

Brindishe Manor School

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Friday 5th July 2019

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

Tri-School choral concert

On Tuesday, the KS2 choir visited Brindishe Green for our annual choral concert. The choirs were very strong and we heard some fantastic solos from across the schools including Tally from Yr 6 at Brindishe Manor. Well done to everyone who took part, to Mark Maguire, as always, for his input and expertise, Ellie Benton & Asha Chaudhari for the superb Y2/3 choir and Mark Tiller for accompanying at the performance. A big thank you to Brindishe Green for hosting yet another lovely outdoor event.

This week at Brindishe Manor

This week has been another action packed week at Brindishe Manor. Year 5 visited the Design museum in Kensington. They had a great time and learnt lots of interesting facts and figures. On Wednesday we hosted several American visitors who came to observe best practice across the Brindishe schools. They were suitably impressed by the quality of provision on offer for our children. I also had the privilege on Wednesday of attending Brindishe Green's Van Gogh art exhibition. The exhibition contained some wonderful artwork from children of all ages. It was a great spectacle and thanks must go to Ms Bowen for planning the event. Also this week, year 2 visited the postal museum and learnt lots of interesting facts about London's unique 100-year old postal railway. Thank you to all the adults involved for organising and supporting this visit. Year 6 visited Greenwich Park on Thursday and a fun time was had by all. On Friday, Quartz class visited the International Academy of Greenwich for another fun packed morning of science investigations. As part of the morning's activities, they turned into amateur detectives! Thanks again to everyone involved, especially the International Academy of Greenwich for hosting the children. Without the hard work of all the staff and parents the children wouldn't be able to experience all these wonderful events.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Ruby – 98%

Key stage 2: Quartz – 98.7%

Well done to these classes!



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Manor

Article 29 (goals of education): Education must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, **and the environment.**

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 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.

Headteacher: Kate Porter Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Lindsay Dale

In partnership with Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee Schools

Brindishe Manor Summer Fair...one final plea!

Our Summer Fair is this Sunday! Many thanks to those who have volunteered to look after a stall, sell cakes or paint faces. Please contact us if you could spare any time on Sunday to help out. Our ideal is to have enough volunteers so that no one has to be on a stall for more than an hour (though you're welcome to offer more!) - help us reach that goal so that everyone can enjoy themselves! Many thanks.



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!



Our year 5 children have this week participated in a home fire safety workshop, where they learnt how to avoid a fire starting in the home and the importance of installing smoke alarms. Did you know that you can make an appointment today for a FREE home fire safety visit? London Fire Brigade staff can visit your home and offer personal fire safety advice and will also fit free smoke alarms where needed. Please go to –

smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk or call 0800 028 4428

As you are aware from recent newsletters, we have been working closely with local councillors to encourage traffic reduction in the local area. Please find below a plea from Councillor Octavia Holland:

Lewisham & Lee Green Healthy Neighbourhood - traffic reduction programme

We need your views!

The Council is working with the community to find solutions to reduce traffic in Lee Green. This programme will help make our community greener, healthier and more attractive. By restricting the through traffic that uses residential streets to avoid main roads, we will reduce congestion, improve air quality and make the local area more pleasant to walk and cycle through and safer.

Please share your views online (it only takes a few minutes and children and can also join

in <http://streetbuilder.io/>

Please come to a consultation event (child-friendly) from **1pm-4pm in Manor House Library on Saturday 6th July.**

Medical update

All Lewisham schools have been informed by Public Health England that there has been several confirmed cases of measles across the borough of Lewisham. Please be aware of symptoms - fever, sore red eyes and rash.

If you need any information please access the website below

www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

Staffing News

In this newsletter, we are announcing our teaching staff for September (please see below) and letting you know about upcoming changes to the staff at school in preparation for some transition sessions beginning next week.

At the end of term, we will say goodbye to Rukon Ali, Michelle Blake and Catherine Wilmot. Mr Ali is moving to a school in Brockley, Miss Wilmot to another school in Lewisham and Ms Blake is moving to pastures new to seek further career opportunities. We thank them all for their hard work and commitment to Brindishe Manor.

We will also be welcoming back all our staff who have been on maternity leave – you may have already seen Charlotte Dougan and Rebecca Sanders who have already returned and Jenny Guest will be returning towards the end of our final week. Hannah Cosin and Emily Da Silva are supporting the teaching at Brindishe Green for the rest of this term and will be back with us in September.

