

Friday 29 March 2019

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

The mound opened! It has been dry enough for Sergio to mow the grass (thank you Sergio!) and for the mound to be declared open! It is lovely to see the children enjoying the whole outside space during play and lunchtimes. I saw Becky and Najmin, our lunchtime playleaders, and some Year 6 children encouraging parachute games today ... fabulous!

Packed lunches

Our lunchtime team have noticed that children are throwing away a huge amount of uneaten food at lunchtime each day ... sometimes whole 'rounds' of sandwiches. We encourage the children to take home what they do not eat so you are aware of what has / has not been eaten during the day. Please talk with your children, if they bring a packed lunch, about what they eat and remind them that it is important you know what they do / don't like and that you need to be aware of how much they eat during the school day. Thank you for working with us on this.

ONLINE
SAFETY
UPDATE

Safeguarding ...

Thinking about something a little bit different today ... some parents at the school told me of an incident recently where an unknown woman gave a small group of our children some crisps whilst they were waiting for their adults. This kind of exchange is so easily done and, of course, puts the children at risk. I have found a link to the NSPCC site ... 'Staying safe away from home'. It considers what to talk about with your children as they begin to make their first journeys out without you. I hope it is helpful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

A couple of reminders about the start of the school day ...

We have noticed more and more that children, in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, are being left

waiting outside their classroom without an adult each morning. Unless children are arriving earlier for a club or an early morning learning opportunity, our staff team are not monitoring the safety of the children until the doors open at 09:15. Please remember to stay with your child until the classroom door is opened and the teaching staff are ready to welcome them in. Thank you.

And ... Please be courteous to our neighbours when parking to drop off / pick up at each end of the day. It is very frustrating for them when they are blocked in by cars parked across their



entrance, even if just for ten minutes. And ... please, no stopping on our Zig Zags either! Thank you very much for helping us to keep all of our children safe.

Dates for your diary ...

Next week

Is the **last week** of clubs for this half term ...

09 April

Break for Easter Holiday



Rights Respecting news

Over the next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on Article 31.

Article 31

You have the right to work and rest..



Attendance this week

Top attendance this week goes to ... **Reception 100%** and **Year 1, Magnolia with 99.6%** Well done to our youngest children!

And finally...

F@B news

Don't forget that it is F@B's Quiz tonight!

Enjoy your weekend ...

Lisa Morris, Headteacher

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www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk



This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

This week, we learned that lifeboats save people from drowning. We had a visit from someone who works in a lifeboat and saves actual lives! She was a super hero but left her cape in her car!

Reception

In maths, we learnt that multiplication is the same as repeated addition, so $2+2+2=3\times 2$. It's also commutative which means you can swap the numbers without changing the calculation like $3\times 2=2\times 3$.

Year 1
Magnolia

We've been using arrays to do multiplication - that's when you use dots or stickers to show 3×2 . We also used personification and adverbs (words that describe verbs) to write stories about the dark.

Year 1
Sycamore

We wrote a background to Queen Victoria - she painted the railings of London black to mourn her husband, Albert? We also discovered that humans are the deadliest animal!

Year 2

In English, we wrote a poem about flotsam - the things that wash up on the beach. We also looked at different religions, their symbols and their places of worship.

Year 3

We made posters about why the rainforest is important and should be protected. For example, birds migrate there. In maths, we did addition and subtraction using decimals like $2.3-1.75$.

Year 4

We did an investigation into quadrilaterals - shapes with four sides. We also wrote articles about Lord Elgin stealing Greek marbles to save them from ruin.

Year 5
Willow

At the end of *The Odyssey*, Tiresias hints at a second adventure and we're writing it! We've also started long multiplication involving numbers past 12.

Year 5
Cherry

This week, we've been doing mock SATs in grammar & spelling, reading and maths, and we now feel fully prepared and confident! As long as you put your mind to it, it's doable!

Year 6

Our Sports Correspondent reports that last week, Brindishe Lee competed in a friendly tournament: we were nervous, but after a 3-0 victory, we had confidence in ourselves. Our second match was a 0-0 draw against our rivals, Brindishe Manor. Our last match was also tight but fortunately, our striker was in a one-on-one situation and put it through the legs of the keeper. After that, the results came in... and Brindishe Lee finished 1st!