

Monday 24th June 2019

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank James Baguley for being an instrumental part of the leadership team at Brindishe Manor during Kate Porter's maternity leave. With Kate Porter in post, James will ensure a smooth transition before taking on the role of Interim Head at Brindishe Lee from September 2019. I am sure you will support me in wishing James all the best for next year.

Kind regards,

Rachel Waite

Executive Head of Brindishe Schools

This week at Brindishe Manor

What a week of sporting success...

This past week has been one of the busiest of the year at Brindishe Manor! On Monday we welcomed back Ms Dougan from her maternity leave. It was great to see her back. During the course of the week, year 1 visited the Horniman museum. The children had a great time. A big thank you to Ms Willard, Ms Rahman and Ms Blake. As always, I wish to also thank the parents and carers for their invaluable support. As well as busily preparing for their summer performance, the year 6 children visited Manor House Gardens as part of a photography project they are working on. On Wednesday, we had our annual Sports Day for years 1 – 4. It was touch and go for a while given the terrible weather we have had recently. However, as usual, Ms Coupe did a tremendous job. The organisation was superb and the children had a lovely time. Many of the children I spoke to said that it was one of the most enjoyable experiences of the year. Ms Coupe had a very busy week, as she also organised with her children the Reception Sports Day on Friday. The sun was out, the children had a great time, and it was really nice to see so many parents and carers in attendance. I appreciated the positive feedback and thanks to all the teachers and especially Ms Coupe for putting together another sporting success story!

On Friday, Ms Dee organised a parent workshop focusing on developing resilience at home with both parents, carers and children. It proved to be a real success, especially as it was the first workshop of its kind in Lewisham! A big thank you to Ms Dee and all involved. There was a real sense of camaraderie and support within the group.

And finally, on Friday evening, we held our annual years 3-4 and 5-6 school disco. A big thank you to our PFSA, who as always did a tremendous job. As a staff, we are all very appreciative of the hard work, time and effort they put in to organising such events and working tirelessly behind the scenes to raise much needed money for the school.

This week is Science week at Brindishe Manor. The finals will be on Wednesday with our Science Leaders as judges. The winners will show their projects in Friday's celebration assembly. Certificates will go to the most successful, best design and most effort. Parents are welcome into classrooms at pick up on Friday to see all the entries.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Onyx – 100%

Key stage 2: Opal – 100%

Well done to these classes!



Rights Respecting news

Article 29. Following on from the wonderful sports days watched by so many of you, this week's 'Rights Respecting' article is very appropriate.

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. This is particularly important given this week is 'Science Week' at Brindishe Manor.

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

A plea from myself and the PFSA. We are 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!!



Safeguarding news ...

National Online Safety have released a helpful guide to internet and device controls. This information can be used to support you to ensure your child's devices are filtering unwanted and inappropriate content. Internet controls are just one of the ways to support your child to be safe online. We recognise that the best way for children to keep safe online is through regular and open conversation, both at home and school, about ways to manage the risks found online. Please see the NSPCC's guide to starting difficult conversations.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

Dates for your diary

There are some extra dates for your diary!



17th June - Year 1 visit to the Horniman museum

19th June - Years 1 - 4 Sports Day at Manor House Gardens

Thursday 20th June - Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Green

Friday 21st June - KS2 disco

Monday 24th June - Science Competition Week!

Tuesday 25th June - KS2 Choir rehearsal at Cooper's Lane

Monday 1st July - Year 5 trip to the Design museum

Tuesday 2nd July - Choral Concert at Brindishe Green for Y2/3 Choir and KS2 Choir

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 - Year 5 trip to the Design museum

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And finally...

Another reminder about May Day 2020. The Government has recently announced that the early May Bank Holiday (May Day) scheduled for Monday 4 May 2020 has now been moved to Friday 8 May 2020 to commemorate VE Day. Next year's term dates have been amended on our website to reflect this.

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

This week, we recapped 2D shapes. The children compared different sized triangles, squares, circles and rectangles. With a partner, we went on a shape hunt to identify these shapes in and around the classroom. Whilst singing some Nursery Rhymes and Phonics Songs, the children seemed particularly interested in the 'f' and 's' sound. We had a whole class discussion and brainstormed words beginning with 's'. We want to remind parents that **Nursery will be closed for the day** for our visit to Mudchute Farm next week Friday the 28th of June. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Reception

The children have been writing 'thank you' letters to firefighters this week. We spoke about all of the exciting things that happened at the fire station and thought about a way to write our ideas in a letter. We hope to post our letters to the firefighters at Lee Station next week. In maths we have been learning how to estimate by making sensible guesses about how many cubes are in a jar. You could practise this at home. The children had their class photos taken. They tried their best and listened very well to the photographer. Next week the children will be going over to Year 1 in small groups to explore their new setting. They will be taking photos and reporting all of their exciting findings back to their class mates.

