

Monday 29 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all as we enter into the Summer term. The holiday's brought us some fantastic weather and I hope this continues so the staff and children can all enjoy the exciting opportunities planned for this last term for 2018-19.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you all that at the end of this term, Lisa Morris will be resigning from her post as Headteacher of Brindishe Lee. She has been with the school for 25 years and I know she will be sadly missed by yourselves, the children and the staff. Lisa has led Brindishe Lee, creating an environment where children thrive and thoroughly enjoy coming to school each day. Her commitment to education is a credit and I have thoroughly enjoyed working in partnership with her over this year. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best as she spends time with her family and looks for new and exciting adventures.

We will be shortly embarking on the recruitment process for a new Headteacher to ensure the school continues to grow from strength to strength.

I hope you had a lovely weekend,

Rachel Waite

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday together and made the most of the, most unusually, warm and sunny Bank Holiday weekend ...?!

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

It has been really happy and industrious in school, with lots of outdoor hopefulness in the air! So many children enjoying athletics and cricket in Games sessions outside, beans and tomatoes, being sown in Reception and lots of discussion about preparing the growing beds for a summer harvest. Let's hope for 'the right weather'!



A big thank you to **Hither Green Community Association** for their donation of an apple tree to enhance our school grounds. We are now the proud owners of a Ribston Pippin apple tree and our Exploring Outdoors team helped to plant it in Forest School today. They will be looking after it for us until it settles in, making sure it has plenty of water and is securely rooted into the ground. Year 2 historians, this was a very popular apple to eat in Victorian times.



Polling Station

As I am sure you have seen in the news over the last couple of weeks, there is going to be a European Election in the UK next month. Brindishe Lee will, once again, be used as a Polling Station on 23 May. School will remain open, the voting will take place in the studio and the Key Stage 1 entrance will be out of use that day.

Safeguarding ...

In today's digitally connected world, children and adults are constantly presented with new ways to engage, react and contribute online. We're sociable beings; it's a natural human instinct, especially amongst younger audiences, to want to belong and join in. Viral Challenges (as they're often known) draw on these emotions and, as the name suggests, spread and gather pace very rapidly. New challenges are constantly emerging and evolving. Some of these online challenges can have much more sinister undertones, putting children at risk. For further information about some of these risks and to download a parent guide please go to the following website:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/online-challenges-guide-for-parents/>

Sweets, chewing gum, chocolate

Please can I remind everyone that we do not allow sweets or chewing gum in school. A number of children have been bringing them in to school, leaving in pockets etc. Please talk to your children about leaving all sweets at home, thank you.

We also request that chocolate is not in Packed Lunches, unless it is around a biscuit. So no, general chocolate treats. Thank you.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

Severe food allergies

We have a number of children with nut allergies. Please do not pack foods in lunch boxes that contain nuts. This includes for instance, peanut butter or Nutella (or other chocolate spreads) or cereal / cereal bars that contain nuts.

Thank you very much for helping us with this very important matter.



Dates for your diary ...

Next week

Thursday	Year 5 to the British Museum
06 May	Bank Holiday Monday, school closed
13-17 May	KS2 SATs week for Y6
22 May	Online safety workshop for all parents / carers @ 09:30 & 17:30
23 May	European Election, Polling Station
27 – 31 May	Y5 Y6 Tri school sports
03 June	Half term holiday
04 June	INSET for staff, school closed
21 June	Summer half term, children back in School
	F@B Summer Fair



Rights Respecting news

Over the next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on **Article 39**

You have the right to help if you have been hurt, neglected or badly treated.

Attendance this week

Top attendance this week goes to ... **Year 2 with 99%** and **Year 3 with 97%** ... **Well done to both classes!**

And finally...

We are adding to our enrichment curriculum this term thanks to opportunities provided by both our own staff and by Sportacus. Please note that Sportacus clubs start this week (from 29 April), Brindishe Lee staff clubs begin next week (06 May).

Lisa Morris
Headteacher

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...

We did number stories like Ms Jackie had three eggs and one bag of flour - how many things does she have? We were also busy planting carrots and are excited to see them grow!

Reception

In Maths, we learnt about $\frac{1}{2}$, when you split things into two equal parts, and $\frac{1}{4}$ which is four equal parts. We also read different *Jack and the Beanstalk* stories.

Year 1
Magnolia

We made puppets to make a *Jack and the Beanstalk* film. Some people ducked under tables so you couldn't see them! We also played a fun maths game with questions called Sumdog.

Year 1
Sycamore

In Science, we did a fun experiment. We looked at birds' wings and designed paper airplanes using that shape. We then went to the Studio and recorded how far they flew.

Year 2

We learnt about litres and measurements this week. It was really fun as we used water in our learning! We also wrote four paragraphs about Mary Anning, a fossil collector.

Year 3

We looked at Roman numerals - making large numbers is really complicated! We also read a new story called *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde which has a good moral ending.

Year 4

We're doing angles around a point and are looking at the parts of the brain in Science. We also made covers for our Mind-up books which are about the brain and mental health.

Year 5
Willow

In Science, we did some chemistry and mixed things together like water and baking soda. We looked at percentages and long division in Maths.

Year 5
Cherry

In English, we wrote a piece of informal, persuasive writing. The class enjoyed it because it was about what we want to put into Room 101 - a place where you can put things that annoy you.

Year 6

Brindishe Lee have returned from the Easter break well-rested and eager to learn! There are a lot of events coming up in the Summer term, so watch this space for updates from our resident correspondents!