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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor Tri-school choral concert

There was beautiful singing at this concert hosted by Brindishe Green on Tuesday. The choirs were very strong and we heard some fantastic solos from across the schools including from Grace, Maya and Lily in Y6 at Brindishe Manor. Well done to everyone who took part, to Mark Maguire for directing the whole performance and to BG for hosting yet another lovely outdoor event.

Y6 Diamond visited the Natural History Museum this week followed by the whole of Y6 visiting Greenwich Park on Wednesday to take photographs to use for their enterprise project.

Staffing news

Today we wish Rebecca Sanders (Y5 class teacher) well as she begins her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her news very soon. Jennifer Marques-Munoz from our school office returns from maternity leave next week and is looking forward to seeing everyone again. Vikki Robinson who has been covering Jennifer's maternity leave will join the office team at Brindishe Green next week and we thank her for her hard work and commitment.

In this newsletter we are announcing our teaching staff for September and letting you know about upcoming changes to the staff at school in preparation for some transition sessions beginning next week on 3 July.

At the end of term we will say goodbye to Rachel Gurr and Lauren Campbell. Rachel is moving to a school closer to her home and Lauren is going to travel and volunteer abroad, starting off in Vietnam. Assistant Heads Charlotte Dougan and Jenny Guest will leave at the end of term to start their maternity leaves, as will Lizanne Le Roux, Reception teacher.

As you already know, in September I will be leaving to be Headteacher at Brindishe Green. Kate Porter will take over as Interim Headteacher for two terms while the recruitment process for the new Headteacher at Brindishe Manor takes place and Julie Hockham will be Interim Deputy Head, again for two terms.

We welcome three new teachers to Brindishe Manor from September, Kasia Kozysa, Eleanor Benton and Catherine Wilmot. Kasia joins us from a school in Crystal Palace, Catherine from Sydenham and Eleanor from the Midlands. Catherine will be with us for two terms while Julie Hockham is non-class based. We are delighted that they will be taking part in our transition sessions over the next few weeks.

As you know, our teaching assistants are allocated according to the changing needs of the children and no longer to each class (except in the foundation stage). Children from Y1 upwards will have teaching assistants who work across year groups / age groups and we are fortunate to have a highly talented team of teaching assistants who are able to work flexibly right across the age range from 3-11yrs.

Brindishe Manor teaching staff for 2018 - 2019

Class Name	Class Teacher 2018- 2019	Previous class	Learning Support 2018-2019
Jade AM & PM	Charisse Phillips	New children	Rukon Ali Elaine Ayeni
R - Emerald	Helen Groothues and Shafiq Dad	New children / Nursery children	Rose Barron Asha Chaudhari
R - Turquoise	Katie Clapton and Louise Marks	New children / Nursery children	Ciara Cullen (trainee teacher with
1 - Moonstone	Ciarra Willard	Turquoise	SchoolDirect)
1 - Jasper	Bee Clements	Emerald	Bernie Francis Harry Green Megan Hosking- Williams Marva Hudson
1 - Onyx	Kamila Rahman	Moonstone	
2 – Amethyst	Mark Maguire	Jasper	
2 – Ruby	Kasia Kozysa	Onyx	Alexis Jagger Jen Martin
3 – Sapphire	Jammy Ahmed	Ruby	Liz Newman Janet O'Neill
3 – Pearl	Eleanor Benton	Amethyst	Stephanie Penfold
4 – Topaz	Catherine Wilmott	Pearl	(trainee teacher with SchoolDirect)
4 – Amber	Amy Snaith	Sapphire	Sophia Turton Efstratios Tzanos
5 – Jet	Lauren Blackie	Amber	Sue Young Wai Chi Yu
5 – Quartz	Kimberley Givens	Topaz	
6 – Diamond	Mark Tiller	Jet	PPA teachers: Helen Coupe
6 – Opal	Leanne Campbell	Quartz	Lucy Balcombe Emily Da Silva

Science Week - Julie Hockham reports...

Our Science Week has been wonderful with so many experiments taking place between our classes. Younger children worked with older children. Parents and carers came in and carried out experiments or talked about their love of science or the links between science and their job. Thank you to all the adults who came in and worked with or spoke to children.

Years 4-6 had talks from two STEM ambassadors: on Tuesday, Cedric Augé came in and talked about his various jobs and how they were linked to science; later in the week Trevor Gill talked about what an engineer does and how science has helped him in his work.

Thank you to every adult who worked with their child at home to create some amazing projects. We were impressed not only by the brilliant ideas but also by the resilience of our children who

didn't win. Each class voted for their finalists and then the finals were judged by our Young Science Leaders. They found the decision very difficult but the winners were as follows:

Most Successful Flight Design – Tommy Y3 Pearl Most Successful Float Design – Tilly Y1 Jasper Most Successful Fizz Design – Leonard Rec Turquoise Most Successful Flubber Design – Archie Y5 Jet & Ruby Y5 Quartz

Best Flight Design – Annabelle Y3 Pearl
Best Float Design – Tilly Y1 Jasper
Best Fizz Design – Jake Rec Moonstone
Best Flubber Design – Lola and Lila Y5 Quartz

Most Effort on a Flight Design – Matteo Y3 Pearl Most Effort on a Float Design – Mustafa Y1 Jasper Most Effort on a Fizz Design – Jawdan Rec Emerald Most Effort on a Flubber Design – Moses Y5 Quartz

Well done to everyone who took part! The adults were very impressed with how the designs were all so different and by how much time had been taken to prepare them.

Nursery places for September 2018

Please let your friends and neighbours know that we have a few spaces left for our Nursery classes in September. We run two part time classes, morning and afternoon. Please ask at the school office for details.

Fantastic attendance

Jet 100% Onyx 100% Very well done to both classes!

Dates for your diary

2 July Musicians' Concert 5.15pm

5 July Y3 to the Museum of London

8 July Brindishe Manor Summer Fair 1-4pm

10 July Songfest concert at Trinity School 5pm - Pearl and Ruby classes

10 and 11 July Y6 Summer Performances (see Y6 letter for details)

11 July Children's barbecue lunch

12 July Nursery's Big Toddle at Manor House Gardens

16 July Y6 leavers disco

19 July End of term

3 and 4 September INSET days - staff only

5 September Children back to school

And finally...

Please do sign up to help out at the Brindishe Manor Summer Fair on 8 July – see the PSFA notice below. It is always a lovely event and it would be great to see all our families there, either volunteering or simply enjoying the Fair with their children.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Gerlinde Achenbach Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

SUMMER FAIR SUNDAY 8th JULY 1-4pm VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to look after a stall, sell cakes or paint faces. Sadly though with the current number of volunteers we will have to reduce the number of stalls and games at the fair unless we can get more people involved. Please contact us if you could spare any time at or before the fair. Our ideal is to have enough volunteers so that no one has to be on a stall more than an hour (though you're welcome to offer more!) - help us reach that goal so that everyone can enjoy themselves! Many thanks.

BAKERS we need you! The cake stall is at the heart of the fair, and it needs your donations of home baked and shop bought goodies. Shop bought cakes which will keep can be brought to school on Friday 6th (next Friday). Freshly baked cakes should be brought directly to the stall on the day.

TOMBOLA prizes can be brought to school any morning and left at the office for us to collect. Any unused or new gifts, for adult or child, would be most welcome.

Look out for **RAFFLE** tickets coming home in bags. There are some fantastic prizes in there so please do try to sell all your tickets.

Please get in touch and let us know how you can help. Don't forget every contribution of help or donations to stalls will help us raise much needed funds for the school.

Many thanks
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