

10 July 2015

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

We are delighted to let you know that we have been successful in our application for two quality marks at Brindishe Manor. Earlier this summer, Rebecca Morris completed a detailed application for the Cultural Diversity Quality Standard (CDQS) and we have, in the last few weeks, been awarded the GOLD level award. At the same time, Emily Da Silva put together an in-depth portfolio of Geography learning taking place in our school (including global links and outdoor learning) for the Primary Geography Quality Mark 2015 (PGQM) and we have just heard that we have been awarded GOLD for this too!

Thank you to both teachers for their skill in putting together such enormous and complicated applications, and to the parents and governors who met the assessors and contributed to our success.

I know that Mrs Da Silva and Ms Morris will want to join me in thanking our very creative team of staff who bring the curriculum alive for all our children every single day.

This week at Brindishe Manor...

Staffing news

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to two of our dedicated lunchtime playleaders: Jesus Para Garofano has been with us for a year and goes on to be a teaching assistant at a school in central London.

Eleanor Urwin, who has been running our popular Musical Theatre club is moving to west London and is also leaving us next

week. We are scouting for a talented member of staff to take her place...

Our violin teacher for the past 3 years, Henry Salmon, is also saying goodbye to us next week in order to pursue his career as a professional performer. We will be very sad to see him go, but we welcome a new teacher in September, Sarah Fitzgerald-Chanchai, who has been appointed to take his place teaching violin across our 3 schools.

Mickalea Wizard, teaching assistant, who recently returned to work with us after having her baby is leaving to begin a SchoolDirect teacher training course at a primary school nearer her home in Croydon.

I know you will want to join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

Sports Day

What glorious sun we had for this fun-packed day at Manor House Gardens on Thursday. The children gave their very best efforts for their teams and were impeccably behaved. Year 6 did a sterling job of running each activity and have been highly praised by many parents/carers and members of staff.

The scores are being collated today and we will be able to announce the winning team early next week.

Congratulations to everyone for taking part with such great sporting spirit.

...and well done to our Reception classes who held their own Sports Day this morning at school. What a lovely event with many smiles and much determination!

Dates for your diary

12 July PSFA Summer Fair 1 – 4pm

14 July Y6 Leavers' perf. 2pm and 6.30pm.

14 July Brindishe Schools' **Nursery Big Toddle** for Barnardos in Manor House Gardens

15 July Reception Art Exhibition in Central Hall, 3.20pm

16 July Y6 Dinner and Dance 6.30 – 8pm

17 July Assembly to say goodbye to our Y6 children 2.30pm – Y6 parents and carers welcome.

17 July Last day of term

And finally...

It's the Brindishe Manor Summer Fair on Sunday from 1 – 4pm. See the leaflet accompanying today's newsletter.

We're keeping our fingers crossed for the weather and look forward to seeing you all there!

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher