

Friday 28th June 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe Manor,

Last week at Brindishe Manor The scientists of the future....

Last week has been another action packed week at Brindishe Manor. As we hurtle towards the summer holidays we are certainly not slowing down. As you will read below, the children have had a really fun week participating in lots of science experiments as part of science week. From using 'flubber' in year 3 to 'Fizz' projects in year 6. The children have really enjoyed doing lots of practical, hands-on science! Our competition winners are below! A big thank you as always to Miss Hockham, who worked tirelessly to put the whole week together. Thanks as well to all the parents and carers who have provided the children with the necessary resources. On Tuesday, Jasper class visited the Horniman museum and had a great time! It has been another busy week for Mr Maguire on the music front. On Tuesday morning he took the KS2 choir to Cooper's Lane Primary School to rehearse. As usual, they sung their hearts out! On Thursday evening, I had the privilege of attending the Royal Festival Hall to see our KS2 choir performing in the annual Lewisham Music Gala. The hall was packed and the quality of the singing superb. I am forever amazed by the quality of the singing and how the children are always pitch perfect. This is mostly down to the hard work and expertise of Mr Maguire, who transmits an infectious passion which clearly rubs off on all the children. A big thank you as well to Mrs Newman, Ms Snaith and Mr Tiller who gave up their time to support the children during the evening's performance. On Wednesday, Jet class went to the International Academy of Greenwich where they became detectives for the morning. Using their scientific knowledge, as well as learning about chromatography, the children had to work out the rogue superhero! The children had a great time and learnt lots of new skills. A big thank you to Ms Blackie and also the International Academy of Greenwich for hosting our children. And finally, on Friday, the nursery children went to Mudchute farm where they learnt about the different types of animals. The weather stayed fine and a good time was had by all.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Jasper – 100%

Key stage 2: Amber – 99.3%

Well done to these classes!



This week we have continued to develop our children's musical and scientific talents reflecting article 29.

Rights Respecting news

Article 29. Following on from the wonderful dance routine watched by some of our Key Stage children and the work we are doing to make the area in and around Brindishe Manor as safe as possible, this week's 'Rights Respecting' article is very appropriate.

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.

Brindishe Manor Nursery

Please tell your friends and neighbours with nursery-aged children about our fantastic Brindishe Manor nursery. Please ask them to contact the school office. We have 1 part time nursery class offering 15 hours per week of high quality early years education. Children aged 3 before 31 August 2019 are eligible for a September 2019 place. Please speak to a member of our office team as soon as you can.

Brindishe Manor Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is fast approaching and we are still on the lookout for volunteers to help and support the school at the annual Summer Fair on **Sunday the 7th July**. If you are able to help, please leave your contact details at the school office and we will be in touch or contact a member of the PFSA team. See below for more details. Thank you!!

Science Week 2019

Last week's Science Week was better than ever. Older children worked with younger children to conduct investigations. Science could be seen throughout the school. Thank you to every person who worked with their child at home to create some amazing projects. We also had a few collaborative entries from older children. Our Young Science Leaders found the decision very difficult but the winners were as follows:

Most Successful Fizz Design – Archie, Y6 Opal Class

Most Successful Flubber Design – Celia, Lola and Brooke, Y4 Amber Class

Most Successful Flight Design – Noah, Y2 Ruby Class

Best Fizz Design – Ruby, Y6 Diamond Class

Best Flubber Design – Lilia, Y3 Sapphire Class

Best Flight Design – Grace, Y1 Moonstone Class and Alexander, Y2 Ruby Class

Most Effort on a Fizz Design – Betty and Lydia, Y5 Quartz Class

Most Effort on a Flubber Design – Ira and Andrew, Y3 Pearl Class

Most Effort on a Flight Design – Jonah, Y1 Jasper Class

Reception and Nursery enjoyed experimenting with their models for Float. Well done to everyone who took part! The adults were very impressed with how much resilience the children showed when trialling and improving their designs.

Curriculum Review

Following recent changes to Ofsted's Education Inspection Framework which will come into force in September 2019, the staff across the federation are reviewing the Brindishe Schools' Curriculum. We would also like to hear your views. We are setting up a survey for parents and carers to complete. It should only take 5 minutes of your time and it is your chance to provide your child's school with feedback, comments and constructive criticism in order to help all Brindishe Schools move forward.

The survey will be open for two weeks from the date it opens and we will email the link out to you as soon as it becomes available.

Dates for your diary

There are some extra dates for your diary!



Sunday 7th July – Brindishe Manor Summer Fair

Monday 8th July – Brindishe Manor's musicians' concert

Tuesday 9th July – year 1 visit to the Greenwich Picture house

Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 end of year performance

Thursday 11th July – Quartz trip to the Design museum

Thursday 11th July – Year 6 end of year performance

And finally...

Please remember to spread the word regarding the Brindishe Manor Summer Fair on Sunday the 7th July.

Have a lovely week.

James Baguley,
Deputy Head
Brindishe Manor

In class this week...

Each week we will continue 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

Nursery ended last week with a fun and practical session on mindfulness. We would like to thank Hayley Saunt for showing us some useful tips and strategies. During Science week, children brought in boats they made at home to investigate 'floating and sinking'. We had the opportunity to test the various boats and talked about materials that sink and float. We did this in a very fun and practical way. We were very lucky to have Reema Hooks in class this week doing a science lesson with the children. Everybody got the chance to see and feel material in all 3 different stages. We learned about solids, liquids and gases. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience. Thank you Reema! Lastly, we would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers for coming along to our visit to Mudchute farm. For some of us it was the first time visiting and for others, the chance to revisit the animals.

