

Friday 16 November 2018

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

All round the school there has been the sound of everyone busy counting in 2s, 4s, 8s, 12s ... A school focus on securing times tables is encouraging instant recall of these facts. Ask your child(ren) which they have been working on, I think you will be impressed by how well they are beginning to know them.

Information about your children ...

To ensure safeguarding in all areas of school for all children it is really important we have current information about your child(ren). Please make the time to log onto our Parent Portal (Arbor) and check, update or amend your information. If you do not have access to a computer, or are having difficulty logging on, please pop in to the office and our team will be able to support.

Most important is information regarding any **allergies** your child may have, correct **contact mobile phone numbers** (have you recently changed your number?) and does your list of **additional contacts** identify who may collect your child at the end of the day? Our policy for ... **Collection of children at the end of the school day** says ...

The school needs to be made aware of any alteration to arrangements, even if the person collecting is already known to the school. If the person is not known they will need to use an agreed password before a child is handed over to their care.

Please be aware that we may not allow your child to leave school, even with a known adult, unless we have confirmation that they are **'authorised to collect'**. You can check this by logging on to Arbor. Thank you for working with us to secure the safety of your children.

Rights Respecting news

Our focus in assemblies and discussion this week is on 'Everyone's Safety First', echoing our School Community Development Plan. The key articles are 17 and 29 – ***You have the right to know information that affects your well-being and You have a right to receive an education that helps you develop your talents.*** Next week is Road Safety Week (see later), we will be learning about keeping ourselves and others safe.



Attendance this week

Best attendance this week ... **Year 2 with 98.9% and Year 5 Cherry with 98.4%** Very well done both classes!

Dates for your diary ...

Next week

- Tuesday** Open evening for prospective families
- Wednesday** Year 1 and Year 3 Circus Day!
And Y5 to Greenwich Observatory
- Thursday** Full Governing Body meeting @ Brindishe Lee. If you would like to attend as an observer, please let us know and we will arrange seating for you.
- Friday** Wear **BRIGHT** colours to school
- 01 December** F@B Christmas Fair (see end of newsletter ...)
- 04/05/06 December** Reception & KS1 performances
- 11/12/13 December** KS2 Performances



And finally ...

Thank you for all the donations given to wear pyjamas to school last Friday ... we raised just under £200! Amazing! Well done everyone!

Enjoy the weekend.

Lisa Morris, Headteacher

19 – 25 November Road Safety Week Bike Smart!



Bike Smart is the message at the heart of this year's Road Safety Week, focusing on the safety of those on two wheels. Taking place between 19–25 November, and coordinated by Brake, Road Safety Week seeks to raise public awareness over road safety, acting as the driver for positive change on our roads.



The number of cyclists in the UK is increasing at a rapid pace, which is really great, however, those on two wheels are among the most vulnerable UK road users:

- More than a third of people killed or seriously injured on UK roads are those travelling by bike (either bicycle or motorcycle).
- More than 100 bike riders are injured every day in needless, preventable crashes.

Brake's week-long campaign will raise awareness about the importance of protecting those on two wheels by focusing on:

- cyclists and motorcyclists being **Bike Smart** through safe riding

behaviours, appropriate training, clothing and equipment

- drivers being **Bike Smart** by looking out for those on two wheels, driving safely and utilising the latest life-saving technologies in their vehicles
- policy makers being **Bike Smart** by implementing a safe systems approach and designing segregated spaces for cyclists

On **Friday 23 November** we would like the children to wear **BRIGHT** clothes to school to promote the importance of staying visible at night.



We would like to encourage all families to get involved by creating a banner that is designed to help raise awareness about road safety.

We look forward to seeing the bold eye catching designs.

Please hand in your banners to Mrs Hearne in Reception Class and we will share them in assembly next Friday.

Don't forget you can translate this newsletter into more than 100 different languages on our website:
www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

This week, we did the sounds 'u', 'r' and 'e' to make 'run', 'red' and 'ted'. We also started learning our Christmas song. (No spoilers!)

Reception

In science, we studied animals. Amphibians have lungs and live on land or underwater, but fish live in water, breathe with gills and lay eggs.

Year 1 Magnolia

We learnt that the brain is made of three parts: amygdala (the guard dog), hippocampus and prefrontal cortex. We also used watercolours in art.

Year 1 Sycamore

We've been learning inverse equations in maths. So, $16+4=20$ and $4+16=20$ shows that $20-16=4$ and $20-4=16$. We've also retold and acted out *The Minpins*.

Year 2

In maths, we've been taking away from large numbers like 100 and 1,000, up to 9,000. We've used regrouping, which means carrying over '1' to let us minus from a '0'.

Year 3

We used set squares to make parallel, vertical, horizontal and perpendicular lines. We also wrote an exclamation text!

Year 4

We're publishing diary entries in 1st person as though we're the girl in the book, *Robot and Girl*. In maths, we're doing addition with fractions.

Year 5 Willow

We made a science display of the eight planets in the Solar system. Pluto used to be a planet, but it's now too small to be considered a dwarf planet or even a moon!

Year 5 Cherry

This week, we've studied algebra, key events in WWII, Italian pronouns and we've also been busy practising for our Christmas performance. PS - We have a bake sale soon!

Year 6

A special report from our 'Rights Respecting' correspondent:
"We've been looking at children's rights, specifically the difference between a need and want. So, clean water is a need; a mobile phone is a want. Food is a need, but fast food is a want!"

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SANTA'S GROTTO CRAFTS
FACE PAINTING RAFFLE SANTA'S SOCKS
FESTIVE GAMES REINDEER HOOPLA
TEDDY TOMBOLA TREASURE HUNT
TEA & COFFEE CAKES MULLED WINE

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 1st December
11am – 1pm

£1 entry, under 12's free