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Dear parents and carers,

Shakespeare Schools Festival

A cast of 14 of our Y6 children from across all 3 of our schools took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at Greenwich Theatre on Tuesday night. After months of dedicated rehearsing, these young actors put on a magnificent performance of Twelfth Night. Feedback from the festival directors and audience alike was that this very talented group captured the immense fun of this comedy and brought it alive. They certainly brought the house down!

Thank you to directors Jonnette Bowen, Kimberley Givens, Laura Yardley (BM) and Tara Ingrey (BL) for their hard work and dedication to giving the children an experience they will remember for many years to come. Congratulations to everyone involved - it was a huge triumph!



Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Educate and celebrate - Equalities learning

As you will know from previous newsletters, our Schools' Community Development Plan for this year includes a strong focus on diversity and equality. Our own diverse community includes people from a range of cultures, family structures, identities, languages and heritages. As a school we recognise we are educating the next generation to understand that our differences are to be recognised and celebrated.

Our community, in school and in Lewisham is very diverse, it is culturally rich, and strong. It can and does work very well together.

We want to develop a 'no tolerance' culture of abuse, homophobia, bullying and segregation. Indeed under the Equalities Act of 2010 schools must ensure that they are inclusive and accessible to all and that includes our LGBT+ community.

In school we have worked well to understand and embrace family languages, cultures and heritages and to challenge stereotypes and gender expectations. We know that our community includes different family structures or types of families including lesbian and gay families. Our community includes young people and adults who are questioning their gender identity, transitioning between genders or exploring their sexual orientation. It is important that as an inclusive community we educate ourselves and show compassion, understanding and acceptance.

This year, across our 3 schools we are working to achieve a 'best practice' award for Educate and Celebrate: www.educateandcelebrate.org. We are focusing on LGBT+ inspirational people and families. This will include a focus on books and stories which enable children to understand and explore different identities including their own, to challenge assumptions and expectations, and think about the communities in which we live and the groups to which we belong.

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

We are holding a 'Celebrating Diversity' week starting on Nov 14. Using the rainbow or 'equalities' flag as our theme, we will help children embrace diversity and explore some of the more complex issues affecting young people today. We shall be inviting parents and carers to join us to celebrate the learning that has taken place - look out for an invitation from your child's class to come and share their learning.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday our High-Five netball team for years 3 and 4 came back from their tournament against 7 Lewisham schools with first place and an enormous trophy to add to our cabinet! Well done to all those involved particularly Vanessa from year 2 who was a crucial member of the team and not fazed by the age or size of her competitors. They were unbeaten throughout the whole competition, thanks to Mr. Lewis for preparing the team. On Monday, Reception and year 1 children enjoyed a wonderful performance of 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice' by the Blunderbus Theatre Company
And finally on Monday year 2 and year 5 had special workshops with the London Fire Brigade.

Next week at Brindishe Green

We hear that Mary Seacole will be visiting year 2 on Monday! We can't wait to meet her....

Diary Dates

9th November - Full Governing Body Meeting
(let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we'll arrange seating)

Week beginning 14 Nov : 'Celebrating Diversity' week at Brindishe Schools

18th November - Cake-a-Thon Competition

23rd November Flu vaccine for yrs 1 to 3

Christmas dates:

Winter Warmer (yrs 1 and 2)

Thursday Dec 8th - Start approx. 2.00pm

Christmas around the World (yrs 3 and 4)

Friday Dec 9th - Start approx. 2.00pm

Chestnut Nativities- Reception

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Monday Dec 12th - **For Chestnut 1 and 2 parent/carers**

Tuesday Dec 13th - **For Chestnut 3 and 4 parent/carers**

Wednesday Dec 14th - Christmas lunch (more details to follow)

Christmas at the church yrs 5 and 6

Thursday Dec 15th - Evening performance at 6.00pm at St Swithun's Church

16th December - End of Term

4th January - Children return to school

Well done to Ash and Lilac for this week's best attendance

Ash's attendance was 99.3% and Lilac's attendance was 98.9%

Well done to Cherry and Redwood who were the classes with this week's best punctuality

...and finally

Year 6 Booster classes next week

Year 6 Booster sessions with Mr Baguley and Ms Campbell will begin the week beginning 21st November and every Monday from then on for Maths and every Tuesday for English.

More information to follow....

Cycle racks

The cycle racks have now moved into the playground and over the next few weeks, rack by rack, the scooter racks will also be moved. Thank you to those parents and carers who have been so patient with us while we make these small changes. We will keep you posted as these changes occur.

Have a great weekend and keep safe on November 5th

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

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