



**Friday 28 September 2018**

### **This week at Brindishe Manor**

This week we have introduced our competition station to the children. They are able to access the sports station during lunchtimes to develop different sporting skills. The station will be available for two weeks so that children can take part, record their results and then re-visit the station as often as they wish to see if they can improve their skills. In this first week, the children have had access to the speed jump, which has been very popular.

We also met with Year 6 parents to share information about the secondary transfer process on Thursday. If you would like to have any more information about how to apply for a secondary school for your child, or have any questions, then please do speak to one of us on the school gate, or the year 6 teachers, who would be happy to help.

### **Place2Be**

Next Tuesday we say goodbye to Emily Elliot, the Brindishe Schools' Project Manager for Place2Be, our in-house counseling service for children. Emily has led the Place2Be team at Brindishe for a number of years and is now moving to pursue a career in art therapy. I know you will join me in thanking her for all she has done for our children at Brindishe Manor and to wish her much luck for the future. A new Project Manager has been appointed – Jaime Creeth. She is currently one of the counsellors at Brindishe Green and will begin her new role very soon. A thorough handover is taking place to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

### **Autumn Term Celebration of Black History Month**

A themed lunch menu, including vegetarian options, is on offer to all our children on Thursday 4th October 2018, to celebrate Black History Month. Please ask the office for more details.

### **School Maintenance Update**

You will have noticed the Haras fencing which is up in the playground surrounding our three boiler rooms (which are under the building). Since the start of term we have had work taking place to remove the old boilers and for them to be replaced with new, more efficient ones. The work is going well and hopefully will be completed by half term.

### **Meet the Teacher Meetings Ys 1 - 6**

This is a reminder that Parent Portal is open for parents & carers to book their meet the teacher appointments. The appointments are being held between **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October and are for parents and carers of children in years 1-6**. If you are new to the school or have lost your username and password details, please ask at the school office or email us on [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk).

**Book fair:** Don't forget the Book Fair is running on the following days and times;

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October after school*

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October before and after school (8:30am-9am / From 3:15pm)*

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October before and after school (8:30am-9am / From 3:15pm)*

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October before and after school (8:30am-9am / From 3:15pm)*

### **Parent Workshop**

This year we hope to continue with our termly Inclusion focussed coffee mornings. This term the focus will be on dyslexia. This will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 9-10am.

There are a limited number of spaces available, so if you wish to attend please let the office know so that they can reserve your place.

## **Holiday Music courses**

Half term music opportunities Lewisham Music are running two fantastic holiday courses during the half term break with the return of their Rock & Pop School (children in school years 5-11) and Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8). Both courses cost £40 (£15 concessions) and will run on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 October from 10am-3.30pm at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham. For further information and to apply please

## **Fantastic attendance this week!**

Key stage 1: Sapphire 99.3%

Key stage 2: Jet 98%

## **Dates for your diary:**

<b>October 2</b>	Open day for prospective parents
<b>October 4</b>	Year 5 School Journey meeting – final arrangements
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<b>Week beginning October 15</b>	Meet the Teacher meetings
<b>October 22 - 26</b>	Half Term
<b>October 31</b>	Secondary school application deadline
<b>November 5-7</b>	Year 5 school journey
<b>November 13</b>	Open day for prospective parents
<b>December 7</b>	Winter Fair from 3:15pm
<b>December 12 &amp; 13</b>	Key Stage 1 winter performance
<b>December 17 &amp; 18</b>	Key Stage 2 winter performance
<b>December 19</b>	End of term

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

Kate Porter,

Interim Headteacher, Brindishe Manor

## **In class this week...**

**Each week we would like to share with you what each year group has been focussing on in class and offer some ideas on how you can support your child over the coming week.**

## **Reception...**

We have had a fabulous week in Reception. We have been learning many songs this week, thinking about numbers and counting. You may want to find 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 items with your child over the weekend. We would like children to bring in a family photo if they have not already done so, this is so that we can share and display our wonderful families in our classrooms. The photos could include home life, holidays, portraits or any other activity. Over the coming weeks, as autumn is approaching, children could bring in autumnal artefacts such as pinecones, acorns, conkers, leaves, twigs and branches.

We also request that parents/carers bring in named P.E kits and named spare clothes if they haven't already done so.

## **In Year 1...**

We are still continuing our learning on identifying different body parts and moved on to our next step, exploring the five senses. *Can you name all the senses and explain how you use them?* Thank you for all the fruit and vegetables brought in this week. The children have created their own superhero characters ready to map their story ideas. We have started guided reading, please check the home learning sent in your child's purple book each week. Year 1 love to create models using recycled materials, if you have any at home please do bring them in! Thank you.

### **In Year 2...**

This week in Year 2, we have been writing our diary entries; the children have worked very hard to write such interesting pieces using wonderful language. Come and have a read next week when they are on display! In maths, we have been learning about addition, using different strategies and tools to represent our number sentences.

*Next week we will be reading, learning, performing and writing poetry. At home you could find a piece of poetry you like and practice performing it; maybe you could bring it in to share with your class?*

*Please remember to hand in your Reading Response books by Wednesday each week*

### **In Year 3...**

In maths this week year 3 have been comparing and ordering numbers, we have been looking at the value of each digit in 3 and 4 digit numbers and explaining how we know which number is the smallest and greatest. In literacy we have been learning about our tenses, we have been changing verbs to past tense, present tense and future tense, we then created our own sentences using the different tenses. We have also been learning about present perfect tense, which is used when an action started in the past and is still true or events are still occurring in the present (John has been walking to school all week or I have been collecting rocks this year). Also this week we have been learning to spell the words actual, actually, answer, arrive and bicycle, we would really appreciate the children spending some time to go over these words at home.

Thank you.

### **In Year 4...**

Year 4 have started to investigate factors and multiples in maths. Remember that being able to recall division facts is just as important as knowing your times tables. In English, we have been thinking about how to improve our descriptive writing by making it more exciting. We have discovered we can do this by using adventurous adjectives and similes.

*You could support your child by singing times tables songs or helping them practise their speedy recall of random multiplication and division facts. You could also look for an example of a descriptive passage in one of their favourite books.*

### **In Year 5...**

In Literacy this week Year 5 have been exploring the features of Autobiographies and Biographies. The children looked through various examples from well-known individuals and highlighted common features. Towards the end of the week, the children begun their own draft of their introduction for their own Autobiography, focusing on really captivating their reader with the use of fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. Ask your child to show you some examples of fronted adverbials!

*In Maths, the children have been looking at division involving 10/100 and 1000. We realised that our times table knowledge really helped us to reach answers to difficult questions! If you have time ask your child to practice their times tables over the weekend focusing on 7s/8s and 9s*

### **In Year 6...**

In literacy, Year 6 have been working towards writing a letter home from an evacuee to their Mum/ Dad back in London - using the experiences we read about in our class book, "Letters From the Lighthouse". We've used a lot of drama to explore the complicated feelings a child would have while composing the letter (should I say how awful it is, or should I be positive to stop my mum getting upset?!) and thought about how we could balance maintaining a cheerful tone with sneaking in clues that all is not well.

*Why not speak to extended family and friends about the war to see if any of them were evacuated*

**BRINDISHE MANOR PSFA AGM**

WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

**6.30PM - 7.30PM**

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME**

**OFFER YOUR SUPPORT AND  
IDEAS TO HELP FUNDRAISE  
FOR OUR SCHOOL**

AGM in the  
Community Room  
drop in from 6.30pm



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