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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

I am delighted to let you know that this week saw the publication of the latest Ofsted report on Lee Manor School. You can find a copy on the Ofsted website. I am sure that you will be as pleased as I am that the school has been graded as **outstanding** in every area. The inspection team were very thorough and spoke to many, many children, looked closely at their achievement and progress, observed them in 31 different lessons across the school and trawled through lots of the children's work and evidence of learning and were obviously very pleased by what they found. Lee Manor children behaved beautifully, as they usually do and, as you will read in the report, were enthusiastic, proud and very responsive.

As you may know the Federation of Brindishe Schools were asked in 2011 to support Lee Manor School as it was experiencing difficulties. Staff and governors from Brindishe Schools have worked alongside colleagues in Lee Manor for the last two years and are delighted to see Lee Manor's tremendous improvement and success. We send our congratulations and very best wishes to everyone at Lee Manor.

For me it is simply great that now every child in one of our three schools goes to an

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outstanding school and has the best opportunity to succeed. And that is simply what it is all about.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our partnership with Lee Manor and thank you for your continuing support for Brindishe Schools. It is very much appreciated.

My very best wishes to all families,

Vicki Paterson DBE
Executive Headteacher
Brindishe and Lee Manor Schools

This week at Brindishe Green

On Monday, a team of Australian school leaders spent the day with us looking at our outstanding practice and finding out how three schools work so successfully together. They were extremely impressed and thanked staff and children for welcoming them so warmly.

Today, after 15 years, Lilla Accord leaves us to join Lee Manor School. We wish her the very best for the future and feel sure she will work her magic at Lee Manor in the same way as she has done at BG! Also Mrs Sparkes leaves today to go on maternity leave. We wish her the very best and look forward to meeting baby Joseph when he arrives!

Also today a small select group of year 6 children met the Mayor of Lewisham, Sir Steve Bullock. They returned with certificates and goodies and have had their photograph taken with the Mayor. I hear they were amazing ambassadors for the school and I am sure their teachers are very proud of them, as we all are.

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Next week at Brindishe Green

Broadcasting club begins next week. It will take place at lunchtime every Wednesday for years 5 and 6. Please see Mr McWhirter for more information.

Attendance update

Thank you to all those parents and carers who bring their children to school every day. This week Willow and Banyan class had 100% attendance. Well done those two classes! Birch class achieved 99% attendance and Chestnut 1 and 2 won the award for top attendance in our reception classes and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin) to share in their class for a week.

Dates for your diary

25 October - half term begins
4 November - Assessment week
6 November - Full governing body meeting
14 November - Open Day
19 December - end of term

...and finally

Please see the poster attached to this newsletter. We are looking for parents and carers who want to help organize a Christmas Fair and we hope that as many of you as possible will offer your skills and your time at this special time.

Wrap up warm and have a good weekend.

With best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher