

Thursday 24 March 2016

**Dear parents, carers, staff,
governors and friends,**

Last week at our Challenge Partners review, two senior leaders and an Ofsted- accredited inspector, undertook a comprehensive review of our *Teaching and Learning, Achievement, School Development, Partnerships* and our chosen area of excellence *Leadership at all levels*, including children leading their learning.

The team visited all classrooms and observed lessons, they asked many questions of the children, the teachers, teaching assistants and senior leaders. They spent a lot of time looking at our data and looking at the children's learning.

They were very complimentary about the ethos of the school and said: *The Brindishe Lee experience is truly inspirational at all levels.*

We will let you know the detailed outcomes of the review when we receive their report after Easter.

Staffing

We thank Ms Pearson very much for stepping in to teach year 3 this half term from her usual teaching role at Brindishe Green. She has very quickly become part of our team and I know that you will make our new year 3 teacher Laura Scallon very welcome too. As you know Carmen Ho will be

teaching year 4 children after the break. We are also looking forward to Ms Hodgson re-joining us after Easter. She will be working two days a week covering teachers during their PPA (Planning, preparation and assessment) time.

YEAR 6 meeting re SATs. Thank you to those who came along to hear about the changes to SATs, how you can help your child and how the results will be reported to you. If you were unable to come along we will send home some information with your child. Please note that this Easter break will be a crucial time for revision for your child.

Specific learning difficulty / dyslexia
Please come along to a parent/carer workshop led by Jessica Birnie who is the Lead teacher from the Specific Learning difficulties team at Kaleidoscope on 28 April 5.30-6.30pm.

Sporting Update

London Youth Games Tag Rugby Finals
Last Thursday our year 5 and 6 tag rugby team represented both Brindishe Lee and Lewisham in the London Youth Games Tag Rugby Finals in Barnes. Although they had a long journey and early start to the day, the weather was fantastic and they all had a day to remember. The team were unbeaten in the first round and qualified for the top knock out pool of the competition, one of the top 16 teams in London. They played against some excellent competition and eventually finished 10th overall. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of them.

Lewisham Swimming Gala

On Friday a number of our year 5 and 6 children took part in the Lewisham Swimming Gala at Glassmills Leisure Centre. Although the competition was long and highly competitive, several of our children reached finals, Annisa, Zayne and Beatrice. Due to the late finish the final positions were not announced on the night and as yet, we have still not received these. However, we are very hopeful that the children will be bringing home several medals, so watch this space for results.

Junk Percussion

On Tuesday both year 5 classes were visited by the music teacher from Blackheath High and had the opportunity to participate in an exciting and enjoyable workshop playing junk percussion instruments. These included broom handles, plastic spades, hard hats, spoons and saucepans. If you

would like to find out more about it, you can ask the children for a demonstration at home (but don't let them use the best china!).

Schools meals

Please note that there will be an increase in the cost of school meals by Lewisham, from £1.90 to £2.00. The increase will be implemented from 2 May 2016.

This week/future dates

End of term Thursday 24 March

Easter holiday Friday 25 March - Monday 11 April

INSET day Monday 11 April

Return to school Tuesday 12 April

Best wishes for the Easter break to all families

Free top-up school swimming lessons.

Dear Parent,

In Partnership with Saxon Crown and Fusion Lifestyle free school top-up swimming sessions are available to students at Lewisham schools.

The sessions are provided to help swimmers towards achieving the National Curriculum standards in swimming. The National Curriculum requires children to be able to swim 25 metres and to tread water for 30 seconds.

The Lewisham Swimming Volunteer Programme provides training opportunities for volunteers in Lewisham. Under the leadership of qualified coaches, volunteers already working to support other swimming sessions in the borough will boost their experience in teaching swimming.

The sessions run for the two weeks of the Easter holiday:

Week 1: Tuesday 29/3 – Friday 1/4

Week 2: Monday 4/4 - Friday 8/4

You can only book 1 WEEK and not both weeks

Four sessions will run daily from 9.00 – 9.45, 9.45 – 10.30, 10.30 – 11.15 and 11.15 – 12.00.

You need to attend the same time slot daily for each session. The sessions times are based on pupil ability, so it is important to attend the session you are allocated.

To register your interest and confirm your space please email:

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