

**Brindishe Lee Newsletter**  
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Dear parents and friends,

This week we heard our draft SATs results for Brindishe Schools and I am very pleased to tell you that once again Brindishe Lee children have performed above local and national expectations in reading, writing and maths according to the test results for our 11 year old children.

Compared to the national figures (for last year as we don't know this years yet!) more Brindishe Lee children than the national average gained **level 4+**. The results are in English ( 97% v 81%) and Maths ( 90% v 81%) - please note the school's figure is the first one.

This year our 'above average' or level 5 results are disappointing for some children and, based on the draft figures, are English ( 28% v 33% ) and Maths ( 31% v 35% ). Again - the school's figure is the first one.

We were surprised by the lower numbers of level 5's in English and in our opinion the children's writing has been very harshly marked and we do not agree with the examiner's marking or

judgment. We are therefore requesting a formal review of the marking of quite a few papers. We will not know the outcomes of these re-marks until September 2011 but we are hoping that the level 5's will increase by about 15 %. We will of course let you know if there any changes to the school's results as soon as we know.

We are very proud of the year 6 children and their results - they have all worked so hard and deserve every success. They are a delightful, creative and fantastically well behaved group who always make us, and you, so proud. Well done children and well done to all the staff and parents who contribute so much to the school's achievements - in and way beyond the sats.

Brindishe Green's results are once again a huge improvement for the third year running and are now well above the national and local average right across the board. Details of both school's results will be available soon on the Brindishe School's website.

It is indeed a very great pleasure to see such great teamwork and ambition working right across the partnership to the benefit of so many children. Very well done everyone, very well done indeed.

**With best wishes to all families**

**Vicki Paterson**  
**Executive Headteacher**

**Dear parents/carers, friends,  
governors and colleagues,**

Today you will be receiving your child's report for this year. These are written by the class teacher to give you a detailed overview of how your child is developing at school, especially in terms of their attitude to learning and how well they are doing in all subject areas.

The children have also written their own view of their learning and I'm sure you will spot that they are usually very aware. They can explain what learning they are particularly proud of and how they have improved and where they need to improve next year.

With the report is a response sheet for you to respond. Please send these in as soon as possible.

If you would like a further conversation with your child's teacher about any aspect of the report please do make an arrangement with them.

### **Musician's concert**

What a superb Musician's concert took place this week!  
The children were fantastically professional performers- so

confident and proud of their achievements!

We were treated to music from the Brindishe Choir and from Brindishe Singers, Violin club, Clarinet club, Brindishe Ensemble, Flute club, Year 4 ukeleles and the Brindishe (adult) Community Choir. Very well done to the children and thank you to the community choir for their performance.

Many thanks to our music tutors/teachers for their work with the children throughout the year and in preparing them for the performance: Godfrey Salmon, Siobhan Donnelley and Joff Watkins, Rycharde Everley, and Eadaoin Kelly. A special thank you to Gerlinde Achenbach for organising the whole event and indeed the music opportunities for all the children throughout the year.

### **Your views count**

If you have a question please write to me or e.mail me at [dianespalding@brindishelee.lewis.ham.sch.uk](mailto:dianespalding@brindishelee.lewis.ham.sch.uk). We will answer it through the newsletter. I'm sure it will be helpful to you and other parents.

A parent asked:  
Why don't the children learn to write on lined paper?

Children who are learning to write are using many visual ideas to do with space for writing and size, shape and direction of the letters they are trying to write. Providing lined paper adds an extra visual aspect for them to process and can be a constraint on their writing. In the early stages of their writing our focus is always to encourage children to form their letters correctly, think very carefully about the letters and sounds they are using and encourage the use of a rich vocabulary.

### **Rights Respecting**

We are continuing to work with using the language of **rights and responsibilities** with the children.

This week's right and responsibility was suggested by Alex, Marisa and Henry in Year 4. Thank you to them.

**We have the right** to be treated well.

**We have a responsibility** to treat others as we would like to be treated.

### **Attendance and punctuality**

Very well done to Reception Camellia and year 5 with 100% attendance! The two classes will be sharing the attendance cup this week.

Year 5 too, are tops with 100% punctuality! Well done to them!

### **PHAB Lee Summer Fair**

A big thank you to everyone who came along to last Friday's Summer Fair. It was a lovely summer's afternoon and everyone enjoyed the delicious BBQ, entertainment and sideshows.

We are so grateful for the huge level of support and help from staff, children, parents, carers, family and friends - it was a true community effort. It was good to see some new faces too. There was such a vast range of helpers, it is difficult to name everyone from fruit cutters, parcel wrappers, stall preparers and of course those valiant members of staff who volunteered their faces to the wet sponges!!! There was a fine team on the BBQ, face painters and all those fabulous donations of food, cakes and toys.

Thank you also to some great performances from the children - the cheer leading was vibrant and fun, and some lovely singing from the Brindishe Lee choir. We would also like to thank everyone in the local community who kindly donated raffle prizes. As a result of all this, PHAB Lee raised £1,270 on the day. This money will be used to help fund a range of projects benefiting everyone in school.

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[www.brindisheschools.org](http://www.brindisheschools.org)

Weather permitting, we hope to hold one more ice cream sale before the end of term. This will be in aid of the East Africa Crisis Appeal, so please look out for posters coming soon.

### **Points mean prizes**

**Yes -we won!**

Many thanks to all of you who took part in the Shop for schools programme. We were able to select a class set of badminton rackets as our prize!

### **Bike It Breakfast**

Tuesday 19th July

Get on your bikes to kick start your healthy summer! Free breakfast for children who arrive by bike on Tuesday 19th July between 08:30 - 09:00.

### **Next week**

#### **Monday 11 July**

Year 6 transition project

#### **Tuesday 12 July**

Class photos

#### **Wednesday 13 July**

Sports day at Manor House Gardens

Reception and KS1 in the morning  
KS2 in the afternoon

Please remember to make sure children are wearing suncream, and also bring hats and their full PE kits on the day, including

suitable sports shoes  
(plimsolls/trainers).

The children will need water bottles as well.

**Please ensure too that you have sent back the permission slip for your child otherwise we will not be able to take them.**

### **Future Dates**

#### **Tuesday 19 July**

Bike-it breakfast

#### **Wednesday 20 July**

Year 6 Performance

#### **Friday 22 July**

End of term

**Best wishes to all families**

**Diane Spalding**

Advert

**Studio 61** is Blackheath's newest gallery specialising in contemporary photographic images and artworks. The concept was put together by two local artists, John Watts and Geoff Carlyle, and as well as offering original works also provide a fully comprehensive framing service.