

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

A warm welcome to our new children and their families who have started in nursery and the reception classes this week. The children have settled really well and are enjoying all the opportunities on offer to them. All new parents /carers are very welcome to come along for a social and meet other parents/carers on Thursday 27 January at 9.15 am in the hall. Please see other details of how you can take part in PHAB (Partnership of Home and Brindishe) news below.

Children's voice

We are starting training for our children's teams across the partnership the week after next. We have been working on a way to ensure that children's views and skills can be used to support school development. Children in KS2 will take part in workshops/assemblies across the partnership to highlight the skills needed to be effective members of a team. Children will then have the opportunity to offer themselves as candidates for buddying, green, rights respecting and play leaders teams.

Global Partnerships

We have had the opportunity to be part of a group of schools in Lewisham including Brindishe Green, to be involved in a British Council project connecting with schools in South Africa. Our partner school is Hlau Hlau in the town of Nelspruit in the province of Mpumalanga. We are intending to develop the project where our children make connections with children in another part of the

world and for the children to explore their similarities and differences and enjoy making friends with children elsewhere.

Our first connection will be in February when along with the other Lewisham schools involved we are hosting three South African visitors-a representative from the regional Department of Education and two headteachers.

If you would like to know more Amanda Regan TA in year 2 is leading on the project - she has expertise in this area.

Unicef Inspired Gifts

A BIG thank you to everyone who has been supporting our UNICEF Inspired Gifts appeal over the past few weeks. We are thrilled to announce that, so far, we have managed to raise an impressive £252.75 and the money keeps coming in. The final day for donations is **Friday 28 January**, so there is still time to encourage your children to take part in odd jobs at home in return for a small donation. Currently, Year 5 has raised the most money totalling an incredible £88.59! Well done everyone and thank you for your contributions to date - we know they will be greatly received!

HAKA speed stacking festival

On Tuesday our year 3 and year 4 speed stackers had a very successful time at the HAKA speed stacking festival. We won every relay and achieved a selection of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all of the other events, winning the competition overall. Congratulations to all of the children taking part.

Maths Show

KS1 children enjoyed an energetic and very entertaining show all about maths last week.

A performance for KS2 is booked for 1 February.

Please remember to send in £1 per child - this helps us to cover the cost of the performance.

Attendance matters

Year 5 and year 6 100% attendance this week- excellent!

Fantastic punctuality from the whole school - years 5 and 6 99%, reception Camellia and reception Lilac, years 1,2, 3 and 4 100%!

Get Santa

Miss Smith and Fusun report that the performance was excellent and that the children were beautifully behaved and a joy to take out.

Parking on the zig-zag lines

The highways and parking department will be using an enforcement vehicle with a camera to patrol the outside of the school. They will be taking photos of any offending vehicles parking on the zig-zag lines.

Please avoid parking illegally and let others know that the patrol will be enforcing the parking restrictions that are there for children's safety.

PHAB Lee (Partnership of Home and Brindishe Lee) News

Happy new year from PHAB Lee, and a warm welcome to all new families. On Thursday 27 January we will be hosting a coffee morning for the parents and carers of reception class children. Please come along to the hall at 9.15am for refreshments and a chance to get to know each other.

Also on Thursday 27 January there will be an events planning meeting in the Lodge at 7.30 pm. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. Please come along to share ideas for forthcoming events, find out how you can become involved in PHAB and get a chance to see the newly refurbished Lodge! (Lodge entrance on Wantage Road).

Next week and future dates**Saturday 15 January**

10-12 noon

Trinity school 'open morning'

Monday 17 January

History man visiting yrs 3 and 4

Tuesday 18 January

4-6pm

Cricket Festival

Thursday 20 January

Year 4 to the Unicorn Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast

Sunday 23 January

Year 6 Holocaust Memorial performance at the Broadway Theatre

Half term holiday

Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February

End of spring term

Friday 8 April

Best wishes to all families

Diane Spalding