

11 December 2015

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **This week at Brindishe Manor 'Baubles' – a musical Nativity**

Our youngest children from Nursery to Y2 completed their run of performances today.

We all enjoyed the superb acting from our Y2 children, and gustily sung songs from our Y1 sleepy sheep, our travelling Reception kings, and adorable Nursery stars.

Many thanks go to directors, Charisse Phillips and Katie Clapton, and to all the teaching and support staff who have helped the children create such a memorable show. Thanks also to all parents and carers who have contributed to costumes and helped their children learn their words!

KS2 performances take place next Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **UNICEF fundraising**

At the end of all our performances we are collecting for the children's charity, UNICEF. As a UNICEF Rights' Respecting School, we have close links with this charity which campaigns for the rights of every child.

### **Festive Jumper Day**

Next Friday 18 December everyone is encouraged to wear a festive or 'wintry' jumper and make a donation to the charity UNICEF if they wish – we suggest £1. The charity supports children around the world.

### **Christmas Lunch**

We had the most delicious lunch on Wednesday, provided by Chartwells'

cook, Molly, and her team. Many children commented on how much they had enjoyed their lunchtime experience.

### **Great Ormond Street Fundraiser**

Congratulations to young Scarlet in Sapphire class who ran an amazing 5K on Sunday and raised £1330 for Great Ormond Street Hospital, the hospital that treated her as a baby.

### **Dates for your diary**

**15 + 16 Dec** KS2 Winter performances  
9.30am and 2pm

**18 Dec** End of term, 3.15pm

**4 Jan** INSET day - staff only

**5 Jan** Children return to school

**15 Jan** Deadline for applications for Reception, Sep 2016

**19 Jan** Information meeting for parents and carers: An Introduction to Dyslexia

**\*\*8 Feb** KS2 choir to Young Voices at the O2\*\* (apologies – this date was incorrect in previous newsletters)

With best wishes for the weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

### **Lewisham Music Hub News**

The Hub runs the following groups for children in Y3 and over:

#### **Lewisham Junior Choir**

**When** Tuesdays, 4.15-5.15pm

**Where** Lewisham Irish Community Centre, 2A Davenport Road, Catford, SE6 2AZ

For children in years 3-7 who go to school and/or live in Lewisham.

#### **Lewisham Samba Band**

**When** Wednesdays, 4.15-5.15pm

**Where** Beecroft Garden Primary School, Beecroft Road, Crofton Park, SE4 2BS

For Y5 and above. You don't need any previous experience to play in this band.

### **Lewisham Schools Junior Winds**

**When** Wednesdays, 4.45-5.45pm

**Where** John Ball Primary School,  
Southvale Road, Blackheath, SE3 0TP  
For woodwind players, Grade 1 standard  
or above, aged 7-18.

**Cost of each group:** £36 per term // £10

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Children (in care)

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## **PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News**

### ***Winter Fair***

What an event! A very big thank you to:

- all the planners, buyers & makers;
- everyone who donated something;
- all the volunteers who set up, ran the activities and stalls and cleared it all away again;
- the children and Mrs Clapton, Mr Maguire and Mr Tiller for the excellent entertainment;
- Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us;
- everyone who had a Winkworths board (they will be gone by next Wednesday!);
- all the staff who helped us in so many ways (a special mention to Paul & Sergio for the epic table shifting);
- everyone who came and made the Winter Fair such a fantastic event – this year's Brindishe Manor Festive Singalong was even better!

Over £2,000 was taken on the day with an additional £670 from the Winkworth boards. We also have at least 2 parents whose employers will "match" some of the money we raised which will add another £750. All of the profits will go towards equipment or activities for our children to support their learning and playtimes.

### ***Key Stage 1 Performance 2015 DVD - "Baubles"***

Don't forget to order your copy of "Baubles". Filming took place yesterday at both the morning and afternoon performances.

The DVDs cost £5 each and order forms have been sent home and are also available from the office. Please have the order and payment with the office by Tuesday 15 December for delivery before Christmas.