

30 September 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Thank you and good luck

Today we are saying goodbye to Paul Cunningham, the school's Premises Manager since 1992. I know you will want to join us in saying a huge thank you for all he has done for our school over the years and to wish him a very happy and well deserved retirement.

This week at Brindishe Manor

We had one of the busiest open days ever on Tuesday with over 70 local prospective families visiting the school!

At the same time this week we have been delighted to meet many of our parents and carers. Although online booking for 'meet the teacher' closed at midnight on Wednesday we are aiming for a turnout of 100%, so please make your appointment via the school office if you still need to do so.

Y3 Pearl thought they were coming into class as usual on Wednesday morning but instead they walked into... Tutankhamun's tomb! Their classroom had been transformed with new smells, sounds and sights and the children have been buzzing ever since!

Y6 had a fantastic visit to Chislehurst Caves on Thursday as part of their learning about WWII, and all survived being plunged into complete darkness half way through!

Y5s across our 3 schools have competed today at a friendly 'Olympics' at Ladywell Arena – Ancient Greek style. We were all wondering what the vine leaf head-dresses were for and now we know!

Sharing our School Development Plan

At the beginning of this term we shared our revised School Community Development Plan with the staff and very soon will also share this with our children. Each week I will focus on an element of the School Development Plan so that you have the fullest picture about our plans.

Leadership and responsibility

- *Children lead as decision makers and active contributors in their and others' learning in class and across the school.*
- *All staff take responsibility for leading their own learning and, where possible, the learning of others so that we all have the greatest impact on children's learning.*
- *We develop our thinking about the most effective approaches to learning, informed by research.*
- *We maximise opportunities to develop our middle and senior leaders to build on ambition and drive to enable and empower the next generation of Brindishe leaders.*

Secondary Transfer

Year 6 parents and carers are all welcome to come along to an information sharing meeting next Tuesday 4 October at 6pm. You will have the chance to talk to representatives from at least 7 local schools.

Dates for your diary

4 October Secondary transfer meeting for Y6 parents and carers 6 - 7pm

5 October Y5 to the British Museum

10–12 October Year 5 School Journey

13 October Welcome Evening 5.45 – 7pm

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. More info from the school office.

Polite reminder

Please do not leave buggies, bikes or scooters in the Reception and Nursery outdoor learning spaces... and please do not leave parent/carer bikes in our bike and scooter park – it is for staff and children only. Thank you for your support.

And finally...

If you are a parent or carer from any year group who is new to our school we hope you will join us at our Welcome Evening on 13 October, 5.45 – 7pm. Look out for your invitation early next week.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher