

22 January 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

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

#### **Fire safety workshops**

Fire safety officers were very impressed with the children in Y2 and Y5 this week in the workshops they ran specifically for these year groups. The children had lots of good ideas about how to keep safe and prevent fire, and have taken home safety plans to discuss with their families.

#### **Eco-Schools Award**

Lucian in Y6, a member of the Brindishe Manor Eco Team writes, "Eco Team ran an assembly last week to inform other children about being eco-friendly. We made an Eco Code for everyone to talk about. Now all classes have to see if the Eco Code makes sense, and to correct it if it doesn't. Our school is going for the Eco Schools award this year."

#### **Dyslexia Workshop for parents and carers**

Many thanks to Jess Birnie head of the Specific Learning Difficulties team at Lewisham, who came to talk with parents and carers about dyslexia on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend but would like more information on the session, please ask at the school office for handouts. Many thanks to Jessica Sexton, our Inclusion Manager, for organising the event.

#### **Calling all singing parents and carers!**

We are celebrating Sing Up Day on Wednesday 3rd February and would love to have some parents/carers sharing their expertise with us. If you would be willing to share a song with us, please let us know. Speak to your child's class teacher or come and find Mrs Clapton in

Ruby Class. You can also contact her at: [kclapton@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:kclapton@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk)

#### **Club spaces**

Jen Smith in the school office has asked me to let you know that there are some spaces available in the following clubs:

**Indoor Racket Sports** - years 4 to 6 (Monday)

**Indoor Athletics** - years 4 to 6 (Wednesday)

Please let her know if your child is interested.

#### **Dates for your diary**

**3 Feb** National Sing Up Day

**3 Feb** Y4 to Lewisham Hindu Temple

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

**8 Feb** KS2 choir to Young Voices at the O2

**8 Feb** Quartz class to Science Museum

**11 Feb** Aqua and Jet to Science Museum

**11 Feb and 22 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)

**15 – 19 Feb** Half term

**22 Feb** Children return to school

**23 Feb** Y1 to the Horniman Museum

#### **And finally...**

##### **UNICEF fundraising**

We are very pleased to let you know that the final amount collected for UNICEF in December was £602.35. This is an amazing sum – UNICEF have written to the school to thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

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

### **WOW!**

The Winter Fair has raised a profit of £2900, and that's before the match funding which we are hoping for! That's a £400 rise on last year's fair. Thank you all again for coming along and enjoying yourselves so generously! The Nativity DVDs raised a further £787 (though there are some expenses yet to be taken from that).

### **UNWANTED XMAS GIFTS**

Don't forget to drop these off at the office - something you're not keen on could help the PSFA raise money for our children's learning and school life.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

We are just finalising dates for the PSFA events this term. They can only happen with the help of those of you who give their time to prepare and run each event. If you think you could spare some time to help out, either at an event or by helping us with the preparations, please email us at

[brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com)

Wrap up warm and have a great weekend!