As you already know, in September I will be leaving to be Interim Headteacher at Brindishe Lee. Kate Porter will return next week as the Headteacher of Brindishe Manor and Julie Hockham will remain out of class as Interim Deputy Head, alongside Charlotte Dougan.

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 who are able to work flexibly right across the age range of 3 – 11yrs.

Your child will have been informed this afternoon of their class teacher for next year.

Class name	Class Teacher 2019-2020	Previous Class	Learning Support 2019 - 2020
Jade AM and PM	Lezanne Le Roux	New children	Ikram Ajami (trainee teacher with Teaching Apprentice Programme) Elaine Ayeni Rose Barron Asha Chaudhari Bernie Francis Harry Green Megan Hosking-Williams Marva Hudson Jen Martin Liz Newman Janet O'Neill Stephanie Penfold Sophia Turton Efstratios Tzanos Sue Young Wai Chi Yu PPA teachers: Indie Pearson Kamila Rahman
R –Emerald	Hannah Cosin and Helen Groothues	New children/Nursery	
R-Turquoise	Katie Clapton and Louise Marks	New children/Nursery	
1 – Jasper	Ciara Cullen	Emerald	
1 – Onyx	Emily Da Silva	Turquoise	
2 – Amethyst	Ciarra Willard	Onyx	
2 – Moonstone	Kasia Kozysa	Jasper	
2 – Ruby	Mark Tiller	Moonstone	
3 – Pearl	Amy Snaith	Ruby	
3 – Sapphire	Jammy Ahmed	Amethyst	
4 – Topaz	Ellie Benton	Sapphire	
4 – Amber	Lucy Balcombe and Jenny Guest	Pearl	
5 – Jet	Leanne Campbell	Topaz	
5 –Quartz	Helen Coupe and Rebecca Sanders	Amber	
6 – Diamond	Lauren Blackie	Quartz	
6 - Opal	Mark Maguire	Amethyst	

Transition

Transition to a new class is exceptionally important to your children in order for them to feel prepared ready for September. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children have already visited their new classroom to find out what it will be like next year. We will be having transition sessions with the whole school in the last two weeks of term. 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. Staff will be on hand to support and it will give you a chance to prepare ready for the new school year.**

Dates for your diary



Sunday 7th July – Brindishe Manor Summer Fair. 1pm – 4pm
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 1:45pm
Thursday 11th July – Year 5 trip to the Design museum
Thursday 11th July – Year 6 end of year performance 5.45pm
Thursday 18th July - End of term for children
Friday 19th July - INSET day for staff only

And finally...

Please remember to spread the word regarding the Brindishe Manor Summer Fair this Sunday! And don't forget, school finishes on Thursday 18th July.

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

This week we have been experimenting with different textures in Nursery and enjoyed the chance to look at how the tiny water beads/marbles expand when we leave them in the water and shrink when we take it out of the water. We created our own stories with hand puppets and some of us made dragon hand puppets by following instructions from a book. Our children are currently practising their songs for the singing performance next Friday morning at 10:00 am in the school hall. We had our first rehearsal on the stage and are very excited to sing to all the parents and carers. Nursery would just like to remind the adults that we will be starting at 10:00am in order to give us enough time to get ready to walk to the park for the Big Toddle.

Reception

The children have been truly inspired by their Science learning last week. We have tried and tested a range of experiments this week including dropping mentos in coke. The children continue to enjoy phonics and this shows in their beautiful writing. We have been making watermelon coolers and wrote down each step very carefully. The children have been exploring time using clocks, in particular focusing on important times of the day such as breakfast time and when they arrive at school. We have also enjoyed exploring <http://www.topmarks.co.uk> and all of the wonderful mathematical learning available. The children have been selecting each train carriage displaying a way of making 10 such as $1+9=$. The use of numicon shapes has supported all of this lovely learning further.

Year 1

This week we have been focusing on using conjunctions, suffixes and prefixes in our writing. We have also read a range of text types to have a better understanding of different purposes of writing. In maths, we have been learning how to calculate different amounts using coin numbers and have moved onto finding change. Why not go to your local shop and have a go at reading prices of items? Can you add the total cost of some of the things you buy? Some children still need some practise on making an amount in different ways. Have a go at making 10p/20p using different coin numbers – how many different ways can you come up with? Next week we have our visit to the Greenwich Picturehouse, Please check if you have handed in the permission slip. You will need confirmation from the class teacher that you can join us on the day, without confirmation you will **not** be able to attend; this is due to limited spaces in the cinema. Thank you!

