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Dear parents and carers,

Leadership News at Brindishe

Last week the Governing Body of the Brindishe Schools, working with the new Executive Head, Rachel Waite and the local authority, confirmed the appointment of the new Headteacher of Brindishe Green School. It is Gerlinde Achenbach the current Headteacher of Brindishe Manor.

Gerlinde will now move there from September 2018 and, as she already knows the school well, is very much looking forward to working closely with the current postholder Sarah Gorbutt over the summer term to make sure there is a smooth handover.

Now at Brindishe Manor we are looking to appoint a new Headteacher and some of you will have seen the adverts appearing online on local and national sites. This week Brindishe Manor had a formal review by a team from Challenge Partners (a national School Improvement organisation) led by an Ofsted inspector and the report, which we will receive before Easter, is predicted to be positively glowing. It's a lucky person therefore who takes over the role so if you know of people who may be interested in applying please do refer them to our websites.

Next week Brindishe Green has its Challenge Partners' review and I am sure that it will show that the school is in very good shape as we move towards the final term for Sarah (and for me).

We are very fortunate in Brindishe to have so many talented and flexible

people working with us. This week in the Brindishe Manor review staff were asked how they felt about the changes coming in the federation. I was very pleased to hear that they said they felt that they were used to change and were able to respond quickly and positively when change was needed. They said that they felt the spirit of Brindishe was strong; that they were committed to working in this kind of way and in this kind of school; they said they shared a clear set of values and beliefs which bound them together - and this would enable them to make sure that whatever changes there are they will make sure the schools continue to be successful. With your continuing support we know this will be the same for all three Brindishe Schools.

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head

Spyros Elia
Chair of Governors

Dear families, staff, governors and friends ...

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

This week got off to a fantastic start when Year 5 took part in the Lewisham Live Dance Festival on Monday evening. The children performed in this celebration of dance at Catford Broadway Theatre alongside a whole array of other Primary and Secondary schools from Lewisham.

The class gave a perfect performance of their dance, 'Ready or Not' and absolutely deserved the fantastic applause they received at the end. Well done Year 5, together you were amazing!

A big thank you to Mrs Wagland who choreographed the dance with the children and to

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Mrs Sharrock, Ikram Ajami and Ms Haughton for accompanying them.

Throughout this week the whole school has been taking part in national 'Science Week'. Every class has been thinking about scientific discoveries ... there have been questions and investigations, problems to solve, practical experiments, research, hypotheses and some very exciting moments when discoveries made!
Coding club took on the 'Ocean Floor Mission' and made on-line games to move a submarine across the ocean floor. Lovely posters from everyone who entered the competition and very well done to all winners! Many classes have worked together across the school, it has been a busy, science focused week for everyone.

Choir news

This week was the last week for choir this term. Letters about all clubs for next term will go out before the holiday.

Treat the family this weekend

Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are usually picked up from head-to-head contact. Head lice sometimes can make your head feel itchy.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them that same day and for the following two weeks, if they have head lice.

There is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

For more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

News from the office ...

From 01 May 2018 the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.10 to £2.20 each day. This will mean a week of school lunches will cost £11.

Attendance this week

Very well done this week ...

Year 4, Cherry with 98.02% and **Year 2** with 97.85%. !

Dates for your diary

Next week ...

Tuesday	Reception height and weight
Thursday	Year 4 Cake Sale, raising money for the Rainforests
27 March	Tri-golf tournament
29 March	F@B Cake Sale
	End of Spring term
16 April	Summer term begins
27 April	Quiz night
03/04 May	INSET days
16 June	Summer carnival
20 July	End of the school year

And finally ...

Today we say farewell to Mrs Etuk-Smith as she leaves us to have her baby. We wish her every happiness for every day as she begins this new venture with her growing family!

We look forward to seeing both her and her baby very soon ...



Have a lovely weekend.

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FAB have some very exciting events planned for the rest of this year!

Firstly, we have an **Easter Cake sale** on **Thursday 29th March** (last day of term). Please bring donations of cakes, muffins, biscuits and buns to school that morning.

On **Friday 27th April** the **Quiz Night** makes a return, with the addition of a few rounds of Bingo thrown in too! This is one for the grown-ups only. Tickets will be available after the Easter Holidays. Be warned, the school staff (who had the winning team last time) are already gathering their teams together and revising!!

Friday 25th May will be a **Film Night** for the children. There will be two films, one for key stage 1 and one for key stage 2. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

The Brindishe Lee **Summer Carnival** will be held on **Saturday 16th June**, starting with a procession in which each class will model costumes they will have been working on in school in the preceding weeks. Following the procession will be our summer fair and there will be live music, food and drink stalls and a bouncy castle.

There will also be a **Clothes Recycling** collection after the Easter holidays. Clothes and household textiles can be brought in to school on a Monday morning and will be stored in the lodge until we have enough bags for a collection. Please, please go through your cupboards, have a good clear out and bring in what you can!

