

15 July 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Staff news

Just to bring you up to date with what we hope, at this point, are the last few changes to our staffing for September.

Fabiola Ramirez who has been part of Brindishe Schools since 2008 is leaving to travel and develop her career as an artist. She started as a TA at Brindishe Green 8 years ago, before training as a teacher and working at both Green and Manor, most recently as a PPA teacher here.

Gill Holley, one of our teaching assistants who has worked at our school for over 5 years, is leaving to spend more time with her recently retired husband.

Lizzie Stephens, Y1 teacher, who has just very successfully completed her NQT year with us, is heading home to Liverpool to continue her career there.

We thank them for their dedication and hard work and wish them every success.

Bee Roddy is getting married over the summer and will return in September as Bee Clements! We wish Bee and Stephen much luck and every happiness for the future.

We will have a new and very experienced PPA teacher, Audrey Palmer, joining us in September.

This week at Brindishe Manor

“Parting is such sweet sorrow” Year 6 performances

The children gave a fantastic rendition of 3 Shakespeare plays – Romeo and Juliet,

Macbeth and A Midsummer Night’s Dream - for their leavers’ performance. Every single child took part - acting, singing, dancing and providing instrumental music accompaniment – and the set and costumes were magnificent. Parents and carers gave their well-deserved rapturous applause for such a mature and talented performance from our Year 6 children. Thank you to the whole Year 6 staff team who helped the children produce such an outstanding show.

Musicians’ concert

Last night we were entertained by our very talented musicians who learn an instrument in school. Many, many people commented on the high quality of music making at Brindishe Manor, and we are very grateful to our team of school staff, including Katie Clapton and Mark Maguire, and visiting music teachers who make this possible!

Reports

On Monday we sent out an end of year report for every child in the school detailing their learning and achievement this year. Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned their parent response sheet - we welcome your feedback. Please do let us have your response sheet by next Wednesday, 20 July.

Visits

Y5 had very enjoyable visits to the National Portrait Gallery earlier this week and found portraits of many inspirational people to support their learning for this term.

Y4 visited London Zoo yesterday – they had a marvellous day and impressed the workshop leader with their extensive knowledge about monkeys!

Thank you to parents and carers who accompanied the children on these visits.

Early Years sporting events

Reception Sports Day was a great success last Friday! Every child took part and the whole cohort was very well supported by the families who came to smile and cheer.

Nursery's Big Toddle took place on Wednesday. Brindishe Manor joined Brindishe Green for a circuit around Manor House Gardens followed by a picnic and games. Ms Marks reports that it was a really lovely event. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Dates for your diary

19 July Y6 leavers' disco 6.30-8pm

20 July 2.15pm Y6 leavers' assembly

20 July Last day of term

21 July Roof works begin

1 and 2 September INSET days *for staff only*

5 September Children return to school

And finally...

Parents and carers of Year 6 children are warmly invited to attend their final assembly at 2.15pm on Wednesday 20 July. This is also the last day of term.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

IDEAS for next year

Do you have any ideas about next year's summer fair? Perhaps you know a good game which the children would enjoy, or have a suggestion as to how we can involve more families. Please let us know while it's fresh in your mind. Don't leave it until next year when we will all have forgotten! Email us at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com, message us via the Facebook page, Brindishe Manor PSFA, or pass on your ideas to a member of school staff or the PSFA team.