

19 May 2017

**Dear parents and carers, staff, governors and friends,**

**This week at Brindishe Manor...**  
Earlier this week we heard that we have been successful in gaining the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) Silver level.



We are absolutely delighted to have achieved this award – it is a real testament to the quality of science learning taking place at Brindishe Manor – and we are hugely grateful to Julie Hockham for leading the team to such success.

The PSQM team said this:  
*“Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure science understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”*

Many congratulations are also in order for Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Green, awarded Gold and Silver levels respectively.

### **Exciting Science at Brindishe Manor**

Over the past few weeks, Year 4 has been working with ‘Roots and Shoots’ led by students from University College London. It is part of a wide network of environmental programmes in primary and secondary schools. It is part of the Jane Goodall foundation.

<http://www.rootsnshoots.org.uk/>

They have learnt about climate change, wildlife loss and how this affects habitats

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around the world. They also learnt about the importance of bees and made compostable planters.

This week Year 5 took part in an assembly and workshop called ‘When cells misbehave’. The children were very interested to learn, through role play, animation and practical experiments, why cancer grows, how cancer is treated, and ways to keep cells healthy,

### **Parent Survey**

Attached to the newsletter this week are the results from our Parent Survey earlier this year. Out of 479 children attending Brindishe Manor we had responses from 213 parents and carers. The key findings are attached.

Also attached is the breakdown of responses from across all 3 schools. I’m sure you will be interested to note that the results from each of our three Brindishe Schools were virtually identical. We will be working together across our three communities to address the areas and questions raised by the results of the survey.

### **Nursery closure**

Parents and carers of Nursery children are reminded that the Nursery will be closed next week from 22 – 26 May in order to move the class into the Music Room. It will reopen in its new room from June 6.

### **Choir extravaganza!**

Next week there are events taking place for two of our three choirs:

**Collaborative Choir** is a short term project involving 7 local schools. A newly formed choir from Brindishe Manor has been rehearsing with choirs from Brindishe Green, Brindishe Lee and St Winifreds, and next week they will join with choirs from All Saints, St Margarets and John Ball in a special day of rehearsals followed by a massed-choir concert. It promises to be a very special event. The concert is next Wednesday 24 May, 4pm, at John Ball School.

Y1 children from our KS1 choir are taking part in the Hither Green Festival School Concert next Thursday at Brindishe Green School. The concert starts at 6pm.

### Class Photos

These are booked for 6-8 June and will take place during the school day. They will include individual and sibling group photos. The timetable is as follows:

#### Tuesday 6 June

Sapphire 3
Jade AM N
Emerald R
Topaz 4
Amber 4
Jade PM N
Siblings - N PM
Ruby 2

#### Wednesday 7 June

Pearl 3
Turquoise R
Jasper 1
Onyx 1
Moonstone 6
Amethyst 2
Opal 6
Diamond 6

#### Thursday 8 June

SIBLINGS
Siblings - N AM
Quartz 5
Jet 5

### Fantastic attendance!

Attendance Cup winners this week are:

*Emerald 98.7%*

*Amber and Topaz joint 99.3%*

### Dates for your diary

**22 - 26 May** Nursery closure for 1 week to move to the Music Room

**24 May** Collaborative Choir concert at John Ball School, 4pm

**24 May and 15 June** Governing Body meetings at Brindishe Green. Please let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

**25 May** Hither Green Festival School Concert at Brindishe Green, 6pm

**29 May – 2 June** Half term

**5 June** INSET day – **staff only**

**6 June** Children return to school

**6-8 June** School photos

**8 June** New Reception meeting for parents and carers

**12-16 June** Y1 Phonics assessment

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach,  
Headteacher

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

### CAKE & ICE LOLLY SALE Friday 26th May 3.15

Start thinking about your cakes and bakes for the sale one week from today. Every donation makes a difference whether shop bought or home baked, and the more we have the fewer disappointed faces at the end of the sale!! We'll also be selling ice lollies.

### SUMMER FAIR Sunday 9th July

Preparations are well under way for the fair. We'll be asking for lots of volunteers to help run the games and stalls so please put the date in your diary now, and let us know if you can help in any way. Thank you!