

Friday 17 May 2019

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

Our first job today is to say a very big WELL DONE to Year 6 who completed their KS2 SATs this week, they have been brilliant! There has been an air of determination in the group and a real sense of 'team spirit' each day, 'Good Job, Year 6!' Thank you, too, to the rest of the school who have remained calm and kept quietly busy each morning ... Year 6 children and adults are very grateful for your commitment to the task! A very happy and successful week for everyone.

Some excellent writing has emerged in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ... I have been treated to a whole array of fantastic stories from so many children using perfect punctuation and creative vocabulary, it's great news! Well done, also, to Years 1 and 4 who have taken on the Mile-a-Day challenge and are out every afternoon working so hard to increase fitness, challenging themselves both physically and mentally.

Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School Week. As you know walking every day is a great way to ensure our children stay fit and healthy. It also takes traffic off the roads and reduces the amount of pollution we are all exposed to. Please do what you can to ensure your child gets to walk to and from school every day next week and, if you live a little further away, try to walk for part of the journey.



Half-term holiday fun

Planning for half term holiday activities ...? Please see the notices attached to this newsletter from SPORTACUS. Harry and Grant have been working in Brindishe Lee during lunch times for the last term and are now leading some of our after school clubs. They have a whole range of sport, dance and other activities taking place over the half term break. See the fliers attached to this newsletter and book via the website links.



Food Bank collection

Please remember that throughout May we are collecting for our local charity for refugees in Lewisham, AFRIL. Stocks at the main site are running low and, in readiness for Refugee Week, we would like to offer our support again. If you would like to bring in items to donate, Mrs Hearne will gather them together deliver them to the charity.

Listed below are the items desperately needed, but all non-perishables will be gratefully received!

Laundry detergent (powder or pods are best)

Washing up liquid

Nappies sizes 3-5

Tinned tuna

Rice

Toilet paper

Long-life juice

Tinned tomatoes

Cereals

Long-life milk

Cooking oil

Please bring your donations to school, there is a box for collection outside the main office and by Reception classroom door. A big THANK YOU!

ONLINE
SAFETY
UPDATE

Safeguarding ...

Next Wednesday there is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with Miss Matthews and Miss Lea for a safety on-line workshop. They will be celebrating the wonders of the INTERNET and how it can be enjoyed at home and school. The session will send you away with ideas, websites and activities to explore with your child. It will also be a chance to ask the many questions we receive regarding the 'rules' that keep our children safe online.

The workshop takes place at 09:30 and 17:30 ... please come along, we look forward to seeing you.

Attendance this week

Top attendance this week goes to ... **Year 1, Magnolia with 100% (FANTASTIC!)** and **Year 5, Chery with 99.6%** What a healthy bunch you are!



Dates for your diary ...
Next week



... is Walk to School Week

Tuesday	Open evening for prospective families (NB: Change of date)
Wednesday	Online safety workshop for all parents / carers @ 09:30 & 17:30
Thursday	European Election, Polling Station Y5 Y6 Tri school sports, Ladywell Arena Hither Green Festival, Sandhurst School Full Governing Body meeting, 6pm, at Brindishe Green. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.
27 – 31 May	Half term holiday
03 June	INSET for staff, school closed
04 June	Summer half term, children back in School
21 June	F@B Summer Fair

Rights Respecting news

Over the next week our assemblies and class

discussions will be focused on **Article 27**

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental health needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

And finally...

Our local community festival, the Hither Green Festival, begins tonight. Please go to <https://ourhithergreen.com/hg-festival-2019/> for more details of what's on, including the Schools' Concert at Sandhurst on Thursday at which our children are singing.

Enjoy the weekend.

Lisa Morris
Headteacher

Don't forget you can translate this newsletter into more than 100 different languages on our website: www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

A message from our neighbour Margaret Mizen, about a special fundraising walk for the Jimmy Mizen charity, 'For Jimmy'.

*I am writing to invite your pupils, parents and community to join us on our charity walk across the beautiful bridges of London. At 'For Jimmy', we work tirelessly to keep our children safe and unharmed when they walk to and from school. That is why **Walking For Jimmy** has such a special place in my heart. To me, every step I take, and every bridge I cross, represents the journey our young people are taking towards productive, fulfilling lives, and it is both in honour of those who have been taken from us, and for those working so hard for positive change, because of the difference we at 'For Jimmy' are making.*

*This year's Walking For Jimmy is on **Saturday 25th May 2019**. We hope to make it the biggest and best event yet. We started the walk seven years ago to celebrate what would have been Jimmy's 21st birthday by crossing 21 bridges - one for every year of his life. Since then the walk has grown wonderfully and last year we had a staggering 300 people in yellow For Jimmy t-shirts walking across London spreading our message of forgiveness, peace and hope. The money we raised from the last year's walk has been used in our work with schools and businesses to build safer communities.*

*Please let everyone know that when they **sign up**, we will support them every step of the way, helping with training and fundraising so they won't be alone.*

Let's walk together so every child - mine and yours - can walk home safely.
Margaret Mizen



Change of date! In light of the school now being used as a polling station for the European Election, our next Open Evening for prospective families will be held on **Tuesday 21 May 2019 from 5-6pm, not as previously advertised.**
Many apologies for this late change of date.

This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

We did counting in 5s and we counted all the fives on everyone's hands in class! We also discovered split digraphs because they keep coming up in our reading books.

Reception

We started making numbers up to 99 in maths, and playing Sumdog is a really fun way to practice it! We also started drawing still life and sketched tulips and peppers with art pencils.

Year 1
Magnolia

We started a really funny story about a boy who gets a kite stuck in a tree and throws different things into the tree to get it out - it's very silly. We also did some athletics practice for Sports Day!

Year 1
Sycamore

We've nearly finished a new story called *The Lonely Beast*. We also did inverses with times and division, so $5 \times 2 = 10$ is the same as $10 \div 2 = 5$.

Year 2

We taught each other coding which is creating things on the computer. I felt like a professional! We're also writing a story about our school trip including Egyptian objects.

Year 3

In art, we're designing our own Roman mosaics using different colour stones. We've also looked at how to work out the area and perimeter of different quadrilaterals.

Year 4

We've started a new story called *The Lost Thing*, in which a boy takes a lost item to be reallocated. We've also did problems about the interior angles of a quadrilateral.

Year 5
Willow

We designed and created kites, but most failed to fly! We think perhaps they were too small or maybe it was bad luck? We're also multiplying decimals by 10 and 15.

Year 5
Cherry

This week has been quite stressful because we had SATs, but we're feeling relieved that they're over. We celebrated with an extra play and everyone's going to relax this weekend.

Year 6

Our Year 6 correspondents would like to pass on their congratulations to everyone on completing their SATs. We've all worked really hard and tried our best, even though one of the papers had some really difficult questions! Let's spend this weekend celebrating!