



Lee Manor – in partnership with Brindishe Schools

Week ending Friday 7th February 2014

Headteacher – Alex Bell Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents, carers, colleagues, friends and families,

Rights Respecting School News – UNICEF Day for Change

Today's Rights Respecting event 'UNICEF's Day for Change', was a huge success. The theme for the day was 'Schools for all'. Many classes took part in assemblies and classroom learning about how every child in the world should have the right to an education.

Thank you to everyone in the school who was able to dress in the colours of the UNICEF flag – we saw many children in pale blue and/or white today. We also had a 'Day for Change' wishing-well outside the front door to the school. A final total of money raised from the donations of silver and gold coins will be made next week. Thank you to everyone who made a wish for education for all children around the world. Thank you also to Mrs Clapton and her team who organised the day so well today.

More information on UNICEF's Day for Change can be found online at www.dayforchange.org.uk.

Progress meetings

Thank you to the many, many parents and carers who have already met with class teachers to share progress meetings. The teachers have asked me to pass on their thanks for the many positive comments they have received. If you have not met with your child's teacher yet, we look forward to welcoming you very soon.

Astronomy News

Year 5 Jet class were delighted to receive a personal reply to their letter from one of the top astronomers in the country, Dr Marek Kukula. They wrote to him last week before their visit to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and exchanged very mature views on the amount that is spent on space exploration in this country.

Dr Kukula was so impressed with their views he wrote a very detailed three page reply.

Staff news

We send our good wishes to teaching assistant Ms Hammond as she leaves us to take up a role supporting early years settings nationally.

Playground Equipment

Our upgraded playground equipment continues to be very popular whenever the weather allows at playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you to all families who do not allow their children to play on the equipment before or after school.

School staff are not stationed in this area at those times and it is also a busy thoroughfare for the scooter and cycle park behind so it is not safe to allow children or younger children to use the equipment at these times.

Wet Weather Coats

Thank you to all families who continue to send children to school with a showerproof coat with hood or hat. Although the rain has been heavy this week, we always aim to allow children time outside each day whenever possible.

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Wellington boots

Thank you to everyone who has been able to donate outgrown wellington boots to our outdoor learning work. Ms Cosin says she would be very happy to receive more so that larger numbers of children are able to make use of our field for even more outdoor projects, whatever the weather.

Please leave any wellington boot donations with the school office who will pass them on.

Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

The children who entered Lewisham's hockey tournament this week didn't come home with any prizes but they did return with huge praise from adults and other teams for their great teamwork, good humour and their impeccable conduct on and off the pitch. Many congratulations to the children who represented themselves and the school so well and to Mr Wiltshire and Ms Rayatt for supporting them so well.

Attendance and punctuality

Congratulations to Onyx and Jet classes who had attendance above our target of 95% this week.

Cake Sale News from the PSFA

Please join us after school next Friday 14th February for our Valentine themed cake sale from 3:15pm in Central Hall. All cake lovers very welcome.

Dates for your calendar

Half term holiday 17th – 21st February.

Children return to school at 9am on Monday 24th February.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Alex Bell
Headteacher