

24 June 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe,

I wanted to let you know that we are delighted to welcome Katie Matthews to Brindishe Lee as the new Deputy Headteacher. Ms Matthews has been in our schools for 8 years now as a teacher and team leader at Brindishe Green and then at Brindishe Manor and during her time has already held responsibilities for maths and science and design technology as well as being a champion for more and most able children. I know that Brindishe Green children, staff and community will be sad to see her move schools but it's so great to know she will now support Brindishe Lee and Lisa Morris in the next academic year when Mrs Morris takes the reins.

We have now very nearly completed our recruitment and staffing for September and, as soon as we have, the Headteachers will let you know classes and staff for next year. I know you are very keen to hear.

We are desperately hoping the rain holds off tomorrow because we are all looking forward to seeing you at the fun run at Sutcliffe Park. If you are running - Good Luck ! If you are not I'm sure you will come along anyway to meet your community, cheer on your friends and family and enjoy the fresh air and fun. See you there?

And finally please do read the latest independent reports on our three schools on our website. Each school has a current and full review and the reports, written by lead Ofsted inspectors, will give you a real insight into what goes on for

children every day in a Brindishe School.

Best wishes,

Dame Vicki Paterson DBE
Executive Head
Brindishe Schools

This week at Brindishe Manor

International Week and yesterday's celebration

Yesterday was an absolute treat for us all at Brindishe Manor. Every child worked with someone in a different class enjoying internationally-themed activities ranging from cooking sweet potato pakora to teaching each other Scottish dancing!

Our International Day celebration after school was a huge success! Because of the weather we had to abandon plans to hold the event outdoors. However we were delighted that so many families stayed to enjoy a wide range of international food donated by members of our school community. We are hugely grateful to everyone who contributed food and stayed to enjoy the wonderful entertainment.

Many thanks go to our staff who helped children wear a sari, learn how to use chopsticks, make aboriginal-style art and explore international flags. We are very grateful to staff, children and members of our community who entertained us with Brazilian singing, Amazonian and Hindi dancing, and songs from Africa and Jamaica.

Of course yesterday was just the culmination of a week's worth of community involvement in our children's learning. Many, many parents and carers

from right across the school have come to share stories, songs, legends, clothes and crafts with us. We have been enthralled by the tale of the Loch Ness monster, intrigued by the complexities of origami, fascinated by dress customs and delighted by songs and stories from all around the world.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection for the 'Forever Angels' baby home in Tanzania. We will let you know shortly just how much you raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Special thanks go to Rebecca Sanders who led and co-ordinated our International Week. Everyone has learned a great deal about, and feels so proud of, the incredible diversity within our own Brindishe Manor community.

BS Fun Run tomorrow, 25 June!

We are hoping to see a great many of you at our joint schools' Fun Run tomorrow morning at Sutcliffe Park, SE9. It promises to be a really enjoyable event and even if you're not running yourself, we will need lots of people to cheer on those who are!

Dates for your diary

25 June 'Together We Run': annual tri-school Brindishe Schools' community fun run at Sutcliffe Park, SE9

27-30 June Reception class induction meetings

28 June Y1 to Oxleas Woods

2 July PSFA Summer Fair 1 – 4pm

7 July Sports Day at Manor Hse Gardens

8 July Reception Sports Day

11 July Y5 Aquamarine and Quartz to the National Portrait Gallery

12 July Y5 Jet to the National Portrait Gallery

13 July 'Big Toddle' and picnic for BM and BG Nursery families at Manor House Gardens

13 July Y6 leavers' performances – afternoon and evening start times to be confirmed

14 July Y4 to London Zoo

15 July BBQ lunch for children

19 July Y6 leavers' disco 6.30-8pm

20 July 2.15pm Y6 leavers' assembly

20 July End of term

And finally...

I will be on Jury Service for the next two weeks so will not be around school.

Kate Porter our deputy head, and Charlotte Dougan our assistant head will be at the school gates as usual, as will Clare Doran our AWSO, should you have any questions or queries.

I will, however, be at the Fun Run tomorrow and at our Summer Fair on July 2 and look forward to seeing you all then!

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News
SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 2ND JULY
1-4PM

VOLUNTEERS

We are in urgent need of volunteers to help run the games and stalls at the fair. Due to a number of event clashes, many of the lovely folk who helped last year and at the Winter Fair are unable to help, so we really need your support! In particular we need face painters, tattooists, cake servers and bouncy castle supervisors. Please, please let us know if you can spare 30 mins - 1 hour to help.

We are also in need of some helpers to set up the fair; moving tables, hanging bunting and setting up games from 11-1 on the day.

TOMBOLA

Please bring your donations of bottles (drinks & bath products and unwanted gifts) for the tombola to the office any morning next week.

CAKES

The cake stall is one of the favourites at the Summer Fair, and we need your donations to make it a really good spread with treats for everyone. Shop bought or homemade donations will be very gratefully received: please bring them on the day or contact us to arrange for us to collect your cakes if you can't be there on the day.

CONTACT US

If you can help with any of the above, please email us at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com, or contact Wendy Humble, Julie Morrison, Sandra Tidaholm Sezgin, Shara Rahman, Lisa Sweet, Sarah Tigwell, Diane Foster

or Claire Johnston. We will also be around at drop off next week collecting names!

AND FINALLY.....

Many thanks to all the bakers and scoffers who took part in any way with the cake sale before half term. Thanks to your generosity we raised £271.80!

If we can raise that in a 15 minute cake sale, just think what we can do at the Summer Fair!

Have a great weekend and see you at tomorrow's Fun Run!