



Friday 19 October 2018

This week at Brindishe Manor

On Monday, our year 6 children braved the rain to enjoy a Blitz walking tour of Greenwich. They all came back very enthusiastic about what they had heard and had many new interesting facts to share.

Year 1 and Year 5 (cross age learning partners) took part in an African Inspired dance workshop during the week, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The music and dance looked fantastic and I know the children really enjoyed sharing their performances with each other.

Faustin Charles, the author of 'The Selfish Crocodile' came to visit Reception on Wednesday. He retold his story and talked to the children about what it is like to be an author. I know the children asked some very interesting questions and enjoyed their session.

Parent Governor news...

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to thank the parents who put themselves forward for the parent governor elections of the Brindishe Federation and for all the parents and carers who took the time to vote. Following the count last Friday, I am pleased to announce that Lucy Lock, from Brindishe Lee, and Jonathan Morris, from Brindishe Green were both successful in the appointment and we welcome them onto the Governing Board. Laura Scallon, from Brindishe Lee has also been voted to represent the staff. We have already planned a session for everyone to get to know each other and continue to provide outstanding governance across the three schools.

As our first half term comes to an end, I would like to wish you all a very lovely break. The start of the year has been full of exciting opportunities, learning and enjoyment and I look forward to seeing what next half term has to offer.

Kind regards, Rachel Waite

Staff changes

Today we say goodbye to Bee Clements, Year 1 Jasper Class Teacher. Bee has been with us for the past 5 years working across our Nursery, Reception and Year 1. She is leaving us to move across the world to Australia, where her husband has a new job. We wish her and her family all the very best for their time there.

Meet the Teacher Meetings Ys 1 - 6

Many thanks to all of our parents and carers who came to meet their children's class teacher this week. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers meeting with the classroom staff and having an opportunity to talk about how their child has settled into their new year group.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Onyx 100%

Key stage 2: Amber 99.3%

Local news

HITHER GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting: Wed 7 Nov 7.30 - 9.30pm. **Venue:** Zenubian, 36 Hither Green Lane SE13 6QA

Flu Vaccination

The School Health Immunisation Team will be delivering catch up flu clinics at New Cross Fire Station (226 Queen's Road, SE15 5JN). Children aged between Reception to Y5 can get the Flu Vaccine at the Fire Station...and surprise freebies! **Please ring 020 3049 1897 to make an appointment.**

Dates: Tuesday 23rd October 2018
Wednesday 24th October 2018
Thursday 25th October 2018

Dates for your diary:

October 22 nd -26 th	Half Term
October 31 st	Secondary school application deadline
November 2 nd	AFRIL food bank collection
November 5 th -7 th	Year 5 school journey
November 9 th	Height and Weight check for Reception & Y6 children
November 13 th	Open day for prospective parents
December 6 th	Chamber choir concert at St Swithun's Church
December 7 th	Winter Fair from 3:15pm
December 12 th	Christmas Lunch for all children
December 12 th & 13 th	Key Stage 1 winter performance
December 17 th & 18 th	Key Stage 2 winter performance
December 19 th	End of term



In assembly after half term the children will be learning about **AFRIL** and their work with Refugees in Lewisham. We will be sharing stories about refugee children and families with them and talking about our Rights respecting agenda in school and how our support for AFRIL is linked.

REMINDER: Brindishe Community to support the Helping Hands Foodbank!

At school we will be collecting donations for AFRIL on **FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER** in Manor Hall..

The list below gives you some idea of what you may wish to donate:

Tinned tomatoes, toilet rolls, long-life full fat Milk, oil, salt, pepper, spices, eggs, baked beans, tinned tuna, pasta /rice, fruit juice, w/ up liquid, biscuits, cereals, toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, shampoo), baby milk, nappies sizes 1-5

Best wishes for a lovely half term break to all of our families and friends. We very much look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 29th October.

Best wishes,
Kate Porter,
Interim Headteacher

In class this week...

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

Nursery...

This week we have been on listening walks around the school. The children have been able to hear a variety of noises such as the rustling of the leaves, birds flying by and musical instruments being played. The children have also been hunting for shapes in our environment. We found rectangles on the bricks in the walls, circles on the glue sticks and squares in the Lego.

