

26 May 2017

Dear parents and carers, staff, governors and friends,

It's been a very exciting week for our choirs. The Collaborative Choir gave a fine performance at John Ball School on Wednesday – over 100 children came to sing together – and they sounded absolutely amazing!

Our Y1 choir took part in the Hither Green Festival School Concert at Brindishe Green yesterday. They were absolutely charming and very quickly won over our audience!

Many thanks to all at Brindishe Green who hosted such a lovely community event and to John Ball for hosting the Collaborative Choir. Many, many thanks go to Mark Maguire for leading both choirs to such success, ably supported by Mark Tiller and Emily Da Silva, and to Janet O'Neill and our lovely Y1 team, Helen Groothues, Lauren Blackie and Stephanie Penfold for their support during the Y1 performance.

Staff news

Today we say goodbye (for now...) and very good luck to Louise Marks in Reception Emerald class who starts her maternity leave on Monday. We are all looking forward to her lovely news later in June.

She is soon to be followed by Bee Clements in Reception Turquoise class and Jen Marques-Munoz in our school office who are expecting their babies in July.

This will bring the 'Brindishe babies' total (across all 3 schools) to 34 in the past 20 months!

Louise and Bee will be replaced by Laura Yardley and Jasmine Dadzie respectively, both at the end of their teacher training year.

We have this week welcomed back from maternity leave Kate Porter, our Deputy Head.

Headteacher: Gerlinde Achenbach Executive Head: Dame Vicki Paterson DBE Chair of Governors: Spyros Elia

In partnership with Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee Schools

Kate is currently supporting the team at Brindishe Lee while their Deputy Katie Matthews is on maternity leave.

Class Photos

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

Tuesday 6 June

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

Wednesday 7 June

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

Thursday 8 June

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| SIBLINGS | |
| Siblings - N | AM |
| Quartz | 5 |
| Jet | 5 |

Governors meeting this week

At our meeting on Wednesday we discussed again the implications for funding cuts across our 3 schools and the ways in which we will need to adapt and change as a result of these cuts in order to continue to provide a high quality learning experience for our children. Governors heard the ways in which our schools work both with each other and with external partners to share expertise and strengths and ensure that 'together we are more' in challenging times.

Nursery classroom

When you return on Tuesday 6 June our Nursery class will be based in the portakabin building – previously our music room. For the remainder of this term they will have a

dedicated outdoor space at the front of the building. We ask families to respect the space by not walking through at drop-off time unless you have a child in Nursery or Year 1. As with all our outdoor learning areas we also ask that, at drop off, younger children do not play with the resources which have been set up ready for the children's learning. Many thanks for your support with this.

Fantastic attendance!

Attendance Cup winners this week are:

Sapphire 97.9%

Moonstone 96.8%

Live My Digital: Cyberbullying (some helpful advice)

The Girls' Day School Trust has created 'Live My Digital', a unique video series to help parents help their children to stay safe online. The series consists of six short films for parents and six matching films for children to empower families to use social media safely and responsibly.

The videos look at the ways in which the internet and digital technology can be used positively by young people as well as identifying the potential issues they may face. This week we are focussing on cyberbullying:
<https://www.gdst.net/parents/live-my-digital/students-online-safety-videos>

Summer sun

Hopefully summer will still be with us when we return to school after the holiday... Thank you for helping your child stay safe in the sun by providing them with a sunhat in school, keeping their shoulders and backs covered and covering up bare toes. Please also apply sunscreen before the school day. There are some good 'once a day' lotions and sprays on the market. We ask that children do not bring sunscreen to school in their bags. If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day because of a particular need, please contact Clare Doran in the school office.

Dates for your diary

26 May Today! PSFA Cake and ice lolly sale

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

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.

20 June Open Day for prospective parents and carers: 9.15 – 10.30am and 5 – 6.15pm

And finally...

We are ready to start weaving again on our large outdoor loom in the 'Peaceful Place'. If you have any materials we could use – fabric cut into strips, ribbons or wool – please drop them off for us at the school office.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful half term break - we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 6 June,

Gerlinde Achenbach,
Headteacher

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