

11 March 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor...

KS2 Choir at Lewisham Live, Catford Broadway

Congratulations to every child who sang their heart out on Wednesday evening at 'Lewisham Live'.

Kate Bond, Head of Standards and Achievement for Lewisham, said, "It was great to hear the Brindishe Manor KS2 choir sing, they performed beautifully." Well done, in particular, to Scarlett in Y5 who bravely sang solo in front of a very large audience!

We are very grateful to Mark Maguire for his dedication and talent in training the choir. He does a fantastic job - no wonder they sing so well!

News from the Eco-team

Meat-free day, Wednesday 9 March
Thank you to all of the children and adults who went meat-free on Wednesday.
Thank you to Molly, our school cook, who served up delicious macaroni cheese, vegetable pizza, beans, peas and carrots.

Also, thank you to all the families who have joined the debate by discussing and researching the pros and cons of eating meat at home.

Talk it! It is very important to talk about Eco-issues. Talking (or discussing) is an important point in our school's Eco-Code. Eireann in Amber class led her learning at home and found out about the benefits of eating meat:

- High quality unprocessed meat is high in nutrients and protein (for strong bones)
- Buying meat from British assured

farmers should mean high standards of food safety and hygiene, and animal welfare.

The meat-free day survey is now fully functioning in the Eco-award room on Fronter. Please continue to share your thoughts there.

Grace, a nutritionist who works with Chartwells, visited this week to teach the children about healthy eating linked, in part, to meat-free day. KS1 and KS2 enjoyed assemblies about how to ensure we eat a balanced diet. Grace was most impressed by the children's knowledge. She also led a workshop with Year 4 in which she talked about hidden sugars – the children were shocked by the amount of sugar in some of their favourite foods and sweets.

Sainsbury's vouchers

We are again collecting Sainsbury's vouchers this year. These are used to buy new sports and play equipment for the children. Please send them to the office where there is a collection box. Please look out for them when you shop, as Sainsbury's are now printing the vouchers with receipts.

Dates for your diary

17 March 5.45pm 'What is Safeguarding?': information sharing workshop for parents and carers delivered by Sharon Cole from Place2Be. Please call Emily Elliot on **07909 681877** for more information or to reserve a place at the workshop.

18 March Easter Cake Sale 3.15pm

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

9-13 May KS2 SATs (Y6)

Safeguarding

Some parents and carers have asked why they always need to come into school via the school office reception area. As you will appreciate, safety on the school site is paramount. We always need to know who is on site at any time in order to safeguard both our children and the adults who work in school. We also need to know who to account for should we have to evacuate in an emergency. We work hard to ensure the safety of all our site users and need everyone who comes on site to report to the school office on arrival.

And finally...

Parent Meetings

Many thanks to those of you who have booked your parent meetings online via Parent Portal. We have received a lot of very positive feedback.

If you have still not met with your child's class teacher, please make sure you contact them asap to make a time to discuss your child's next steps in their learning.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

CAKE SALE

Get your aprons on, or your shopping basket ready, and get your treats ready for the Easter Cake Sale NEXT FRIDAY 18th March, 3.15pm. We'll be in the playground again, weather permitting

(we'll be in Central Hall if it's wet). Please bring your donations to the office in the morning so that we can get set up before the gates open. We were a little short of donations for the Valentine's cake sale; please do bring something if you are able to - every cake means extra benefits for our children around the school. If you can help with any part of the set up/sell/tidy up please contact us at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com Many thanks.

DISCO

Plans for the KS2 disco are in the pipeline - save April 22nd in your diaries! Are there any parents who would be happy to help chaperone at the disco? Please let us know at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com.