

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

We have had a very busy term so far with the children having had many exciting learning opportunities.

Our new nursery and reception children have started with us this term and they already seem well-settled, confident learners.

Highlights have been the performances at the Broadway theatre - one by year 6 for the annual Holocaust Memorial Event and year 3's performance as part of the Lewisham Dance Showcase.

We have had visits in school by the Quantum theatre's Maths show, the History man also visited years 3 and 4 to support their learning on Ancient Greece and the Romans. Thank you to Steve Le Comber and Richard Walker who ran a science and art workshop for year 4 yesterday - the children had the opportunity to explore large skeletons of animals and have produced fantastic charcoal and chalk drawings.

We have had visits to the Royal Court to see 'Get Santa' and Yr 4 visited the Unicorn theatre to see Beauty and the Beast. Year 1, have visited Manor House Gardens and the Museum of Childhood as part of their learning on toys and playgrounds. Year 2, have visited the

Ragged school to learn about life of Victorian children.

Year 5 have been taking part in the 'Together we're more' project and spent a day this week working with Brindishe Green children and the London Bubble theatre. The focus is on children's right to be happy and what that means in relation to others - not the acquisition of things but their connection with others. As part of this exploration they discovered some very unusual objects in a tree in Manor House Gardens and were puzzled by the messages on these objects and finished the day wondering what this meant ?????

We have worked on the skills needed for our children's teams across Brindishe schools. Children are now applying for these important roles in our Green, playleaders, buddies and rights respecting teams. Please encourage your children to apply - these are important responsibilities for children and will help them with skills they will need to develop in adult life.

Sportswise - representatives of years 4 and 5 were a whisker away from the HAKA cricket finals being held at Lords. Well done to the children - you were fantastic!

Congratulations to our year 6 indoor athletics squad who represented us at the HAKA athletics tournament - and came first! There were some great performances and excellent teamwork in the relays. They are now through to the Lewisham final after half term. Very well done to them!

We had four teachers visit from a Bexley school this week as part of their professional development. They wanted to see inspired, independent, creative learning. They were very complimentary about the learning that they saw and commented on the excitement, engagement and independence of the children.

Thank you to all parents who came along to 'Meet the teacher', over the last two weeks. I know that teachers found these meetings very useful and I hope that you did as well.

Please remember that Monday from 3.30-4.00pm is the day for our drop-in sessions-no appointment needed. We also welcome appointments if you want to talk about your child at any other time.

### **Rights respecting**

Please support us with using the language of **rights and responsibilities** with the children. This week we have been focusing on: Children's **right** to learn and their **responsibility** to focus on their learning.

Please encourage your child to think of a right and responsibility over half term connected with being at home.

### **Height and weight measurement**

In order to encourage healthy eating and exercise and to inform local and government planning to support this Reception and Yr6 children will have their height and weight measured at school on 9 Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson

March - a letter will be coming home after half term. If you DO NOT wish your child to take part you have the option to opt out of the government run scheme.

### **Advanced notice of increase in the cost of school meals**

A letter will be coming home after half term informing parents/carers of the increase in the cost of school meals, from £1.40 per day to £1.60. This increase will be starting after the Easter holidays.

### **Attendance counts!**

Excellent punctuality this week from all classes- let's keep it up!

Attendance is still not back to our usually high level, I'm hoping that half term will see off the winter illnesses and the second half of term the children will be fit and well and here learning! Well done to years 1 and 3 with 99%!

### **Cake sale**

We are pleased to let you know that £175.10 was raised in a very short space of time at the cake sale yesterday! Thank you very much to everyone who supported this event, either by baking cakes or coming along to the sale-and to all those who organised and ran the event!

### **Class Representatives**

Here is the full list of class representatives - thank you very much to everyone who has volunteered for this position. Please feel free to contact your class rep on any matters relating to PHAB Lee.

Nursery am

Associate Headteacher Diane Spalding

Nadine Tregoiing (Natalia) and  
Steph Faber (Millie)  
Nursery pm  
Kath Harley (Isaac)  
Reception Lilac  
Deirdre Feddes (Neve) and Dawn  
Heath (Charlie)  
Reception Camelia  
Colette Barry (Eliza) and Lara  
Powling (Callum)  
Year 1  
Rebecca Swann (Tomas and Jacob)  
Year 2  
Sharon Pathak (Krishan)  
Year 3  
Val Harris (William)  
Year 4  
Pamela McIntyre (Anya)  
Year 5  
Julie Pannell-Rae (Fran)  
Year 6  
Julie Andrews (Mia)

**Next week and future dates**

**Half term holiday**

Monday 21 February - Friday 25  
February

**Wednesday 2 March**

**6.30-7.30pm**

Literacy Workshops for foundation  
stage and year 1 parents.

**Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and**

**Wednesday 9 March**

Book fair in school

**Wednesday 9 March**

School Journey meeting for yrs 4  
and 5 parents/carers

**Tuesday 15 March**

6.00pm

Governing Body meeting at Brindishe  
Green- all observers are very  
welcome.

**Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7**

**April**

Drama performances

**Friday 8 April**

End of spring term

**Have a good half term. Best  
wishes to all families**

**Diane Spalding**

**PS** Has anyone lost a camera? We  
have a camera here found in the  
building without an owner - is it  
yours?

**A message from Amy the gymnastics  
coach!**

Having been coaching gymnastics and  
cheerleading at Brindishe for 5 years I am  
finally leaving to go travelling and my first stop  
is Antarctica! Myself and a fellow Geography  
graduate from Queen Mary, University of  
London, have been fundraising over the past  
year to join Robert Swan on his next 2041  
Inspire Antarctic Expedition. As young leaders,  
we will be joining Robert Swan OBE and 48  
others from across the globe in his quest to  
develop leadership skills to educate and  
understand the impact of climate change in  
Antarctica and the threat of the expiration of  
the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the  
Antarctic Treaty in 2041.

We've made some great progress so far and  
have managed to raise a total of £24,500.  
However, with the expedition due to depart in  
just two weeks we really need your help raising  
the final £7,500 over the next week and I was  
wondering if you would be willing to donate  
some money. Anything you can donate will be  
massively and genuinely appreciated.

If you want to know anything more about our  
expedition please email me or look on our  
website:

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