

**Brindishe Lee Newsletter**  
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**Dear parents, carers, families and colleagues,**

**World Book Day assembly**

On Monday, prompted by World Book Day last Thursday, the whole school came together in assembly to share favourite books.

We had asked the children to choose their all-time favourite book and bring a model, drawing or piece of writing, which could tell someone else about the book or their feelings about the book. There were prizes on offer!

We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm from so many children from Nursery to Year 6. Children had spent their weekends making, painting, modelling, drawing and writing to put together a fantastic range of responses to favourite books.

Our 3 judges had a hard time selecting prize winners, but they were as follows:

Y6: Beth Howells

Y5: (joint) Noemie Bick, Agnes Halladay

Y4: Jenna Lowndes

Y3: Megan Stone

Y2: Mia Jane Rustem

Y1: Anya Sinclair-Lewin

Rec Camellia: Morgan MacMillan

Rec Lilac: Charlie Heath

Nursery: Evie Davies

Thank you very much to everyone who took part. It was a delightful celebration of reading across the

school. A display of entries will be going up in the KS2 library shortly.

**Book tokens**

Children were given their World Book Day book tokens this week. Many have used them in our own Book Fair. Your child can use it at any booksellers to buy a special £1 book for their age group, or to put towards the cost of another book.

**Collaborative Choir for children**

Our collaborative of schools (Brindishe Lee, Brindishe Green, St Winifreds, St Margarets, John Ball and All Saints) is running a short term (March - May) choir project for interested young singers. It will involve 4 after-school rehearsals (Mondays) at Brindishe Green and a whole day of singing and music making at John Ball. The project will finish with a 4pm concert for parents and carers. It promises to be a really exciting and enjoyable event, especially once we put all the choirs together on the final day. All KS2 choir members are asked to join us if they can, and any other children are invited to take part. We have a limit of 35 children for Brindishe Lee.

KS2 children will have brought home a letter this week about the project. Please return the slip to us asap if your child would like to be included. There are spaces left at the moment. 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal is 4 - 5pm on 21 March.

**Community Choir Mondays, 6.45 - 7.45pm at Brindishe Lee**

Our adult choir needs new members to keep it going! We have a very dedicated core of parent and friend

singers from the local community and would love to swell the ranks. Everyone is welcome - the more the merrier. No previous choir experience is necessary. Please spread the word amongst friends and family. We are lucky to have informal concerts coming up over the next few months and would love you to be there with us. Please contact Gerlinde Achenbach at Brindishe Lee (0208 318 4626), or Eadaoin Kelly at Brindishe Green (0208 852 7245) or just turn up on Monday!

#### **Year 6 visit to Age Exchange**

The children very much enjoyed the visit where they explored events of WW2 through drama and through the memories of an elderly man who had himself lived through WW2. The workshop leader described the children's behaviour as impeccable - well done to them, what excellent ambassadors!

#### **Rights respecting**

Please support us with using the language of **rights and responsibilities** with the children.

This week's rights and responsibility was written by year 3 on our MLE:

It is our **right** to have food...  
It is our **responsibility** to eat the food we ask for and not waste it.

#### **Attendance counts!**

Excellent punctuality again - 100% in Years 2, 3 and 5.

Well done to Reception Camellia with 99% attendance this week. Closely

followed by Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 all on 98%.

#### **Safety please!**

Please remember that we do not allow the children to run in our quiet play area, as it is dangerous to run in and out and around the fixed equipment such as the maze. Please do not allow your children to run in the area before and after school.

#### **Safeguarding**

Please do let us know, verbally or in a note, if your child is being taken home by someone different, even if it is another parent in the school. It saves us having to call you to verify this, if you let us know in advance. Thank you.

#### **Clothing**

Please could you check that your child is going home with the right clothing, particularly coats. Many coats look very similar and we have had a bit of confusion lately. Writing the name into the label really helps with this!

#### **Children's teams**

The members of the new children's teams were announced this week. We are looking forward to starting our Green, Buddies, Rights Respecting and Playleader Teams, to give all the children further opportunities to share their ideas on school matters.

**Next week and future dates**

**Tuesday 15 March**

Brindishe Schools Governing Body meeting 6.00pm at Brindishe Green. Observers are very welcome. Please let us know if you wish to attend so that we can arrange seating.

**Wednesday 16 March**

Year 6 Tag Rugby team to Old Colfeians tournament

**Thursday 17 March**

Year 6 visit to *Anne Frank* at the Catford Broadway theatre

**Monday 28 March - Friday 1 April**

Healthy Eating week /Children's Kitchen grand opening

**Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7**

**April**

Evening Drama performances

**Friday 8 April**

End of spring term

**Best wishes to all families**

**Diane Spalding**