

Friday 12th July 2019

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

A fond farewell...

As you will now be aware, I am leaving Brindishe Manor at the end of this term for pastures new. I would firstly like to thank the hard working and dedicated staff, who are continuously going above and beyond to provide the very best opportunities possible for each of your children. I would like to give a special thank you to Miss Hockham and Mrs Doran, who have been a continual support since my arrival in January. I would also like to thank the school community and especially the PFSA, who work tirelessly to raise much needed funds for the school. Without their dedication, much of the additional extras would simply not be achievable. Even in my relatively short tenure, I have experienced the strong bonds between the children, teachers and parents and I sincerely believe this will continue long into the future. And finally, for all the teachers, children and parents who are also moving on to pastures new, I wish you all the very best.

Have a relaxing holiday, whatever you may be doing.

This week at Brindishe Manor

The end of year finale...

As usual, we have had another frenetic week at Brindishe Manor. On Monday, we got to experience the Brindishe Manor musicians playing in our annual end-of-year concert. As usual, it was a joy to behold and one of my abiding memories at Brindishe Manor will be the quality of the music and singing. The music team have done a fantastic job during the course of the year, but as always, a huge thank you in particular to Mr Maguire for his dedication and expertise. On Tuesday, year 1 visited the Greenwich Picturehouse. They had a wonderful time and the weather stayed fine. Also, a special mention to the teachers, teaching assistants and children in year 4. It has been wonderful to see the children develop their enterprise skills in recent weeks, as part of an ongoing project where they have been learning about the importance of profit and loss within an organisation. This culminated in them making some lovely handmade cushions and bags which they have been selling after school in the playground. It has been a raving success and I feel sure we have some of the Richard Bransons of the future in our midst! Quartz class in year 5 had a lovely day on Thursday at the Design museum. Thank you to Ms Coupe and the rest of the staff and parents for all their support on the day. We also had the joy of the year 6 end-of-year music performance - classic Shakespeare performance of King Lear and Julius Caesar. They were all peerless on stage with superb musical accompaniment from Mr Tiller. A big thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants for making it happen. Just the year 6 school disco to go!

Friday was also a busy day! The nursery children had their annual singing performance. They were a joy to behold. They then had the 'Big Toddler' at Manor Park Gardens. Thank you to Ms Le Roux and Ms Chaudhari for organising an uplifting event for both parents, children and myself! The week culminated in a wonderful and imaginative yr 6 photography exhibition in the main hall. It was a fantastic way to end another busy week at Brindishe Manor.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Jasper – 98.6%

Key stage 2: Quartz – 99.3%

Well done to these classes!

School Counselling Provision

As part of our commitment to the well-being of all of our children and families, we have been reviewing the provision we offer across the Brindishe Schools and from next year we will be enhancing our schools' skill-set by training up key staff as ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and moving to another specialist provider.

We have been lucky to work with Place2Be within the Brindishe Federation, however it is important for us to further build our capacity within each school to ensure the children have continued access to trained staff throughout the week. Our Inclusion Team and Mental Health Leads are putting together an information pack for children, parents and carers to explain the different levels of support your child will be able to access, to ensure we meet their emotional well-being needs.

Competition winner!

As part of our recent endeavours to raise the profile of noise pollution and fly-tipping in the local area, we entered a Lewisham wide poster competition. I am pleased to announce that a year 4 child from Brindishe Manor was the winner! The winning design will be on permanent display near to Hither Green station. The mayor will be unveiling the design on Monday alongside our winner! Please keep a look out for the design, which will appear on the Fernbrook side of the station.



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Manor

Next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on **Article 39**

You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated

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 was a fantastic success as always. A big thank you to the PFSA who helped organise and put together the whole event. It is always a massive undertaking and it ran like clockwork! A big thank you to all the staff who helped to support the event on the day! We raised a whopping £2,526.



Reception need your help!

Our Reception Classes are keen to update their home corners and role play areas. They are looking for good quality items such as:

- Play kitchen (cupboards, microwave, washing machine etc)
- Children's armchairs/sofa
- Photo frames (no glass)
- Small shelving units
- Baskets for storage
- Play utensils/equipment e.g. iron, broom, toaster, kettle
- Baby dolls and clothes
- Dressing up clothes e.g. coats, waistcoats, hats, bags, scarves etc

Donations of these items would be much appreciated. We can arrange to pick up bigger items if that would help. Thank you!

Class reports

Just a quick reminder, if you haven't done so already, to collect your child's report from the school office.

After school clubs

Please be aware that after school clubs have finished for the year.

Transition

We have recently started our transition sessions with the whole school. This year, we would like children to experience being dropped off in the morning at their new classroom as part of the transition process. **Please drop your child (ren) off at their new classroom on Wednesday 17th July at 9.00 am. Staff will be on hand to support and it will give you a chance to prepare ready for the new school year.**

Curriculum review

The survey for parents and carers to complete is now available. Brindishe Schools are reviewing our curriculum following recent changes to Ofsted's Education Inspection Framework which will come into force in September 2019. It will 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. This use the link below –

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NXCDZJM>

The survey will be open for 7 days and close on Friday 19th July 2019. It can be accessed on PC's, Tablets and mobile phones. Thank you taking the time to provide us with your valuable feedback.

