



Lee Manor – in partnership with Brindishe Schools

Week ending Friday 14th March 2014

Headteacher – Alex Bell Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents, carers, colleagues, friends and families,

Spring has arrived

After all the rain we are delighted that the children have been able to enjoy the sunshine again this week. We have set up our shade sails again and many classes have found as many opportunities as possible to do some learning outside. Children are watering the seeds that they planted earlier in the term and classes of different ages met together on mats to read in the sunshine. Our oldest children had art lessons out on the field and our year three children decorated the playground with colourful chalk Rangoli patterns as part of their project on India.

Sing Up Day

Today we celebrated 'National Sing Up Day' alongside Brindishe schools. Each class has been practising their favourite songs over the last few days in preparation for today.

We held special singing assemblies during the morning for children to sing favourites old and new together. Each class also found as many ways as it could to add singing to maths, literacy and other parts of the day.

We also took part in our very own 'Singathon' to celebrate the day with our partner schools. During the morning, children from Brindishe Lee arrived at our gates after singing all the way from their school. They passed a song to our Reception classes who then joined in the song and took over the Singathon at Lee Manor.

A different song was passed all the way up through the school with one class singing to the next one and inviting them to join in.

Mrs Clapton, Mr Booth and their year 2 class then had the honour of passing the Singathon up to Brindishe Green school. They delighted local businesses and passers-by who watched them singing all the way as they walked up the hill.

Thank you to Mr Tiller, the Sing Up team and all the children who spread the joy of singing across Lee and Hither Green today.

Rights Respecting school - Free the Children assembly

As part of our 'Rights Respecting' work, yesterday our key stage 2 children took part in a very engaging assembly yesterday hosted by the charity 'Free the Children'. The charity had heard about our recent work collecting clothing to support victims of the disaster in the Philippines. It is a charity that promotes active citizenship throughout the world and links children globally to support each other in times of need. More details can be found at www.freethechildren.com

Letter writing

Some of our year 4 children have been writing letters linked to the 'Free the Children' campaign and to well-known people and companies both in the UK and around the world. The children each wrote letters to call for support for less fortunate children in other countries.

Some of the replies have started to come back in and recently in Topaz class, Nkem and Rhys received a detailed reply from the Prime Minister's office in Downing Street and George received a reply from Prince Charles' office at Clarence House. The children have certainly impressed many people with their very persuasive and well-written letters.

Young Enterprise Projects

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our year 4 enterprise projects by buying some of their home made soup and bread this week. We are delighted that each team has made a profit which

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will then fund next week's soup and bread sales. Please continue to support the children's projects if you are able to.

You will find the delicious snacks in the Community Room at the end of the day for the next two weeks.

Visits and Visitors

Earlier this week our year 6 classes were visited by 'The History Man' who took them on a day-long journey using giant maps and objects looking at the 'Horrible History of Food'.

Thank you also to Victoria Flint who led a lovely story telling workshop for our year 1 children 'Into the Woods'.

Attendance

We know that when children come to school every day and on time it makes a big difference to their learning. Congratulations to so many classes for another week of excellent attendance. Well done to Jasper, Onyx, Amethyst, Quartz, Sapphire, Amber, Aquamarine, Jet, Diamond, Opal, and Turquoise classes who all had attendance above our target of 95% this week. Special congratulations to Pearl and Topaz with a wonderful 100% attendance this week too.

A Time of Celebration

Best wishes to all families and friends celebrating St Patrick's Day and celebrating the festival of Holi over the next few days.

Running for local schools..

This year in the Marathon we have someone running to raise money for children in our three schools ! David Wright opened *ChandlerWright hair* a creative and friendly salon in Blackheath Village in 2003. He has a large and loyal following and after competing in various triathlon events David has now decided that the time had come to run the London Marathon. He has chosen to use the event as an opportunity to raise money to support needy children. If you would like to help him to help us please do so on www.justgiving.com/david-wright007 We will be cheering him on as he runs his way along the route...

Have another lovely sunny weekend!

Alex Bell
Headteacher

News from the PSFA

Please 'Save The Date' for the following PSFA events:

Thursday 3rd April - World Food Night (including the launch of the Lee Manor Cookbook!) □

Friday 25th April - KS2 Disco

Friday 9th May – The Return of the Lee Manor Quiz Night

Friday 23rd May – Cake sale

Sunday 13th July – Summer Fair

Finally, we'd like to reiterate that the PSFA is every parent, staff or friend of Lee Manor school. So if anyone has any ideas for events or activities they would like to organise please do get in touch and together we can make them happen.

Scott McCready – PSFA Chair