

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

At our joint INSET day with Brindishe Green we had the opportunity to explore the ideas behind becoming a Rights Respecting School. Staff across our federation had the opportunity to discuss the approach together.

The initiative pioneered by UNICEF supports schools to develop values which support children's learning about the need for children's rights to be realised everywhere. This enables children and young people to make informed decisions and to grow into confident, active and responsible citizens.

Good relationships, Behaviour and Anti- bullying Policy

We have looked at the behaviour policies of Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Green and drafted a version that we think will meet the needs of both schools and work across

the Brindishe community. We haven't changed our agreed and approved policy but 'tidied up' the written document which describes and supports our policy.

Comments and suggestions are very welcome from parents/carers, governors and staff and of course children.

Teachers will be talking to the children about the ways in which we promote good relationships and our anti - bullying approaches.

If you would like to see a copy of the policy, please ask at the office.

Year 3 Film Premiere

Year 3 premiered their fantastic film animation and also a superb dance performance of The Lady of Shalott, to their parents /carers this week. The dance was accompanied by a soundtrack, which had been made by the children, on the computer. They also displayed their Lady of Shalott inspired artwork, which will also be exhibited in our Art exhibition. What fantastic linked and connected learning

by the children-the quality was amazing- very well done year 3! Many thanks to Mrs Watson, Mrs Wagland and Selina for all their hard work producing such exciting, high level learning for the children.

Year 5 School Journey

Year 5 had an exciting and challenging time at school journey. They experienced challenges such as the giant swing and abseiling and very much enjoyed their time at Marchants Hill.

Year 6 Junior Citizens

Year 6 had a worthwhile trip to Lee Fire Station to take part in the Junior Citizen's event, where they undertook a variety of safety situations- for example situations that can occur when travelling on public transport. Mrs Smith was very proud of the excellent behaviour of the class.

Staffing update

Welcome to Amanda Regan, teaching assistant, who will be working with year 3 and also to

Jenna Al-Sakar, and Emma Lagartixa and Monique Samuel, IOE Institute of Education students who will be working with years 3 and 4 for four weeks this term and in the case of Monique and Jenna four weeks next term. Emma is a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) student and will be undertaking her spring term training in Paris!

Wheat update

We were very excited when we came back after half term to see our wheat beginning to grow. Considering that the children had only just planted it- to see rows of what looks suspiciously like grass was amazing. We'll keep you updated- fingers crossed!

The book fair is coming.....

Our autumn book fair will take place in the school hall from 3.00pm Monday 22 - Wednesday 24 November. This fair is provided by Scholastic, a book company renowned for its wide selection of books for all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to buy Christmas presents or simply buy a book for your child, while also

supporting the school. Every time you buy a book, the school receives commission, and after each fair we usually earn about £1000 to spend on new books. The school does not give book tokens for the autumn fair - these are issued in the spring by the World Book Day organization. We accept cash or cheques as payment, but not cards please.

Punctuality matters!

Fantastic 100% attendance and 100% punctuality from Reception Camellia and Lilac classes this week!! Years 2,4 and 6 all have 99% for both attendance and punctuality-very well done.

Next week

**Monday 8- Friday 12
November**

Year 6 School Journey

Monday 8 November

6.45-7.45pm

Brindishe schools community choir-staff, parents and friends -all welcome. New members welcome!

Future dates

Thursday 18 November

Art exhibition 3.00-4.00pm

As you know we have used paintings as stimulation for the children's learning this term. Reception and KS1 have been working on a Caneletto painting 'A regatta on the Grand canal' and KS2 on a painting by Waterhouse 'The Lady of Shalott'.

Come along and enjoy the very creative and varied responses to these paintings.

Saturday 4 December

Save the date!

Christmas fair 11.00am-1 pm.

Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 December, 2010

Foundation and KS1 Christmas afternoon performances

Wednesday 15 December

KS2 Evening Christmas Carol Concert at Good Shepherd Church

Best wishes to all families

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