

5 February 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor...

It has been a very exciting week with two highly successful Reception class Dragon Hunts at Manor House Gardens (including finding dragon eggs, dragon skin and even baby dragons...), and very informative and inspiring Y4 visits to Lewisham's Sivan Kovil Temple. Thank you to those of you who accompanied both visits. We are always very grateful for your support.

Sing Up Day on Wednesday was a great success as songs were passed from class to class and younger and older children sang for each other in 2 lovely assemblies. Many thanks to those parents and carers who came into school to sing for and with us. It was a true celebration!

We were delighted to be able to send 4 of our talented Y6 writers to Blackheath High School on Thursday. They enjoyed writing workshops with author Alex Keller.

Eco Team

The Eco-Team led their second assembly on Friday to discuss their plans and unveil the final draft of the Brindishe Manor Eco-Code!

<i>Walk it</i>	<i>Plant it</i>
<i>Bin it</i>	<i>Recycle it</i>
<i>Make it</i>	<i>Respect it</i>
<i>Save it</i>	<i>Protect it</i>
<i>Donate it</i>	<i>Reuse it</i>
<i>Build it</i>	<i>Talk it</i>
<i>Stop it</i>	<i>Change it</i>
<i>Love it</i>	<i>It's our world.</i>

It's a busy team with lots of exciting plans! Please let Miss Cosin know, via the school office or email her on hcosin@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk if you'd like to get involved and look out for further updates in future newsletters.

Parent Portal

We are launching Parent Portal over the next few weeks. It will give you access to the following information about your child/children:

- Book your next parent/teacher meeting online
- Top up your child's school meal account and check the balance
- Check and amend child/parent/carer contact information
- View your child's attendance

Don't forget to send your email details, along with your child/children's names, to info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk as **soon as possible** so we can update our database.

Our next parent/teacher meetings (mid term review meetings) will be taking place over the fortnight beginning 29 February. We hope that you will have given us your email address so that you can receive your login and password and will be able to go online and book a time to meet your child's teacher.

Dining Hall roof repairs

From this weekend scaffolding will be going up around the dining hall so that work can begin on Monday to the gutterings and rooflights. Works will take place from the early morning to just before lunchtime – this means that school life can continue as normal and the whole area will be safe for us to use at lunch time. Work will continue over half term. *Please supervise your children carefully when you arrive at school each morning*

as repair works will be taking place at this time.

Dates for your diary

6 Feb Y5 'Shine' project celebration at Blackheath High School

8 Feb KS2 choir to the O2

8 Feb Quartz class to Science Museum

10 Feb Debate Club to Brindishe Lee

11 Feb Aqua and Jet to Science Museum

11 Feb Oxfam workshops for Y3

11 Feb and 24 Feb Full Governing Body Meetings at Brindishe Manor at 6.00pm (let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we'll arrange seating)

12 Feb PSFA Cake Sale 3.15pm

15 – 19 Feb Half term

22 Feb Children return to school

Safeguarding

Parents and carers are politely reminded not to allow their children to play on the school play equipment at the start and end of the school day. It is only intended for supervised use during school hours. Can we also ask parents and carers to accompany their younger and older children to and from the bike and scooter store in order to ensure they are safe at all times. Many thanks for your support.

With best wishes,
Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

STOP PRESS!!

Please note the following correction to the date for the Governor's meeting after half term. It will be held on 24th February, not 22nd as previously published– apologies.

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

CAKE SALE

The ever popular Valentine Cake Sale will

be on Friday 12th February (two weeks from today) at 3.15 outside in the playground, weather permitting. Please bring your bakes (home made or shop bought) to the office on the morning of the 12th. Many thanks.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with set up. We are, however, in need of people to help sell the cakes and/or to help with the clear up - the sale takes only 15 minutes at the end of school and clear up is very quick. If you can help please talk to Claire Johnston (Yr 4 Amber and Reception Turquoise mum) or email us at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com.