

**Brindishe Lee Newsletter**

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**Dear parents, carers, families  
and colleagues,**

**Going for gold...**

Brindishe Lee is one of only thirty four primary schools that have achieved a *Geographical Association's Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM) Award* in this the fourth year of the award. It is one of only seven primary schools nationally to receive the Gold standard!

At **Gold** level, the award recognises ability to demonstrate excellent and innovative geography throughout the school.

In Gold Award schools subject leaders (ours is our Advanced Skills Teacher Liz Watson) are also leaders of primary geography beyond their own school and influence the development of the subject locally, regionally and nationally through work with Higher Education Institutes of Education, Local Authority networks and The *Geographical Association*.

The awarding association's press release says:

**Gold award schools 'lead the way in providing excellent and innovative geography'**

"These schools use creative approaches to stimulate learning and place a high value on using real life issues to promote understanding. In 2010 **seven** schools achieved the Gold award. This includes two schools, **Perton First School** in **Wolverhampton** and **Brindishe Primary School in London**, who have achieved the Gold Award for the second time."

The judges said:

"An important criteria is that schools use the subject to promote creativity, ensure active learning within school and in the outdoor classroom and develop links with other subjects both rigorously and imaginatively. We saw many different examples of the way geography can make a real difference to pupil learning and to staff understanding and enthusiasm, especially when led by a keen subject leader who is supported by a headteacher who sees the subject's potential."

We are so thrilled to get this award - and very grateful to Liz Watson and her team for all the hard work and energy that goes into this achievement.

If you'd like to know more about how we approach and use geography at Brindishe please contact Liz Watson - I know she'd be happy to hear from you. Her email is [lizwatson@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:lizwatson@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) or leave her a note via the school office.

### **PHAB - Annual General Meeting - Monday 11 October**

Partnership of Home And Brindishe (PHAB) will be holding its AGM on **Monday 11 October at 6.00pm in the School Hall**. All parents, carers, staff and governors are most welcome to come along to this meeting.

After a few AGM formalities, we will be discussing future events, both fundraising and social; and also ideas on how we could help the school with the funds that we raise. We would love to hear from anyone in the community with suggestions for events or activities you would like to see in the future.

There will be light refreshments

and a creche will be available. Please let us know in advance if you wish to make use of the creche by contacting the school office or emailing Sally Lucas at [saljolucas@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saljolucas@yahoo.co.uk).

### **School Journeys for year 5 and for year 6**

There is a meeting next Wednesday 22 September 6.30pm for final details about the trips.

Please can you make sure that you have paid the balance - we have now made full payment to PGL. Please make cheques payable to Brindishe Lee School.

**All parents/carers please note that all cheques such as those for meals, clubs etc should now be paid to Brindishe Lee School unless otherwise asked by the office staff.**

### **PE Kit**

Please remember to make sure your child has the following items of clothing for PE.

Inside PE: shorts, t shirt or leotard.

Outside PE: trainers/plimsolls, socks, shorts and jogging bottoms, t shirt and jumper.

The children really enjoy outside PE if they are warm enough in the

colder weather.

Please also remember that children with long hair will need something to tie their hair back (boys and girls) and no jewellery can be worn including stud earrings and watches. Please take out stud earrings before your child comes to school on their PE days.

#### **Next week**

**Monday 20 September 6.45-7.45pm**

Brindishe schools community choir-staff, parents and friends - all welcome. No experience necessary!

**Monday 20 - Friday 24 September**

Bikeability for year 6 children

**Monday 20 - Friday 1 September**

We have two PGCE students from the Institute of Education on observation.

**Tuesday 21 September**

Open day 5.00-6.30pm  
for prospective parents

**Wednesday 22 September 6.30pm**

School Journey meeting for both year 5 and year 6 parents and carers.

#### **Future dates**

**Monday 4 - Friday 8 October**

Meet the teacher week

Details to follow

**Tuesday 5 October**

Image Theatre Company

Tom's Midnight Garden

Whole school

**Monday 11 October**

PHAB AGM 6.00pm

**Friday 15 October - Sunday 17 October**

Year 5 School Journey

**Tuesday 16 October 6.00pm**

Brindishe Schools Governing body meeting

**Monday 25 October- Friday 29 October**

Half Term

**Monday 1 November**

INSET day

**Tuesday 2 November**

Children return

**Monday 8 - 12 November**

Year 6 School Journey

**Friday 17 December**

End of term

**Best wishes to all families,**

**Diane Spalding**

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