inspired to create their own artwork in response and this will develop and grow over the next few weeks. Our younger children have also been learning about the life of Henri Matisse and created some high quality artwork already.

Matisse assemblies

All our assemblies this week have had a focus on Henri Matisse with children learning about the artist's life and how he created some of his most famous artwork. Our year 1 and 2 children even took part in a live demonstration, acting as his assistants as they created a piece together in the hall.

Matisse exhibition

As always, thank you to all the adults who are able to accompany classes on the visits to the gallery. Thank you also to the children who received many, many compliments from members of the public during the visits. The children were praised for their excellent behaviour and also the quality of the artwork they produced whilst at the gallery.

We will be holding an exhibition of children's artwork from the Matisse Project from all three schools here at Lee Manor on 11th July to which you are warmly invited. More details will follow.

Amber class opera project

Amber class have taken up the invitation to take part in Blackheath Halls Community Opera 'The Adventures of Count Ory' by Rossini and started rehearsals this week. This is the 8th year of this annual community opera project and includes a cast of renowned opera singers, children from local schools and students from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. Amber class perform on 16th and 20th July. More details and tickets are available at <http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/whats-on/events/blackheath-halls-events?tag=Opera>

Collaborative choir performance

Children from Lee Manor will perform alongside children from Brindishe Lee, Brindishe Green, St Winifred's, St Margarets Lee and John Ball schools in a special 'Collaborative choir' at John Ball school next Thursday 12th June at 4:00pm. All families of children performing are warmly invited to attend and more details will be sent home with children in the choir.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on the 9th, 10th and 16th June to take individual, class and sibling photographs.

Please make a note of the day your child will have their photograph taken and please also note that this could be on two separate days if they have a brother or sister in school.

Monday 9th June: Jade AM, Jasper, Onyx, Amethyst, Jade PM, Amber, Quartz

Tuesday 10th June: Turquoise, Emerald, Pearl, Sapphire, Ruby, Aquamarine, Jet

Monday 16th June: Opal, Diamond, Topaz and Siblings

Details of the price of photographs and how to pay for them will follow.

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Sports Day Thursday 10th July

Please note the date for our Sports Day. It will be on Thursday 10th July and we welcome families along to cheer on their class. Half the school will go to the park in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. All classes taking part will meet for lunch in the park from 12:00pm to 12:30pm. Onyx, Ruby, Sapphire, Quartz, Amber, Jet and Opal classes will start at 9:45am and Jasper, Amethyst, Pearl, Topaz, Aquamarine and Diamond classes will start at 12:45pm.

Dates for your calendar

- 12th June - Collaborative Choir day
- 12th June - Full Governing Body meeting (please let us know if you would like to attend)
- 17th June Musicians' concert
- 21st June - Collaborative Choir sing at Manor House Gardens Festival
- 24th June - Meeting for parents of children starting in Reception classes in September
- 10th July - Sports Day at Manor House Gardens
- 11th July - Exhibition of children's Matisse artwork at Lee Manor
- 16th July - Y6 Leavers' Performance
- 22nd July - End of term

Best wishes for the weekend,
Alex Bell
Headteacher

News from the PSFA

Some updates on forthcoming PSFA events for Summer Term:
TODAY 3:15pm in Central Hall – Cake Sale
Friday 20th June – The Return of the Lee Manor Quiz Night
Sunday 13th July – Summer Fair

Lee Manor Quiz Night

Friday 20th June 8pm at the school. Tickets £5 in advance. Limited places – 50 people only, first come first served. All proceeds support the school.

Please see the Quiz Night flyer coming home with this newsletter.
To reserve tickets please complete the cut off slip on the flyer with the correct money (£5 per ticket) and put it in an envelope marked 'Quiz Night' with the number of tickets needed written on the outside of the envelope. Please then leave this in the 'drop box' at the school office.

Thanks!
Scott McCready, PSFA Chair 2013/14

Community News

Lee Manor parent Shirin Shabestari is taking part in a different challenge each month for the next five months to raise money for the charity Save the Children. In June she will take part in the National Three Peaks Challenge, in July she will climb Mont Blanc, in August she will climb Mount Damavand in Iran, in September Run to the Beat 10k and in October, the Royal Parks half marathon.

If you would like to help Shirin raise money for the charity Save the Children, you can donate at www.justgiving.com/shirin-shabestari or by texting SAAJ73 £5 to 70070.