

Friday 15 February 2019

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

**This week at Brindishe Lee ...**

It has been wonderful to see so many families in school this week for the parent / carer meetings. There has been a lovely buzz of sharing and talking about learning – as described to me on Wednesday, when there were families from Reception through to KS2 in the atrium, it was a 'party for celebrating the curriculum and learning in Brindishe'.

The meetings are such a valuable opportunity to reflect with the teacher on progress for your child(ren) so far this year and to think about next steps in learning. It has been especially good to see so many children join these meetings and take part in the discussions ... all about them!

Thank you for working together with us and thinking about this very important part of school for your children.

ONLINE  
SAFETY  
UPDATE

## Safeguarding ...

Our 'top tip' this week to support our parents and carers develop a greater awareness and understanding of the internet can be found at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47150658>  
The common theme running through our 'Online Safety Update' this half term has been dialogue. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in this article which recommends guidelines and specific screen time duration for your child. By establishing mutually agreed guidelines around screen time, you will be helping to improve both trust and dialogue with your child.

## Rights Respecting news Article 31

*You have the right to play and rest.*

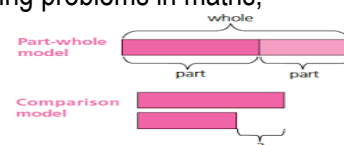
It is the holiday next week ... I think Article 31 says it all, for us all ... our focus will be for everyone to enjoy the opportunity to take a breath and recharge our batteries! Enjoy!



## Maths learning at Brindishe Lee

A message from Ms Scallon ...

We would like to invite you to a Maths information meeting on Thursday 28 February 2019. We will be sharing how we approach Maths learning at Brindishe Lee, and suggesting a range of ways that you can support your child's Maths learning at home. We will model and explain some of the methods currently being used in school to help your child solve reasoning problems in maths, for example the bar model.



There will be two opportunities available on 28 February, each lasting around 45 minutes, at 9:35am and, again, at 5:30pm. There will be a chance for you to ask questions at the end of each session.

Please put the date in your diary, we hope to see you.



## Dates for your diary ...

**Monday 25 February Spring Term 2 begins.**

**Thursday** Maths Information for parents / carers @ 09:35 and 17:30.  
Reception class – Enterprise

**Wk beg 04 March** Book Fair!

**06 March** Lewisham Live – Year 5

**07 March** World Book Day!

**12 March** Full Governing Body meeting @ Brindishe Manor. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

## Attendance this week

Best attenders this week ... **Year 5, Cherry** with **100% WOW!** and **Year 3** with **99.9%**. Well done!

**And finally ...** I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday, see you on Monday 25 February.

**Lisa Morris, Headteacher**

# This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

We spent a lot of time making our magic jars for our project to buy a boat! We are so excited to show everyone our jars and hope that we can get enough money to buy our boat!

Reception

In maths, we learned how to do column addition and subtraction that is when you write one number above the other number and the answer underneath!

Year 1  
Magnolia

We made houses out of pasta, marshmallows and strawberry laces... It was an experiment to see if we could make a house strong enough to survive being blown down by the teacher!

Year 1  
Sycamore

We used an array to do times tables like  $5 \times 3$  and  $4 \times 5$ , and learnt the terms 'multiplicand' and 'multiplier'. We also wrote apologies from Goldilocks' point of view.

Year 2

We've been studying the Stone Age and the people who lived back then. We wrote paragraphs about cave people and drew our impressions in art: One looked like the Queen!

Year 3

In science, we studied teeth: incisors, canines and molars, and that each type performs a different job. We also practised paragraphs by writing about the rainforest.

Year 4

Continuing our Greek theme, we went to the Unicorn Theatre by London Bridge to see a play about Icarus and Daedalus. It was truly spectacular!

Year 5  
Willow

In DT, we've designed parachutes and are discussing materials and lengths of string to help its design. We also went to Thomas Tallis school to see their dancing.

Year 5  
Cherry

We're still reading our holocaust literature and wrote a monologue as though we were Bruno's mum. In maths, we studied ratios: luckily, they are very similar to fractions!

Year 6

Our Sports Correspondents, Isla and Hawa, have reported that yesterday, our girls' football team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 33 competitors in an all girls tournament! Brindishe Lee came first in the group, but lost the 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff. Our team received first place for scoring the most goals in the tournament: we scored 14 goals! Congratulations to all those involved!

And ... well done too, to the dancers from Year 5 who performed at Thomas Tallis on Tuesday. Mrs Wagland reports that you were 'amazing' and made her so proud!

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