Dates for your diary



Thursday 18th July - End of term for children

Friday 19th July - INSET day for staff only

Monday 2nd September – Staff INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September – Staff INSET DAY

Wednesday 4th September – Children return to school

And finally...

All the very best to the Brindishe Manor Community. Ms Porter looks forward to seeing you all again on **Wednesday the 4th September.**

Have a lovely weekend

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 children were very excited to sing to the adults and carers this morning. We practised hard and performed for the rest of the school on various days this week. Thank you for helping us with the words at home. Our Singing performance were a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who came and took part in the Big Toddle and

family picnic in Manor House Gardens today. The children had a wonderful time celebrating the end of their time in Nursery. We wish you a lovely weekend.

Reception

The children have enjoyed spending time in Year 1 and meeting their new teachers. Next week they will have more opportunities to get to know the Year 1 team and explore their new learning environment. We will finish reading with the children this week. Please have a good look at home for any school books you may have and bring them in next week. Just a reminder that in the hot weather children should bring in a sun hat and please apply sun cream before school.

Year 1

In maths, the children used objects to show the concept of division as sharing equally. They have used the strategy of distributing objects into equal groups before writing the division number sentence. We will continue our learning on division and will now focus on finding the number of groups. Can you use objects at home to work this out? *Raphael has 24 marbles. He has 6 friends. He gives each friend the same number of marbles. How many marbles does each friend have?* We have been working extremely hard on their traditional tales this term and would love for parents to come into class on Tuesday at 3:15 to read some of the children's stories. This week we have been getting to know our new class teachers and have visited our year 2 classrooms too. The children are very excited about the next academic year which is lovely to see! The current year 2 children have been paired up with year 1 to help them have a better understanding of what to expect.

Please can you check at home for any guided reading books and return them to school as soon as possible.

Year 2

This week both Year 2 classes were very excited to see their Year 3 classrooms and meet their new teachers. We discussed what a change means to us and how to approach challenging moments. Amethyst class has been writing fantastic Charlie Chimney stories and they really want to share them with you. Ruby class has been working hard on their nature poems, the children also painted beautiful pictures using watercolours to accompany their poems. Ruby class would like to invite all the parents and carers to their *Rubi-tastic Little Nature Shop* on Monday and Tuesday where they will be selling their nature crafts!

Year 3

This week in maths, we have been learning about perpendicular and parallel lines. In English, we have been planning persuasive letters and thinking about the persuasive features we can use in our letters. We will be writing letters to cafes and restaurants to try and persuade them to stop using plastic.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an extremely busy week stepping into the shoes of young entrepreneurs. Amber class set up their enterprise shop from Monday to Friday, and Topaz class followed from Wednesday to Friday. It was a great success and a fantastic learning experience for the children. Firstly, we would like to thank you for your support as it wouldn't have been possible without your support.

Amber class raised a grand total of £164.50! So far, Topaz class have raised £149.50, which we hope will increase following their sales this week.

Our next step this week will be to calculate our profit and loss after paying our expenses back.

Year 5

Quartz Class had a fantastic time at the Design Museum on Thursday. They thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and looking at the exhibition, the spinning chair seemed to be a favourite!

Both Year 5 classes will now be using what they've learnt to create their own spy gadget. We're looking forward to seeing how they can translate their designs into a prototype thinking of the design, maker, user process.

The beautiful cards the children have made for enterprise are still on sale, a bargain at 80p each or 3 for £2! We will take last orders on Monday.

The children are currently finishing their spy stories, they have been including flashbacks, dialogue and using a variety of sentence structures to create some exciting stories.

Year 6

Last week was a busy one for Year 6! Our performances of King Lear and Julius Caesar went off with a bang - the children giving their all with their lines and musical contributions. Friday then brought our photography exhibition, bringing together weeks of preparation. A huge thank you to families for their support with both endeavours - your enthusiasm as an audience for the plays and generosity when buying prints of the children's artwork and poetry has all been hugely appreciated. See you all at the Leavers' Assembly on Thursday!

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Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the summer fair on Sunday. It was a great success thanks to all your support. We raised a fantastic £2526! If anybody who helped out is able to apply for matched funding through their work, please do get in touch.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers; parents, carers, staff, older pupils and current pupils, you all did an amazing job!

Thank you also for the many donations of prizes and cakes.

Mr Maguire led another impressive performance by the choir, and we were lucky to have the wonderful ladies singing from Blitz n Pieces.

Thank you again for helping to fundraise for your school. We couldn't run these events without your help.

If you would like to get involved with events we will run in the next school year, please do get in touch.

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The Big Half 2020

After the success of last year's Big Half, we are entering another community team for 2020. We had 40 runners last year, many of whom had never run a half marathon before and we raised over £3,000 for the school.

This year the event takes place on Sunday 1st March 2020.

The route starts by Tower Bridge and finishes at the iconic Cutty Sark and goes through the four London boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Southwark, Lewisham & Greenwich.

If you are interested in finding out more about the event, please check out the website: <https://www.thebighalf.co.uk/>

If you are interested in running for the school, please contact:

Rebecca on rebecca.moore95@yahoo.com or 07974 262269

This year we are asking for:

- £10 entry fee

- £50 suggested fundraising target

All we need to start the registration process is your full name and email address.

We only have spaces guaranteed until 30th August, so please do register your interest as soon as possible, as all completed entries have to be submitted before this date. We already have 24 people signed up!