



**Lee Manor** – in partnership with Brindishe Schools

Week ending Friday 21st March 2014

Headteacher – Alex Bell   Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents and carers, colleagues, friends and families,

### **Lee Manor and Brindishe Schools Federation**

As you may be aware Brindishe School and Lee Manor have been working in partnership since 2011. The partnership was initially set up for three years. It has worked extremely well for all three schools and many, many people have played their part in making sure of this.

Following extensive consultation with our three communities the governing bodies of Lee Manor and Brindishe Schools agreed this week that Lee Manor will now join the Brindishe Schools federation to secure the partnership for the future. We agreed that all three schools would share the 'family name' of Brindishe and that from September 2014 Lee Manor will be known as Brindishe Manor. These decisions were taken at the joint and individual meetings of the governing bodies, which were held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

As a result of feedback we received during the consultation we decided that we would not have new sweatshirts, uniform or book bags for Lee Manor children although we are willing to revisit this decision if parents/ carers request that we do so in future.

Each school will keep its own unique school number. Each school will also keep its own admission arrangements, budget and staff. There will be a ring-fenced budget for shared activities and joint appointments. We will have a new single governing body with responsibility for the Brindishe Federation of Schools. We will write to you in the summer term with more details of how the new governing body will be formed.

We are very grateful to everyone who took the time to respond to the proposal consultation. It enabled us as governors to have a very full picture of the views of our communities and to make well-informed and unanimous decisions.

Jackie Stirling  
Vice Chair of Governors  
Brindishe and Lee Manor Schools

### **News from around the School**

This week, children in our year 4 and 5 classes were visited by musicians from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance who performed a series of concerts illustrating the history of woodwind instruments.

The children enjoyed their very own concert and responded with some very thoughtful questions.

Our year 3 children are enjoying their project 'A Journey to India' with Sapphire class going to the Museum in Docklands today. Pearl class visited the museum on Tuesday and Quartz class are going very soon. The children are visiting the parts of the museum that show London's links to India and the many goods and spices that have travelled here over the years.

Our year 5 classes are busy designing and sewing purses for their enterprise project and more details of their sale will come soon.

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Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the year 4 soup and bread stall. They have had many positive comments and the children are really enjoying the whole experience. Next week will be the final week of the stall so please try and come along to sample their delicious cooking. Soups will be available from 3 p.m. in the community room every day except Wednesday.

### 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 has 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](http://www.justgiving.com/david-wright007) We will be cheering him on as he runs his way along the route...

### School Closure – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

You will have received a letter in your child's bookbag yesterday confirming that due to industrial action by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) Lee Manor will be closed on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to all children. School will reopen on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March as usual.

With best wishes,

Alex Bell  
Headteacher

### News from the PSFA

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

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - World Food Night (including the launch of the Lee Manor Cookbook!)**□

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April - KS2 Disco

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – The Return of the Lee Manor Quiz Night

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Cake sale

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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