

Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

Not being a reader of the Sunday Times I was surprised to receive a flurry of congratulatory text messages and emails on Sunday morning. It was lovely to hear that Brindishe Lee had been named **again** as one of the **top 100 state schools** in the country!

There are 17000 primary schools so to be there at position 67 (up from number 80 last year) is a real achievement. The ranking is based on test results at age 11 - numbers of children reaching the required standard in English and Maths over a three-year period. **Well-done to Brindishe children and staff** - a great job you do.

For us of course Brindishe Schools are always at the very top of every league because of all of the lovely learning and opportunities that children aged 3-11 years enjoy every day...!

This week our federation full governing body met formally for the first time. We discussed and approved the plans for Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Green for the next three years. We decided that we had no need to pursue Academy Status at this stage.

We talked about how we would resist the local authority's request that we take another Reception class at Brindishe Green - and how **ABSOLUTELY** impossible it would be to fit another class in at Brindishe Lee. We talked about how well each school was doing under the partnership - Brindishe Green's results are now rated as significantly above the national average. After looking at all of the reports and data on almost every aspect of each school Governors commented on the speed of the transformation of Brindishe Green; the many ways that Brindishe Lee has continued to grow and excel and the success of the partnership working for both schools.

Our next full governing body meeting is on March 15 at 6pm and at Brindishe Green. If anyone would like to come along as an observer you are very welcome.

We always keep our school policies under review and this term as a governing body we are looking at reviewing our Complaints Policy, our Attendance Policy and our Equalities Policies. If any parents or carers are interested in reading drafts or joining the governors' working parties on these aspects of school life please let me know and I'll put you in touch with each other. You can always contact me

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or by leaving a message in the school office.

If you are interested in seeing our 3-year plans for Brindishe Schools please contact the Diane Spalding our associate head and she'll let you have a copy.

Over the next few weeks we will start to build the food technology room (a children's kitchen!) in the lodge using the school's budget and money raised and donated through PHAB, our staffroom will be slightly expanded and refitted and ... if all goes to plan the new classroom building works begin in March 2011. I am sure that when we start the building it will be very inconvenient and messy and noisy... and very lovely once it's all finished - which they hope will be by July .

As ever I thank you all for your continuing support - you make a big difference to our school and I look forward to seeing and talking to you soon - maybe at the Christmas Fair on 4 December if not before.

With best wishes to all families

Vicki Paterson
Executive Headteacher.

Dear parents, carers, families and colleagues,

Brindishe Lee takes two pictures

Our Art exhibition took place this week showing children's fantastic art work from across the school. The work was inspired by on our two chosen pictures - The Regatta on the Grand Canal by Giovanni Canaletto and The Lady of Shalott by John Waterhouse.

Thank you to all those who came along for a viewing.

Dance Update!

Tuesday saw the launch of our exciting new boys' dance project that we are running in collaboration with St Matthews Academy and Brindishe Green School. The boys have started to transfer their skills in football, basketball, tag rugby and gymnastics into a variety of dance disciplines and are already proving to be hugely talented - what fantastic ambassadors for Brindishe Schools! Watch this space for news on upcoming performances and photographs!

Able writer's trip to Blackheath High School.

Four children from each of the Brindishe Schools had an

enjoyable time at an Able writer's workshop hosted by Blackheath High school this Thursday. The workshop was led by poet Chrissie Gittins. The children were engaged in a series of poetry writing activities. The children were very well behaved and took an active part in all aspects of the workshop. We thank Blackheath High School for hosting the event.

School Choir

Our school choir are already working hard to learn their repertoire for the 'Turning of the Year' concert at Blackheath Halls on 6th December. We are delighted that, like last year, our choir will be performing with the choir from Brindishe Green. The children had their first joint rehearsal this Friday at Brindishe Green.

Community Choir

The Community Choir are also going from strength to strength and are busy learning their Christmas repertoire. New members are always welcome, we rehearse on Mondays from 6.45 to 7.45 p.m. at Brindishe Lee. We hope to have our first performances at Brindishe Lee's Christmas Fair on 4th December and at Brindishe Green's Carol

Concert on Thursday, 9th December.

The book fair is next week....

A reminder that the book fair will take place on Monday 22, Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 November in the school hall between 3.30-4.30pm. The school receives commission on every book sold and we will be spending this money on new books for the whole school. So come and buy a book for a treat or to stock up on Christmas presents. Cash or cheques only please!

Attendance and punctuality

95% is our highest this week from year 3. Hopefully the children will be fit and well next week!

Superb punctuality from reception lilac and years 3,4 and 6- very well done to them!

Next week

Please note there is no Drama club next week due to the Book Fair.

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Please note children have until Monday 22 November to bring in their entry for the Christmas fair poster competition.

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Future dates

Saturday 4 December

11.00am-1 pm.

Save the date!

Christmas fair

Monday 6 December

Turning of the year concert at
Blackheath halls

**Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9
December**

Foundation and KS1 Christmas
afternoon performances

Wednesday 15 December

KS2 Evening Christmas Carol
Concert at Good Shepherd
Church

Thursday 16 December

Christmas lunch

Friday 17 December

End of term

Best wishes to all families

Diane Spalding

Advert

The Blackheath Handmade & Vintage Shopping Evening 2010

A charming local event where you can discover designers, craftspeople and independent traders selling unusual gifts for Christmas.

A fundraising night for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust - the only national charity solely concerned with the well-being of people with Cystic Fibrosis.

Entrance £5 includes a glass of wine. Goody bags for the first 50 adults to arrive.

THURSDAY 2nd DECEMBER 6.00 - 9.00pm

St Michael's Church Hall, Pond Road, Blackheath