Year 2

Thank you to everyone who has supported our many educational visits this year. We had an enormous amount of fun at the Postal Museum. There was so much to explore, it would be well worth another visit in your own time. Well done to all of the superstar choir children who performed at Tuesday's Choral Concert with aplomb.

This week, Ruby Class have created a range of wonderful poetry all about nature. Amethyst have been writing stories about Charlie, a sweep who has a terrifying ordeal in a chimney flue. We focused on building tension in our writing.

In maths, Amethyst have continued adding and subtracting within 1000 and Ruby Class have been measuring centimetres, metres, grams and kilograms.

Reading scales is an excellent way of securing number sense. Why not try baking at home and practise reading different scales? The scale reads 240g and we need 275g, how much more do we need?

Year 3

This week in maths, we have been learning about angles. We started with trying to understand what angles are before going on an angle hunt around the school. We also learnt how to identify right angles. In English, we have been writing the ending to our stories. Some of us chose to end the story with a resolution and others chose to end the story with a cliff-hanger. In Science, we have planted our own cress seeds. We wanted to find out what plants need to grow, so we decided to grow our cress in different conditions.

Year 4

Both Amber and Topaz have been busy being entrepreneurs this week. We have become experts at sewing, and have designed some wonderful cushions and tote bags to sell next week. We have explored the world of

business and, after having calculated our costs, have worked out profit-making price points at which to sell our goods. We are sure you will find our products to be, not only useful and unique, but very reasonably priced! Amber will be selling their goods next week from Monday to Friday (8th - 12th July) straight after school. Topaz's sales will be from Wednesday to Friday (10th - 12th July), as well as the following Monday (15th July), also straight after school.

Cushions will be £3, bags will be £3.50

Where possible, your child will be selling on a day that they are picked up from school by their adult. There will be a notice in the classroom windows showing who is going to be selling when. The sales will start at 3.10 and finish at around 3.30.

The children are all so excited about showcasing their creative work. It is a fantastic opportunity for them to learn about the value of money, as well as aspects of running a business. We are all looking forward to seeing you there!

Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another busy week; Jet Class went to the Design Museum on Monday and had a wonderful time exploring the design process. Thank you to all the adults who supported us on this trip. Quartz Class have a fantastic day ahead of them on Thursday 11th July. Quartz class attended a science workshop at the IAG, which went really well - children got to experience what science may be like at secondary school. Both classes have thrown themselves completely into creating story line elements for their own action stories (based on Anthony Horowitz's 'Alex Rider'). The ideas they've come up with are incredible - we definitely have a lot of great books coming our way! Why not ask your child to give you a brief overview of their story, without giving too much away.

Children have also been generating ideas for spy gadgets, of which they will be making prototypes. The classes have focused on scenarios and identified problems that need to be overcome. Again, we've had some unbelievably inventive ideas: watches that turn into parachutes which enable an escape off a cliff, asthma pumps that can be used to breathe underwater, belts which give you equipment to climb the outside of tall skyscrapers and many, many more! As the children will be making prototypes of their spy gadgets, can we ask that you bring in any materials you no longer need which might be suitable for this? We will then recycle these and turn them into prototypes for analysis. Materials such as, plastic bottles, lids, old shoe boxes, tea towels etc. Please bring these in as soon as possible - thank you in advance.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 had our visit to Greenwich Park. The sun shone, the buses were very busy (resulting in a bit of a wait on Burnt Ash Road) and a lot of fun was had. The children took photos around the flower gardens, trying to get that perfect image to be the centrepiece of their work for our photography exhibition (happening next Friday - 12th July). The day was rounded off by taking in the view of London from the observatory and snapping some group photos to commemorate a great day out and a fantastic academic year. Thank you to all of the parents who accompanied us on the trip!

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WE NEED YOU!!!

Summer Fair – 7th July

The summer fair is here, 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!).



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 and

Greenwich.

If you are interested in finding out more about the event, please check out the website: the big half.co.uk

Even better, 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.