Year 1

This week, we have been completing our stories and creating character puppets. We used our puppets to retell stories that we made. In Maths we have been reading and making times to the quarter hour. We have been matching analogue and digital clocks in a game. We would like to continue to play this game at home to reinforce our time telling skills. <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time>

Don't forget it is Science Week this week! Please bring your models in to school on Monday 24th June 2019.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week! Amethyst have been learning about the brilliant Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We have been designing and building bridges. Ruby Class have undertaken some research about endangered species in Britain; did you know that a baby hedgehog is called a hoglet? Ruby Class have also been enjoying some poetry from the magnificent book, *Lost Words* by Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris.

Thanks to everyone who came down to support us at Sports Day; what a fantastic, positively competitive day it was! *Calculating change is a good concept to work on at home and it is a real life problem. As a challenge, work out which combinations of coins and notes you can use to make different amounts of change.*

Remember: Science Week Flying Machines need to be in on Monday!

Postal Museum money and slips are due on Monday too.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week. Our prayers and wishes came true and the rain didn't ruin Sports Day, all the children tried their best at all the activities. Well done year 3! In maths this week, we have been adding and subtracting time. It would be very helpful if children could continue with learning about time at home. In literacy this week, we have started writing our own fiction stories about Pablo the Banana's journey. We thought of different ways to entice the reader with our introductions. We have also been thinking of ways to improve our writing by editing and redrafting.

Year 4

Year 4 have continued to think ahead and have come up with lots of exciting ideas for our Enterprise project. Our theme is linked to our science topic, Living Things. Thank you to all the children who wowed us with the Local Area presentations in the last few weeks. Most children completed the task and Miss Snaith and Miss Wilmot were so impressed by the standard of the presentations. Next week is Science Week and across Years 3 and 4, there is a Flubber competition that children can enter on their own or in pairs. All Flubber must be made at home, needs to keep its shape for 3 seconds, stretch for 30 cm and stick to a surface and be removed without leaving bits. Bring your Flubber into school on Monday 24th. There will be tests carried out on all the entries and winners will be announced in Friday's assembly. In English, we are busy creating our own stories with a fantasy setting. We are thinking about characters and plot as well as publishing details such as front covers and blurbs. Please remember to bring in an empty shoe box, if you haven't already, as this will help with planning the setting.

Year 5

This week we have continued to look at Roald Dahl and the children have been immersed in the energetic, fun and sometimes dark language that he used in his writing. We've focused on George's Marvellous Medicine; looking at the use of rhyme, alliteration and onomatopoeia as well as the way he'd described the disgusting ingredients. The children created their own magic medicine in the form of a poem which were, quite frankly, revolting!

In science this week, children designed their own experiments for testing water resistance, as we hadn't previously had a chance to do so. It was interesting to see what objects/shapes had more or less resistance - children explored why this might be and asked brilliant scientific questions. Why not ask your child to explain the experiment they did. We are thoroughly looking forward to science next week during SCIENCE WEEK!

A reminder that Jet Class are going to visit The International Academy of Greenwich next Wednesday (26th June) for a science lesson. **Please ensure your child is at school for 8.30am.**

Year 6

In Year 6, performance rehearsals have continued apace! This week was the first time either group (Julius Caesar or King Lear) have performed to each other, and both sets of actors did brilliantly at adapting to having an audience in front of them. Next week, notes will go home detailing any odds and ends of costumes that the children will need for enhancing their performances, and all of Year 6 should have brought home a letter about the ticketing arrangements for both shows.

PSFA Newsletter
Friday 21st June 2019

As we approach the end of the school year some of our biggest events are just around the corner and we have been busy getting it all organised!

School Disco – 21st June

What an amazing time the kids had! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day and to the school's amazing office staff for facilitating so much of the logistics for this event.

Summer Fair – 7th July

WE NEED YOU...

Traditionally a sunny and fun filled event, this year will not disappoint! We have been working hard to set the scene for another great Summer Fair. All we need now is a little help from our wonderful community:

- Can you run a stall for 1 hour (or more) on the day? Please get in touch, we are looking for helpers for face painting, tattoos and arts and crafts; to run games and for the food and drinks stalls. And last but not least are you a BBQ master chef? We need you!
- Are you or your child(ren) part of a band that would like to take the stage and perform at the fair?
- 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!).

Please email or contact us via our FB page, all links below, if you are able to help.

Have a lovely week!

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