



Lee Manor – in partnership with Brindishe Schools

Week ending Friday 17th January 2014

Headteacher – Alex Bell Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

Lee Manor amongst the top 250 performing schools in the country

The Right Honourable David Laws, Minister of State for Schools has written to the school to inform us that the results from the national key stage 2 tests published last month show that Lee Manor is now amongst the 250 top performing schools in terms of the progress our children make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2.

Mr Laws goes on to say:

'...Your school is exceptionally effective in educating its pupils. It is clear that you and your staff have provided your pupils with a good start in life and a strong springboard into secondary education. I would like to congratulate your staff, governors and pupils for all their hard work and success...'

Thank you also to Lee Manor families and our partner schools for their part in this success.

Visit by Frankie Sulke – Director of Children's Services for Lewisham

Last Friday, Lee Manor was visited by Ms Frankie Sulke, Director of Children's Services for Lewisham. Ms Sulke visited every class and spoke at length to many children and staff.

In her own words, Ms Sulke was 'incredibly proud of the life-changing work that has been achieved on behalf of the children at Lee Manor'. She commented, in particular, on the quality of the interactions and the 100% engagement of every child in their learning.

Above all, she was extremely impressed by the real drive across the school to challenge the children and give them a clear learning purpose. The high expectations from teachers and teaching assistants in every single activity the children were involved in across the school also impressed her. She noted that she had never seen schools so clean and well cared for as Lee Manor and Brindishe schools.

She also wished us well as we move towards a federation of three schools this year.

Staff News

This week we welcome Mr Tom Wiltshire to our PPA team (this in-house team provides cover when teachers are out of class for preparation, planning and assessment time).

Tom who is completing his masters in sports coaching will work for us until half term and then may continue here or in one or more of our partner schools so that we can make best use of his many sporting talents and great enthusiasm .

We also welcome Ms Claire Ward to our team of teaching assistants. Ms Ward comes with a strong background in children's dance and will be teaching assistant in year 3 Quartz class as well as other classes in the week.

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming them both to Lee Manor.

Contact Information

We will be sending home very soon the contact information we hold for you. Please make sure all the information is correct, in particular, mobile phone numbers and emergency contact details. On Monday 20th January at 2pm we will also send a text to every family. Please make a note and update the school office with the correct number if you do NOT receive a text at this time.

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Clubs and tuition

This half term we have been able to expand our club offer at school. This is with many thanks to the teachers and teaching assistants willing to offer their time to run them.

In accordance with our clubs policy, where there are more children who would like to take part than there are spaces, names are drawn out of a hat and those not selected are put on a waiting list for when a vacancy occurs, or if and when a club is re-run. Please let the office know if your child would like to be added to a waiting list.

CLUB OR TUITION * indicates a small charge for provision	DAY & TIME	LEAD ADULTS (Lee Manor staff unless indicated)	MAX NUMBER OF CHILDREN	YEAR GROUP
Brass*	Monday pm & after school	Mr Simon Suter (Lewisham Music Service)	16	3/4/5/6
Violin*	Monday pm & after school	Mr Henry Salmon	12	3
Sewing	Monday after school	Mrs Liz Newman & Mrs Jen Martin	8	4/5
Multisports*	Monday after school	Mr Ashleigh Chevannes (Teachsport)	20	1/2
Drama	Monday after school	Ms Marva Hudson & Ms Mickalea Wizard	15	3/4
Gymnastics	Tuesday after school	Ms Sarah Douglas	15	3
Choir KS1	Tuesday lunchtime	Mrs Katie Clapton	30	1/2
Choir KS2	Tuesday lunchtime	Mr Mark Tiller	30	3/4/5/6
Debating	Wednesday lunchtime	Mr Mark Maguire	15	5
Art	Thursday after school	Mrs Liz Newman/ Ms Laura Hicks	15	5/6
Flute & Clarinet*	Thursday AM & PM	Ms Lucia Viola (Lewisham Music Service)	12/10	3/4/5/6
Recorders	Thursday lunchtime	Ms Lucia Viola (Lewisham Music Service)	13	3/4/5/6
Orchestra*	Thursday after school	Ms Lucia Viola (Lewisham Music Service)	10	3/4/5/6
Chess	Friday lunchtime	Mr Mark Tiller	unlimited	4/5/6
Football	Friday	Mr Mark Tiller	15	5/6

Please look out for details of Tag Ruby and Girls Football, currently being arranged for later in the term.

Open Day

36 families visited Lee Manor last Monday, prior to last Wednesday's closing date for applications to our Reception classes. Many thanks to families who continue to recommend Lee Manor to friends and neighbours.

Attendance and punctuality

Congratulations to Reception, Year 1, 2, 5 and 6, who all had attendance above our target of 95% this week. Special mention to Jasper and Onyx who started 2014 very well indeed with a magnificent 100% attendance.

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We have noticed large numbers of children and their families rushing into school after the bell has been rung at 9am. We all know that this is not the best way for any child to begin a day of learning so please make every effort to get to school in good time to allow your child to settle well at the start of each day. Thank you to the many, many families with excellent punctuality.

Health and Safety Audit

This week Lee Manor took part in its extensive annual health and safety self-audit. Many hundreds of pages of documentation and certification were presented for inspection across all areas of health and safety affecting each child and adult using the school.

I am delighted to tell you that we achieved the maximum score of 100% in the audit, which puts us in the highest category for health and safety in schools.

My thanks to governor Phil Kinch, Premises officer Paul Cunningham, School business manager Fay Murray and their respective teams for their extensive efforts in looking after our best interests in and around the building.

Dates for your calendar

Please find below the term dates for the rest of 2014, which we hope you will find useful when making family plans and holiday arrangements. Please also remember when planning holidays that in accordance with government guidelines, no absences in term time will be authorised unless they are for exceptional circumstances.

Spring Term 2014 Half Term: Monday 17 February 2014 to Friday 21 February 2014

Back to School: Monday 24 February to 2014 Friday 4 April 2014 ☐ ☐

Easter Holiday: Monday 7 April 2014 to Tuesday 22 April 2014

Summer Term 2014 Term Begins: Wednesday 23 April 2014 to Friday 23 May 2014

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2014

Half Term Holiday: Monday 26 May 2014 to Friday 30 May 2014

Back to School Monday 2 June 2014 to Tuesday 22 July 2014

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 23 July 2014 to 3 September 2014

Bank Holidays 2014

New Year's Day 1 January, Good Friday 18 April, Easter Monday 21 April, May Day 5 May, Spring Bank Holiday 26 May

These dates include 190 days for pupil attendance – Staff work an extra 5 days for training.

These are as follows:

Monday 2 September 2013

Tuesday 3 September 2013

Monday 6 January 2014

Tuesday 22 April 2014

Wednesday 23 July 2014

With best wishes for the weekend. Alex Bell Headteacher