

Friday 15 March 2019

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

I must first report on World Book Day last week. - Our children, and adults, looked brilliant! Well done everyone for coming in such great outfits and raising money too. Not least our Reception team ...!



Thank you too for visiting the book fair and buying so many books! Everything you spent puts more into our own school library. What a reading celebration!

On Wednesday evening children from Year 5 performed at Catford Broadway theatre for the Lewisham Live Dance Festival. Their theme was Icarus and the performance was phenomenal. The dancers told a very powerful story we were so proud of everyone who took part. Very well done! Thank you



especially to Mrs Wagland for her fantastic choreography and to Mrs Rathbone, Ms Haughton and Tara for accompanying the children. What a great evening of dance.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a road awareness / safety workshop on Tuesday with representatives from Transport for London. They thought about how to manage our busy London roads and about the climate damage from such heavy traffic.

On Tuesday Year 6 visited Lee Fire Station to experience 'Junior Citizens'. They enjoyed an afternoon of challenges and problem solving, raising awareness about looking after themselves when out and about without an adult.

Reception class update ... following the really beautiful sales evening when our Reception children took orders for their hand-made lanterns, they are delighted to share the news that, not only have they raised enough money for a boat for the Reception learning environment, they are, already, well on the way to having enough money for the bridge too! Fantastic enterprise from our Reception adult and children team! Ship ahoy!



ONLINE
SAFETY
UPDATE

Safeguarding ...

Our 'top tip' this week to support our parents and carers continues to be the need to engage your child in regular conversations about their online lives. The excellent article below reminds all parents and carers about the length of screen time children should be permitted at home and the do's and don'ts when using electronic devices at home. As you will be aware, we are keen to avoid the use of mobile phones on the playground and there needs to be allotted and consistent times during the evening and weekends when electronic devices are off limits.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47150658>

Dates for your diary ...

Next week

Tuesday Year 3, Tate Photographer
Wednesday Challenge Partner Review.

29 March F@B Quiz night
09 April Break for Easter Holiday



Rights Respecting news

Over the next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on Article 30. This Right is very special to us at Brindishe Lee and links with our nine protected characteristics. Please see our postcard at the end of this letter.

Article 30

You have the right to practise your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose.

Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.



Attendance this week

Best attenders this week ... **Year 4** with **98.4%** and **Year 3** with **98.2%**. Well done!

And finally, a couple of quick messages ...

A key was found outside KS2 this week. If you have lost one, please ask Mary in the office.

And ... Please turn over to see a message from F@B. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Lisa Morris, Headteacher

This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

We went outside and started planting a herb garden! We also learnt that an 'ur' comes in the middle of a word and 'er' is at the end. We also did how much coins are worth.

Reception

We've been studying the planets and have made an Alma Thomas style display on the ceiling in Year 1.

Also, we started subtraction up to 40 which means the same as taking away.

Year 1
Magnolia

We're using onomatopoeia which are words that make sounds: buzz and zoom. We also went outside and drew the Solar System with chalks garden - the Sun was the biggest and Mercury was the smallest.

Year 1
Sycamore

In maths, we're calculating fractions of amounts like $\frac{3}{4}$ of 20. In English, we're writing stories based on *Jim and the Beanstalk* from the giant's point of view.

Year 2

In English, we started a new story called *Stone Girl, Bone Girl* which is a non-fiction book about a girl who likes fossil finding. We used iPads to research facts about her!

Year 3

In art, we learned how to draw animals in a comic style. We also checked the symmetry of shapes we created by folding them in half and using a mirror to check they matched.

Year 4

We did an experiment with parachutes. We changed some variables such as shape, materials, number and length of strings to see what happened when it moved.

Year 5
Willow

We've been studying forces and looked at how screws, levers and pulleys let you do less work to move a weight. We also wrote newspapers about Odysseus and the Suitors.

Year 5
Cherry

We worked out the area and perimeter of compound shapes, while in English, we've been writing non-fiction arguments about who would win a fight between two types of animals.

Year 6

Happy Red Nose Day 2019! Our Social correspondent observed lots of red noses and funny, red glasses all around the school!

In addition, our Rights Respecting correspondent has informed us of discussions about gender equality and battling stereotypes: We can always be our best selves, no matter what label someone gives us!

We welcome and celebrate diversity at Brindishe

There are lots of different ways that families are made and different ways to have children and become parents.

Our families come from all over the world and we are happy to know people from different cultures and nationalities.

Families are made up of people who love and look after each other.

We are all free to choose who we love and to choose the right person for us when we are ready for a relationship.

Gender is only a label – everyone is important and can do what they feel they are able to do, no matter what gender they say they are.

Age is only a number. Everyone can do what they feel they are able to do, no matter what age they are.

Everyone has the right to their own religion, faith or belief and we respect this.

We have different abilities and we all do things in different ways. Some people are differently abled.

At Brindishe Schools we like the fact that everybody is different. At Brindishe, being different is good.

FAB
**QUIZ
NIGHT**

Friday 29th March

Doors open 7.30pm

Quiz starts at 8pm

Tickets available from Class Reps

Tickets £5 (includes nibbles)
cash bar