

Friday 03 May 2019

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

A busy week with maths bursting from every corner and Year 5 visiting the British Museum on Thursday to study Greek artefacts. The children also saw the Elgin Marbles which they have heard so much about. A fantastic visit, really enjoyed by the children and so excellent to be able to see their learning come alive. Many thanks to all parents / carers who accompanied the visit, without all of you it would not have been possible. Well done Y5 Cherry for your Odysseus performance poetry too!

Our staff meeting on Wednesday evening this week was focused on Mental Health, an important element of our School Community Development Plan (SCDP) this year. Hilary Saunt, a teacher of Mindfulness, shared some breathing, calming and focusing techniques with us which you may well hear your children talking about as they learn them in school. Hilary will be working with us in school this term, she will be based in Y5.

Introducing 'Sumdog' – an exciting new, evidence based, learning maths game

A message from Ms Scallon for Years 1 - 4

We are delighted to introduce Sumdog – an exciting new way to encourage children to enjoy maths even more. Each child plays maths games and, as they play, the Sumdog automatically adjusts the difficulty level of the questions to challenge them. As learning objectives are achieved so are virtual rewards, including a virtual pet to look after and coins to spend in a virtual shop.

We'd like you to encourage your child to play a little Sumdog each week, if not each day! You can use the Sumdog website on your computer or

download the iPad or Android app. Parents / carers can even have their own free Sumdog log-in – just visit www.sumdog.com and click the parents link at the bottom right. That way you can keep in touch with your child's effort and progress!

Class teachers will give you your child's personal log-in details as soon as you have completed our data sharing agreement. This agreement must be in place in order to set your child up on the Sumdog system. If you have not done so yet, please ask your child's class teacher.

If you do not drop off or collect your child from school, please arrange to pick the log-in up from the school office. Many thanks. Enjoy!



Safeguarding ... Password Sharing

Please ensure that generated passwords and usernames for learning platforms, such as Hegarty Maths and Sumdog, are not shared with other children or adults that are not parents and carers. In school we talk to the children about internet safety and how to stay safe online. One of the very important messages we share with the children is not to share usernames and passwords with each other. If you would like more information about how to help your child stay safe online please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>



You may remember that during Harvest in the autumn we collected for our local charity for refugees in Lewisham, AFRIL. We have heard that stocks are running low and, in readiness for Refugee Week, we would like to offer our support again. If you would like to bring in items to donate, Mrs Hearne will gather them together throughout May and deliver them to the charity at the beginning of June.

Listed below are the items desperately needed, but all non-perishables will be gratefully received!

Laundry detergent (powder or pods are best)

Washing up liquid

Nappies sizes 3-5

Tinned tuna

Tinned tomatoes

Rice

Cereals

Toilet paper

Long-life milk

Long-life juice

Cooking oil

Please bring your donations to school, there will be a box for collection outside the main office and by Reception classroom door. A big THANK YOU!

Term dates / taking holidays

A couple of people have asked me the term dates for next school year so they can plan their holidays around them. Please find all dates attached to this newsletter. There are only 190 statutory school days in one year. This means there are 175 days available to use for holidays ... please look at the dates carefully before booking your holiday.



Dates for your diary ...

Next week

Thursday	Year 4 Tennis Tournament
13-17 May	KS2 SATs week for Y6
21 May	Open evening for prospective families
22 May	Online safety workshop for all parents / carers @ 09:30 & 17:30
23 May	European Election, Polling Station
	Y5 Y6 Tri school sports
27 – 31 May	Half term holiday
03 June	INSET for staff, school closed
04 June	Summer half term, children back in School
21 June	F@B Summer Fair



Rights Respecting news

Over the next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on **Article 12**
Every child has the right to express their feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or a child's day-to-day home life.

Message from the office ...

From 06 May 2018 the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.20 to £2.30 each day. This will mean a week of school lunches will cost £11.40.

... and a reminder

All clubs and enrichment sessions take place next week ... Sportacus, our own sports and craft clubs and instrument lessons too.

Reception Enterprise

The RNLI have been supporting our Reception Enterprise project by donating equipment and teaching the children water safety. You will see in the office an opportunity to support RNLI by a buying a pin. Look out for the yellow box and wellies!!



Attendance this week

Top attendance this week goes to ... **Year 2 with 99%** and **Year 3 with 98%** ... **SNAP! Last week!**

And finally...

This week **we wave to Sergio as he sails up to Brindishe Green and welcome Carlos from Brindishe Green** as the Premises teams share skills and expertise across the Federation. Sergio has completed such great projects at Brindishe Lee, including the boat as it sailed in to Reception class and has been moored this very week (see the photo!). A big thank you to Sergio for everything he has done at BL and we will see him again soon ...



Enjoy the Bank Holiday this weekend. See you on Tuesday!

Lisa Morris
Headteacher

This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

We learnt how to make slow motion videos on the iPads. Also, our boat has finally docked on our pontoon! It is really tall and looks great in our area.

Reception

We learnt about antonyms and used them to describe Jack's house at the beginning and the end of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We also had a go at the daily mile, and we learnt o'clock and half past.

Year 1
Magnolia

We made up our own versions of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and drew pictures to go with it. We had to include the golden hen though! We also drew a leaf close-up in detail using pencil.

Year 1
Sycamore

Last week we designed paper airplanes based on birds' wings and this week, we wrote up our experiments in full! We enjoyed recounting making the paper airplanes.

Year 2

In maths, we've been doing kg, cm and litres and even did some learning outside! We also looked at Egyptian writing, which is called hieroglyphics.

Year 3

We've done a lot of Roman learning: we finished off Roman numerals in Maths; we did Roman formations outside in dance; and we started to make mosaics with mosaics.

Year 4

We all really enjoyed the school trip to the British Museum and think everyone will be excited to hear our stories. We also looked at Greek myths in English.

Year 5
Willow

We went to the British Museum to see some ancient Greek artifacts like the Elgin marbles and are drawing ancient Greek pots and vases.

Year 5
Cherry

We did an experiment outside, measuring heart rates. We also wrote a piece of formal writing to the Government. We enjoyed it as we don't really speak formally so it's a challenge.

Year 6

Change of date! In light of the school now being used as a polling station for the European Election, our next Open Evening for prospective families will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 from 5-6pm, not as previously advertised. Many apologies for this late change of date.