

24 March 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **This week at Brindishe Manor...**

Earlier this week we had an independent review of teaching and learning led by a registered Ofsted inspector accompanied by a local Headteacher and Deputy Head from schools in and around London.

They looked at teaching and learning in every classroom, they talked to the children and to the children's teams - eg Eco team, Young Interpreters - including watching our Digital Leaders present their work in assembly, and we are sure they were extremely impressed by what they saw: creative and stimulating lessons, engaged and motivated children learning in so many ways across the school with careful and high quality support from all of our staff.

They looked at a wide range of creative lessons including geography, enterprise, history, maths, PE, outdoor learning, creative writing and performance poetry, and they especially enjoyed children being Victorian mudlarks and chimney sweeps for the day, fabulous learning linked to the story of 'Traction Man' in Y1, Macbeth movie-making in Year 5, and the very well resourced outdoor and indoor classrooms for our youngest children.

They also spoke with the team leaders about the way we work in partnership with other schools and provide support and help for schools in London, Kent and beyond.

After the holiday we will receive their written report which we will share with you on our website.

### **Works over the holiday**

We are very pleased to see the brand new Reception building roof taking shape so well. Work is planned to be completed by the time the children return to school in April – weather permitting!

We are also delighted that a number of our premises team from across all 3 Brindishe schools will be redeveloping the patch of land next to the community room over the holiday. We are creating a new play and learning space for the children including large growing beds for planting and an Earth Loom for outdoor weaving.

### **Dates for your diary**

**24 March** Last day of term  
**11 April** INSET day (staff only)  
**12 April** Children return to school  
**18-22 April** 'Why Not Walk?' week  
**22 April** KS2 disco (early evening)  
**9-13 May** KS2 SATs (Y6)

And finally...

Don't forget the children return to school on Tuesday 12 April. We look forward to seeing you all again then. Have a lovely holiday, everyone.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

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

### **CAKE SALE SUCCESS!**

We asked and you responded; there was an abundance of cakes and treats for our Easter cake sale. Our Valentine Cake Sale took £155 but thanks to your efforts, and the generosity of our customers, the latest sale took £314!! This is a wonderful result - thank you to all the bakers, shoppers and helpers!

### **KS2 DISCO**

We'll have more news for you at the beginning of next term, but for now please save April 22nd in your diaries for the KS2 disco.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday!