

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

Thank you for coming along to 'Meet the teacher' this week. I know that teachers found these discussions very valuable and hope that you did as well.

Please remember that our drop in sessions continue every Monday from 3.30-4.00pm - please feel able to call in to have a look at your child's learning with them or to speak to your child's class teacher. If you cannot make this time please make an appointment for another occasion.

Teachers will continue to keep you in touch with your child's learning via the class newsletter incorporating suggestions for home learning. These suggestions are focused on active learning such as 'Hunt round your home for objects longer /shorter than 10 cms'.

Please also continue to read as much as possible to and with your child. Talking about the books you are reading with them is very valuable - this supports their understanding in helping them to

explore the meaning of what they read. For example ask them questions like: ' Why do you think the girl behaved in that way? - Why did the author use the words ' cold anger' when the boy argued with his friend. This helps the children to think about their reading beyond the basic storyline. We also encourage children to bring home information texts. Understanding where to find information including from maps, photos, diagrams etc. is a key skill in reading.

Broadcaster- our very own Radio Station!

Next Tuesday, we will be having a demonstration during the day of our new radio station.

20 children across the school will have the opportunity to have a go and demonstrate to staff how we can use this exciting initiative which allows children to broadcast over the radio.

Children will work in groups discussing, writing and presenting a selection of news, sport and weather reports.

Classes will be able to listen in to the broadcast in their rooms and we hope to be able to share future broadcasts with you through the school website. We look forward to some exciting broadcasts from the children

across the airwaves!

Boys Dance Project

After half term some of our Year 6 boys will be working alongside children from Brindishe Green and St Mathews Academy to develop an exciting dance performance project.

Throughout the project the boys will be encouraged to transfer their existing skills in, tag rugby, football, basketball and gymnastics into the dance disciplines of contemporary dance, hip hop, martial arts and free running.

At the end of the project they will have the opportunity to perform what they have created and share their newfound expertise with children with children lower down the school.

The project will run on Tuesday evenings 3:45 - 4:45 for 6 weeks and will take place in the dance studio at St Matthews Academy.

If you would like any additional information on the project, please see Mrs Wagland.

Lovely Manners

We have been reminding the children about their lovely manners. Please ask them to tell

you what they do in school to respect others, in the way they behave towards them. This includes opening doors for others, letting other people go first, listening to others without interrupting, taking turns, waiting and being patient and using good body language. Good body language includes being attentive, smiling, showing readiness for learning.

Visitors are always very impressed with the children's respectful manners.

Tom's midnight garden

The children very much enjoyed the performance by Image Theatre Company - please send in a £1 if you have not already done so- this helps us to provide these opportunities for the children.

Contact information

Please remember to send back your contact information so that we have up to date records, should we need to contact you.

Clubs

We have places in netball club for children in years 4,5 and 6. Please contact the office for details.

**PHAB - Annual General Meeting
- Next Week - Monday 11
October**

Partnership of Home And Brindishe (PHAB) will be holding its AGM on **Monday, 11 October** at 6.00pm in School. 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

Punctuality

We have seen excellent improvement in children's punctuality this week. The punctuality cup was won jointly last week by reception lilac and

year 5 classes- well done to them. This week's winner, was again Reception Lilac- fantastic!

Next week

Monday 11 October

6.00-6.45pm

PHAB Partnership of Home and Brindishe AGM Annual General Meeting.

6.45-7.45pm

Brindishe schools community choir-staff, parents and friends -all welcome. New singers very welcome - no experience necessary!

Tuesday 12 October

Broadcaster radio station demonstration

Please note there will be no drama club this week.

Friday 15 -17 October

Year 5 school journey to Marchants Hill

Best wishes to all families,

Diane Spalding