

14 October 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor

School Journey for Year 5

Our Y5 school journey to PGL site Marchants Hill took place this week. For many children this was the first time they had stayed away from home, but they took it all in their stride and had a fantastic time. The children enjoyed challenging outdoor activities - I'm told the 'zip wire' was particularly amazing! I hear the amazing selection of food meant no-one went hungry.

Huge thanks go to Helen Coupe for organising and leading the visit and to Kimberley Givens, Rebekah Chin, Julie Hockham and Buffy Eldridge-Thomas who supported the children.

Welcome Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Welcome Evening last night and enjoyed good company and fantastic school lunch food provided by Molly and the Chartwells Catering Team here at Brindishe Manor. It was lovely to meet and eat with our new parents and carers.

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

A curriculum for the 21st century.

We are aiming for the following:

- ❖ *Achievement (attainment and progress) consistently exceeds national expectations in all areas and for all groups and at the highest standards year on year through Maths Mastery, Science*

and embedding the key skills required for working at greater depth in Literacy.

- ❖ *Secure all children's consistent access and full entitlement to our broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum, including investigative, creative, contextualised and exploratory learning and 'learning beyond the classroom' in order to develop a value system fit for the 21st century.*
- ❖ *We build, strengthen and widen our global and cultural awareness, identities, links and partnerships.*
- ❖ *IT, networking and an extensive programme of visits and visitors are integrated into children's everyday learning experiences to challenge stereotypes and aspirations and to empower our learning community.*
- ❖ *Teachers and leaders actively organise cross-age and investigative and inter-school learning and peer mentoring across the schools and the curriculum.*

Secondary Transfer

With our Year 6 families making decisions about the next school for their child over the next few weeks, you might be interested to see the range of schools to which our children transferred in September 2016.

Thomas Tallis	13
Eltham Hill (girls only)	9
International Academy of Greenwich	8
St Matthew Academy	6
Prendergast Ladywell School	5
Prendergast Vale School	3
Trinity Lewisham CE School	3
Harris Academy Greenwich	2
Blackheath High (Girls' School)	2

Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	2
Prendergast School	1
Colfes School	1
Baston House	1
The Priory School	1
Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	1
Bullers Wood (Girls' School)	1

Many children have come back to visit us to tell us about Year 7, about being more independent and the challenges of being the youngest in a new school. I hear they have all made a great start.

Clowns

Some of you may have heard of a new craze that began in the USA of people dressing up as a clown and frightening people by jumping out at them or chasing them. This craze has now reached the UK. There was a recent incident in our local area where a young child was the victim of this crime. It was reported in the Newshopper.

If you hear or witness any similar incidents or suspicious behaviour, please report this to the police. You may also want to talk to your child or children about keeping themselves safe when out and about and what to do if they see or hear something which makes them feel uncomfortable or scared. We will be doing this in school as we always do as part of our 'keeping yourself safe' messages to children.

Dates for your diary

17 October Blunderbus theatre group visiting for Rec and Y1

17 October Y3 to the Horniman Museum

18 October and 9 November: Full Governing Body meetings at Brindishe Lee at 6.00pm (let us know if you wish to

attend as an observer and we'll arrange seating)

21 October Y2 to the Horniman Museum

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

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

3 Nov PSFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6.45- 8pm. More info to follow from the PSFA shortly.

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

AUTUMN CAKE SALE - FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 3.15pm

The first cake sale of the year will take place next Friday at the end of the school day. In order to work around the building works, we will be in two venues; under the shelter to the left of school and near the main gate to the right. Please bring your donations to the office on the day - all home baked or shop bought are welcome, Don't forget to bring some change to get a tasty treat to celebrate the beginning of half term!