

Promoting Good Behaviour in Brindishe Schools

We are always proud of the many, many children who behave so well in school and do their very best to get it right most of the time. They show respect for themselves and others, they play and learn readily with other children, they look after their own belongings and take care with the school's resources and environment and have very positive and helpful relationships with the adults who work in and around our school. The vast majority of children are able to follow our expectations and they do so very easily and willingly. They are a great credit to you all.

Some children do find it much more difficult, for a whole variety of reasons and we try to work with them and with you to find ways of supporting them to achieve consistently good behaviour. Our policy on promoting good behaviour is based on promoting good relationships and focuses on how we help children to 'get it right' and on praise more than what we do when it goes wrong.

We take a very clear stand on bullying and our policy is to be very clear about what counts as bullying (and what does not count as bullying).

We will always do all we can to eliminate bullying from our school. We take a strong stand too against behaviour that targets or offends any particular group - for example racist or homophobic name calling.

The details of our agreed and approved school policy on behaviour and bullying are in a published document and you can download a copy from our school website in the 'About Brindishe Lee' section. From time to time, we review all of our school policies to make sure they are still working well and are up to date. We are now reviewing our behaviour policy. It would be very helpful to us if between now and the end of term you as parents and carers could give us your feedback on how the policy is working and in what ways it could be improved.

Please download a copy from the website or ask for a copy from the school office, have a read through, reflect upon your child's experiences at our school and then let us have your views by the end of this term.

We would like to hear what you think works well and what you think could be improved. You can give your feedback in writing, by email to Mrs Spalding headteacher@brindishlee.lewisham.sch.uk or in person by talking to Mrs Salmon, our deputy head or to your child's teacher. If you prefer you can also write directly to me at vickipaterson@brindisheschools.org

We look forward to hearing from you,

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head of Brindishe School

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Maths 24 Game

Our Year 5 team, Jananee, Judith and Tommy took part in the final of the Maths 24 Game. They got through the first round of 9 schools to the final of a further 9 schools in Lewisham. Well done to them!

I've seen Santa

The Blunderbus Theatre Company performance of *I've seen Santa* for Reception and KS1 children. The children very much enjoyed the performance. If you haven't done so please send in £3 to cover the cost of the performance. This really helps us to be able to continue to offer this sort of opportunity for the children.

Next week

Tuesday 2 December

Year 3 educational visit to the Greenwich Environmental Centre

Prospective parents meeting for children due to enter a reception class in September 2015.

Please let friends and neighbours whose children are due to start school in September 2015 know of the opportunity to visit the school. The last day for application is **Thursday 15 January 2015**.

Thursday 4 December 6pm

SATs meeting for Year 6 parents

Saturday 6 December

11.00am- 1.00pm

FAB Christmas Fair

Future dates

Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 December afternoons

The First Christmas

Reception and KS1 performances

Friday 12 December

Christmas dinner for children

Children are invited to **wear something red or a Christmas jumper** and bring £1 on the day for UNICEF.

Tuesday 16 afternoon and Wednesday 17 December evening

KS2 Celebration of Peace

Please note that there will be only **two tickets per family** and that these are **not transferable- they must not be handed to anyone else**. We will check all tickets at the door with the name of the family- this will enable us to seat a maximum of **two family members/carers**, only children small enough to be sat on your lap do not need a ticket. If not, they will need a ticket. Please remember that this is an opportunity for the children to perform but not a marathon! Our experience has been that additional performances were too much for the children and lost the spirit and purpose of the event. We very much appreciate your support with this, please do not expect to be able to fit in extra family members.

Friday 19 December

End of term

Monday 5 January 2015

INSET day for staff

Tuesday 6 January 2015

First day of the spring term for children

Best wishes to all families

Diane Spalding

Christmas Fair
Saturday 6 November 2014
11.00am to 1.00 pm

Just one week to go and the Christmas Fair promises to be bigger and better than ever! Stalls and attractions will spread out across the remodelled learning areas and fantastic new library space complete with lovely, wooden flooring. So leave your stiletto heels at home and enjoy this opportunity to see the outcome of all the building work that has taken place in school this term!

Poster Competition

Congratulations to Dakota in Year 4 Lilac for designing the winning entry in the poster competition. See Dakota's lovely poster around school now!

Raffle - Win an Xbox One

An Xbox One is just one of many fantastic prizes you can win in this year's raffle. Class Reps will be only too happy to sell you a ticket (£1 each) before or after school all next week.

Donations

Lilac class really needs your donations of Tombola prizes such as bottles, packets, sweets, chocolates, toiletries etc. Please leave them in the donation box outside the school office.

We are also still collecting soft toys for the teddy tombola and good condition children's clothes, toys, books, jigsaws and games for the nearly new stall. Baked goods, cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received next Friday or on the morning of the Fair.

The Christmas Fair is one of our major fund raising events in the calendar. In recent years proceeds have gone towards buying sets of ipads, remodeling the lodge kitchen for cooking activities and installing a climbing wall. These resources enhance learning opportunities for every child in school.

Thank you for supporting FAB in so many different ways: through your donations, volunteering your time and, of course, bringing your family and friends along to enjoy the day!