



**Friday 5 October 2018**

### Parent Governor Elections

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the nominations for parent governor closing this week, I would like to thank everyone who has put themselves forward. You will all be receiving an email today with the details of each person and a short written piece about them. Please take the time to read through and post your voting slip into one of the ballot boxes, which you will find in each school office. Postal votes are also accepted and voting closes on Friday 12th October.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any further information or to pick up a paper copy of the voting slip.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Rachel Waite

### This week at Brindishe Manor

This week Year 6 visited Chislehurst Caves as part of their learning about World War II. The children experienced what an actual air raid would have felt like, which will now support them with their further learning around this period.

We also welcomed many families and children from the local community for our first open day of the year. Our next open day is on 13 November at 9:15 -10:30 a.m. & 5 - 6:15pm. If you know anyone who will be looking for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2019 then please do let them know!

### Meet the Teacher Meetings Ys 1 - 6

This is a reminder that Parent Portal is open for parents & carers to book their Meet the Teacher appointments. The appointments are being held between **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October and are for parents and carers of children in years 1-6**. If you are new to the school or have lost your username and password details, please ask at the school office or email us on [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk).

**Book fair: Don't forget the Book Fair is running on the following days and times;**

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October after school from 3:15pm*

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October before and after school (8:30am-9am / from 3:15pm)*

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October before and after school (8:30am-9am / from 3:15pm)*

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October before and after school (8:30am-9am / from 3:15pm)*

### Parent Workshop

This year we hope to continue with our termly Inclusion-focused coffee mornings. This term the focus will be on dyslexia. This will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 9-10am. There are a limited number of spaces available, so if you wish to attend please let the office know so that they can reserve your place.

### Holiday Music courses

A reminder that during half term there are some music opportunities being run by Lewisham Music. Rock & Pop School (children in school years 5-11) and Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8) are both being run. Both courses cost £40 (£15 concessions) and will run on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 10am-3.30pm at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham. For further information and to apply, please contact Lewisham Music Service.

## **Fantastic attendance this week!**

Key stage 1: Ruby and Pearl 98.7%

Key stage 2: Quartz and Diamond 100%

## **Dates for your diary:**

<b>October 12<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup></b>	Scholastic Book Fair in Lee Hall
<b>Week beginning October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Meet the Teacher meetings
<b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b>	PSFA Cake Sale (3:15pm)
<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup></b>	Half Term
<b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Secondary school application deadline
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5 school journey
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Open day for prospective parents
<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Winter Fair from 3:15pm
<b>December 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Key Stage 1 winter performance
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Key Stage 2 winter performance
<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	End of term

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

Kate Porter,

Interim Headteacher, Brindishe Manor

## **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.**

### **Reception...**

We have been very busy doing lots of building in Reception this week. Outside we have particularly enjoyed making dens out of large bricks, baskets and any other interesting materials we could find. Inside we have been working out lots of practising lots of different ways of joining materials. *Why not look around your house to see how different materials are joined? E.g. how is a door joined to a wall? If you have time you could even have a go at making a model that has different types of joins.* We have started handing out Me books to our focus children this week. Each week only our 3 focus children will have their books sent home with them. However, if you have something you would like to put in your book, you can bring it in to school and we will add it for you. We will also send home Me books with every child during each holiday so you can fill them with interesting things.

### **In Year 1...**

In maths this week, we have looked at the number bonds to 10. We used cubes to demonstrate this and investigated all possible sets of numbers that make a given number. How many different number bonds to 10 can you find? For example, 2 and 8 make 10 or  $2 + 8 = 10$ .

After making our superhero characters, we planned our stories using a story mountain with a focus on key characteristics of a story (characters, setting, problem and solution).

*Why not try and create your own story at home using these key characteristics?*

### **In Year 2...**

This week in Year 2, in Maths, we continued to learn about addition and subtraction. We practised using number lines, 10 frames and base 10 blocks to help us with our calculations. We have been very creative this week; Amethyst Class started to explore sea paintings of Felix Murillo and Ruby Class made their Sea Biscuits!

We have really enjoyed sharing poems brought by children from home. We would like you to keep looking for interesting poems and try to perform them.

*Please remember to hand in your Reading Response books by Wednesday each week.*

### **In Year 3...**

This week in Literacy, Year 3 have been writing informal letters. The children put themselves into the shoes of 'The Stone Age Boy' and wrote letters to their families and friends to let them know what happened. We thought about writing in past tense and present perfect tense, we also thought about how we can use adjectives to describe emotions and settings. In maths, we have been solving place value problems. In Science, we have been learning about the way rocks are formed by observing the structure of different chocolate bars.

*Could you help the children learn to spell the following words: believe, accident, accidentally, appear, address?*

### **In Year 4...**

This week in maths, we have been continuing our learning on factors and multiples. We used our knowledge of factors to create a factor flower. *Do you remember what two factors every number has?* The children are also enthused and motivated with writing their own story with a historical setting, our main focus has been learning how to use descriptive language and time period related vocabulary to give the reader clues as to when the story is set. We are blown away with the children's enthusiasm towards our learning on The Tudors and how inspired they are to continue their learning at home, we have had some wonderful home learning shared with the class and someone even made a Tudor bed!

*If you would like to support your child at home, you could do some research into life in Tudor London and the jobs children were faced with.*

### **In Year 5...**

In Year 5 this week, we have been mastering dividing numbers by tens, hundreds and thousands. In Jet Class, we made tutorial videos to help us remember the steps to this process. Ask your child to show/tell you the steps they have learnt.

Children have been creating their own fitness circuits and HIIT (high intensity interval training) classes for each other to complete in PE this week. It is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and creative about their health and well-being and the resilience they have shown in keeping going is inspiring.

We are very much looking forward to our trip to the Horniman Museum next Friday (12th October). Thank you to those of you who have offered to help, we will be letting you know the arrangements by Monday for parents/carers coming with us.

### **In Year 6...**

This week, Year 6 visited Chislehurst Caves. During World War 2, over 15,000 people used the caves as an air raid shelter. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed exploring the tunnels and finding out about the many ways the spaces were used during that time (a hospital, chapel and even a barbershop were built in this time for the inhabitants!). The children also got to experience what an actual air raid would have been like, in complete darkness and with added sound effects!

Thank you to Opal and Diamond class for their excellent behaviour on this visit.

*Why not research any other unusual spaces that were used as air raid shelters during the Blitz?*

## PSFA NEWS

### AGM

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM last Wednesday. It was a upbeat meeting, with new members elected to the board and lots of plans for events in the year ahead. We were able to donate £7000 to the school from last year's fundraising, which is a great total! The school are already implementing renovations to the Dining Hall from last year's donation and are intending to put this donation towards some new dining and outdoor experiences for the children. Look out for the full PSFA newsletter coming before half term for full details of appointments and upcoming events.

### HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE Friday 19th October 3.15pm

The first cake sale of the year is rapidly approaching, so it is time to start thinking about your spooky bakes! Donations for the sale should be delivered to the school office on the 19th (shop bought cakes and treats are equally welcome!). If you would be available to help set up or sell cakes please contact us at [brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com).

### MAILING LIST

If you would like to hear about PSFA events directly, please sign up to our mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/dIPX4D> (that's a capital I not a number 1!) or find us on Facebook page (Brindishe Manor School PSFA).