

21 October 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor

Our impressive Early Years and Y1

We have been visited this week by no less than 3 separate schools keen to see the quality of our Nursery, Reception and year 1 provision and the smooth transition we offer our youngest children between year groups. Many thanks to staff for all their very hard work in getting it right for our young learners.

Blunderbus Theatre

Reception and Year 1 children were enthralled and delighted by 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice' performance and workshops with Blunderbus Theatre on Monday. Stars of the show, Mr Zacoar and Charlie, told us, "The highlight of our visit today was the children's genuine, spontaneous response to different moments in our story."

We are already looking forward to next year's production of 'Lost and Found'.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Straight after half term, 15 lucky Y6 children from across Brindishe Schools, specially invited for their potential in drama and their proven commitment, will take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at Greenwich Theatre. Supported by a dedicated team of staff from each school, the children have been rehearsing and preparing intensively over the past few months for their very own version of 'Twelfth Night'. We are all very excited to see them 'take to the boards' on November 1 in this amazing, once in a lifetime, opportunity.

Horniman Museum and Eltham Palace

This week children in both Y2 and Y3 have visited our local Horniman Museum in Forest Hill. As ever, the children were a credit to us all with their enthusiasm, knowledge, questions and superb behaviour.

Year 4 visited Eltham Palace and were very impressed by their grand Tudor surroundings. There were some engaging drama and sketching opportunities to be had while they were there. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported each visit.

Governors meeting

On Tuesday we held a full governing body meeting at Brindishe Lee. Governors heard presentations from senior leaders about health and safety and safeguarding across all 3 schools.

School Lunches

A message from Ms Fulya in the school office: if children are changing their meal options after half term, please let the office know in advance. Thank you.

Sharing our School Development Plan

As you know, each week we share with you an area of the current School Development Plan. This week it's **Planning our future.**

We are aiming for the following:

- ❖ We continue to work with our partners in and across Brindishe Schools to realise and maximise opportunities for shared learning and achievement at all levels across our school communities and wider connections through the use of IT, networking and our own managed learning environment.

- ❖ We continue to build and support or parents' and carers' engagement and understanding of their children's learning and achievement through open communication and timely consultation.
- ❖ We remain open minded, forward thinking and well informed to maximise the opportunities presented to us in the current educational climate in respect of academisation and the demand for places.

And finally...

Dont forget to visit the cake sale before you leave today!

Have a very happy half term break. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 31 October at 8.50am.

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

31 October Secondary school applications deadline. Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

31 October First day back after half term

31 October School nurse drop-in session 2.30 – 4.30pm. For more info contact school office or email Clare Doran our attendance,welfare & safeguarding officer cdoran@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

1 November Shakespeare Schools Festival 7pm Greenwich Theatre

3 Nov PSFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6.30pm

7 November Flu vaccine for Ys 1 and 2

8 November 'Early literacy' workshop for parents and carers of children in N, R and Y1. 9.15am (with creche) and 5.45pm

9 November: Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Lee at 6.00pm (let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we'll arrange seating)

Week beginning 14 Nov : 'Celebrating Diversity' week at Brindishe Schools

25 November Winter Fair 3.15pm