Reception

The children have loved the Science experiments this week. We've been floating boats, testing eggs and seeing what happens to tangerines when we drop them in to water. The transition groups visiting Year 1 have reported back with lots of exciting news about their new classrooms and we will continue to visit next week. You will be informed of your child's new teacher very soon.

Year 1

Year 1 has had an amazing week full of wonders and investigations. Well done to the children who brought in their fantastic flight inventions, which showed all their effort and creativity! The children all got to test out their inventions and voted for who they think was the most successful, best design and the person who showed the most effort. Well done to Grace from Moonstone who won Best Design for her flight invention!

It was great fun having Eala's dad visiting Onyx class for science week. The children enthusiastically took part in making an LED connection using fruit and vegetables. After that, the children were taken to the field to see what happens when Mentos is added to a fizzy drink.

A massive THANK YOU to Jamie's mum Reema who came in and did a super fun 'egg stacking' investigation with Moonstone class to demonstrate the strength of an arch by testing eggs. The investigation made the children think about what happens if we change one variable and how we set up a fair test. Why not investigate the strength of an arch via eggs by holding one in your palm and squeezing it as hard as you can? You can also watch it here.

>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oomYC_Nf60s

Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic Science Week. The projects that children brought to school were very innovative and exciting to watch in action. Thank you one more time for all your efforts! Ruby class explored flight further and worked with Year 6 Opal to make loop planes. The children shown impressive confidence and forward thinking. Ruby had also lots of fun making helicopters, some of them even took off and left the school grounds! In maths we have been learning how to estimate and measure objects and shapes using rulers and meter sticks. Amethyst have also been hard at work developing their measuring skills and taking part in lots of fun science experiments. They are all budding scientists in the making!

Year 3

It has been a very 'flubbery' week in year 3. Well done to all the children who took part in the Science project this week. They brought in so much flubber, we were 'flubbergasted'! Also, thank you to the adults at home who supported their children with the Science project. In English this week, we have continued writing our story about 'Pablo the

Banana'. We thought of different ways to create suspense for the reader, we used short sentences and rhetorical questions. In maths, we have been solving problems about time. Again, it would be very helpful if children could continue with learning about time at home.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have begun to create their cushions for our enterprise project. We have been using our knowledge of adding money to calculate the production cost of one item. Using this information, the children have been thinking about how much we need to sell our products for in order to make a profit.

Thank you to everybody who supported their children in creating flubber for science week. We had a wonderful time sharing the projects and talking about the science behind them. The children were very enthusiastic and it was clear that a lot of effort had gone into their projects at home.

The children have started writing their fantasy stories and thinking about how to show their reader the story isn't set in the real world.

In maths we are focusing on symmetry and tessellation. *Can you find symmetrical objects at home? Do you have any tiles or patterns that tessellate at home?*

Year 5

Year 5 have really immersed themselves in our topic about inventors. Their posters about diverse inventors were well-informed and clear; the children were able to move around the class and use these posters to fill in their own fact sheets for six different inventors. The children are already thoroughly enjoying our class story of Alex Rider and thinking about what makes a great spy/action story. In the coming week the children will be designing and making their own spy gadgets. We would like the children to make them out of recycled products, so please start collecting suitable materials and question them about what they might need. In guided reading, we have been thinking about using the text to back up our opinions (point, evidence and explanation). Ask your children to explain what that means and have a go at creating questions with the books they are reading. Jet Class had an incredibly informative science trip to the International Academy of Greenwich which gave them a real insight to what their lessons will be like in secondary school. Quartz Class are looking forward to attending the session on Friday 5th July. Thank you to all the parents that have returned their slips and the £2.50 cost to the Design Museum. If you haven't done so already, please make sure you return these to the office.

Year 6

Thank you to all of the children, who created their own 'Fizz' projects for this week's Science Week! The effort and resilience that the children have shown with this has been really impressive. It's also been great to hear the children confidently discuss the scientific reasoning behind their designs. Well done especially to our winners and thank you to our Science Leaders who have helped make sure the week has ran smoothly.

Year 6 have also continued to put their all into our rehearsals this week. We've been thinking carefully about positioning, reacting to other characters on stage, and how to project our voices effectively. We're really impressed with all the effort put in so far. Some children have also brought in their own costumes already for the performance. Please speak to your child at home about what resources they may need for their role.

As part of our enterprise project for this year, we've been taking our own photos inspired by nature and our need to protect our local environment. Next Thursday, we have our trip to Greenwich park, where we will take more of these. If we could have all slips returned for this as soon as possible, it would be very much appreciated.

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WE NEED YOU!!!

Summer Fair – 7th July

As the Summer Fair approaches, we are still in **desperate need of volunteers** to run the stalls on the day. We have been working very hard behind the scenes to organise this well-loved event, but we cannot do it without you, please contact us or sign up at the school office if you can help.

Raffle tickets – hopefully you would have received these in your book bags this week. If not, or if you would like to purchase more or sell to friends and family, please ask at the school's office.

Tombola donations – both for adults and kids, this is the chance to bring those unused (and new) gifts that you have never got around to open (and probably never will), please hand them at the school office.

Cake donations – if baking is your skill, please share it by bringing in donations on the day for our cake stall (please remember no nuts!).

Have a lovely weekend!
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