

### 2 February 2018

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Last week a team of Y5 and 6 children took part in the English Football League Kids Cup competition at Millwall Football Club. The team did amazingly well, getting as far as the final where they were pipped to the post by the winning team. It was a gruelling afternoon of full-on playing but the children were determined and showed huge stamina and skill. We are very proud of them all! Thank you to new member of staff, Harry Green, who has been coaching the team since the start of term.

We look forward to future competitions and hope to perform as well if not better! Well done to this team for setting the benchmark so high.

### This week at Brindishe Manor

On Wednesday Brindishe Manor staff joined 13 other local schools at Blackheath Halls for a special training evening to share what works well for children and their learning. We call it 'Marketplace'. Brindishe Schools presented 14 different approaches, initiatives or examples of learning that we use in our schools every day. Some examples were the Daily Mile, 'finger gym' to build children's fine motor skills, and teaching online safety, as well as fun ways to build children's speed and knowledge in mental maths. It was a very useful and informative evening and a great opportunity for our 3 schools to share outstanding learning and ideas with our friends and colleagues.

Thank you to Mark Tiller and Mark Maguire who led an information sharing meeting for Y6 parents and carers this week about the Y6 tests (or SATs) in May. If your child is in Y6 and you weren't able to attend the meeting but would like some more information, the team will be happy to help.

### Mid-term Review meetings

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers over the next few weeks.

You can book a time slot to meet your child's teacher via Arbor's parent portal:

<https://brindishe-manor.uk.arbor.sc>

Please speak to the school office if you are having any difficulty booking online.

### Fantastic attendance this week!

*Ruby 100% - Wow!*

*Amber 99.3%*

Congratulations to both classes.

### Dates for your diary

**5-9 and 19-23 February** Mid term review meetings for parents and carers

**6 February** Online Safety day

**7 February** Full Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Manor. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

**8 February** Y6 to the House of Commons

**12 - 16 February** Half Term

**19 February** Children return to school

**26 February – 2 March** Y6 School Journey

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

In partnership with Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee Schools

**12-14 March** Challenge Partner Review at Brindishe Manor

**15 March** Full Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Manor. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

**29 March** End of Spring Term

**16 April** Children return to school

### **Online Safety**

A recent research study by the children's commissioner on how children aged 8-12 are using social networking and the impact it has on them, is available here.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Childrens-Commissioner-for-England-Life-in-Likes-3.pdf>

Online safety is an important aspect of how children keep themselves safe and is an integral part of our School Community Development Plan for the next three years. We are keen to work with our community to support children to understand and make informed decisions about how they interact and respond online.

### **And finally...**

Don't forget the cake sale straight after school next Friday (see below).

Have a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

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

CAKE SALE FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 3.15pm

The first cake sale of the new year will be held next Friday. Please put the date in your diary. We will be very grateful for all donations, home made or shop bought, brought to the office on the day.

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[www.brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk)



**FRIDAY 9TH FEB**

**3.15PM IN THE PLAYGROUND**  
(weather permitting!)

**WE NEED YOUR CAKE DONATIONS!**  
**HOME MADE OR SHOP BOUGHT.**

Please bring your cakes to the school office on the day.