Have a look for shapes at home do you have more circles or squares?

Reception...

On Wednesday this week Turquoise and Emerald Class had a very special visitor. Faustin Charles, the author of 'The Selfish Crocodile', came to tell us about growing up in Trinidad and to read the story to us. It was so exciting to meet a real- life author! At home you might like to make your own book about the Selfish Crocodile. We are sending home everyone's Me book over the half- term.

Perhaps you could add some photos, drawings or mementos of your holiday to share when we return on Monday 29th October. Please keep bringing in materials for junk modelling- we are making so many models we run out of supplies quickly!

In Year 1...

We have had such a great time taking part in our African dance workshop this week. The children enjoyed learning choreographed moves and enthusiastically performed to their peers and Year 5 too. In Maths we continued with part-part whole and moved on to our next step, making a whole amount using three parts e.g. $4 + 2 + 3 = 9$. Please continue this over the half-term break and focus on getting the children to explain what they are doing.

Please try and read a little bit every day — this could be picture books, magazines, shop signs, catalogues —anything your child will enjoy.

It has been a very successful first term! Thank you all for your support. It's been really lovely seeing all the children settle so well into Year 1.

Have an exciting and restful half term!

In Year 2...

This week, both Year 2 classes were very busy being creative. This week we have explored Felix Murillo's artwork and created our own paintings and drawings. We used oil pastels and acrylic paints. Children in Year 2 have learned more number facts to help them with their mental calculations, especially when solving addition and subtraction problems.

After the half-term break we are going to learn about multiplication and division. You could spend time at home looking over the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Have a lovely break!

In Year 3...

This week in English, we have been learning about prepositional phrases and thinking about how we can use them in our writing. We have also been learning to correctly use articles in our writing (a or an). In maths, we have been adding 2 and 3 digit numbers with regrouping of the ones. In science, we have been learning about the different stages of fossilisation and also comparing dinosaur skeletons.

The children now have their log in details to 'My Maths' and can access this over the half term. The details for this are in the back of their guided reading journals.

In Year 4...

This week the children have been publishing their first piece of writing in year 4. We have been working hard on editing and redrafting a story with a historical setting and are very enthusiastic about the publishing process. In maths we have been learning how to multiply by 2-digit numbers. The children have been using physical resources to help deepen their understanding of what happens to a number when we multiply it by 10, 100, 1000. This helps the children recognise patterns such as: $5 \times 6 = 30$ so $5 \times 60 = 300$. We now have 'mymaths' logins for the children, so if you haven't had them already, please do ask, this is a fun way to help support your child's maths learning at home.

On November 22nd we will be having a Tudor day at school, this will be a day to celebrate our Tudor learning, dress up like Tudor's and make Tudor food such as pottage and jam tarts. We would really enjoy playing some Tudor board games too, making a Tudor board game is going to be our home learning focus for the next few weeks.

You could start by talking to your children about modern games and how you could edit them to fit in with our Tudor topic. For example making a Tudor card game, or designing your own Tudor monarchs and royals for 'Guess Who?'.

In Year 5...

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the African dance workshop they took part in this week. Each class learnt a routine and then performed this to their Year 1 cross-age learning partners. It was wonderful to see the children so involved and enjoying themselves so much. Many children showed great courage and performed solos, some of which were freestyle.

The children have also finished publishing their autobiographies this week. What an achievement that is! They have showed great resilience and persistence and should be very proud of their writing.

We have spoken to the children about how being confident in their times tables will really help them in maths, so if you could do some practice with your child over the half term that would be great.

We have had a great start to Year 5 and the children seem to have settled in really well. We hope you enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing the children refreshed on the other side.

In Year 6...

This week, Year 6 took part in a guided tour in Greenwich and learnt many interesting facts about how the Blitz affected our local area. Thank you to the parents and carers that supported us on our visit. In class, we have been adding suspense to our narratives, inspired by our class book 'Letter's from the Lighthouse'. The children have thought carefully about using fronted adverbials, detailed description and a variety of sentence lengths to keep the reader on the edge of their seat!

Next half term, we will be looking at the role animals played during World War 2. Ask your child to carry out some research on this over the holidays.