

Brindishe Green School
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Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Deutsche Bank

Today 28 volunteers from Deutsche Bank and members of Inspire have been building a stage in our playground and resurfacing the areas around the trim trail. The wood for the project has been fundraised by our very own BFG and we hear that Deutsche Bank will also be presenting the school with a cheque later today from the money they have fundraised on our behalf.

The volunteers have worked enthusiastically all day and their efforts will really make a difference. Many thanks to them and all our parents/carers whose support for the school has made this possible. Also, many thanks to Chris Fry and Andrew Preston for their hard work in preparing the playground for today's event.

The Chicks

Today our chicks are leaving us to go to Free Range farms. The children have really enjoyed watching them hatch and grow. Thank you to all the staff who have nurtured them for the last two weeks; we have successfully hatched all 12 chicks! Children have treated the chicks with care and respect and we are looking forward to seeing their learning displayed around the school over the next few weeks.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday year 4 held a maths workshop for parents and carers. We had lots of parents come to join their children and the morning was a great success!

This week we held an archery workshop for years 3 and 4 which the children really enjoyed. We look forward to the archery

competition on Blackheath on Wednesday next week for our most able archers.

Finally welcome to our new Institute Of Education students who joined us this week. Their names are Oscar Fielder and Esther Sharkey and they are working in year 3.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Year 5 will be sitting their important banding tests in preparation for their transfer to secondary school at the end of next year.

On Tuesday our Southbank students return to us.

On Wednesday our more able musicians will be working with Bright Sparks. There will be a school assembly, 4 workshops involving the London Philharmonic Orchestra and a concert at the Royal Festival Hall later this term.

On Wednesday our collaborative Archery competition will take place on the Heath. Cricket starts on Friday for years 5 and 6 from 3.30 - 4.30 with Mr Johnston and Mr Phipps. Please see the office for more details.

Year 6 SATS - w/c 14th May

There are just 5 school days left before our year 6 children sit their all important end of year externally marked tests. We are looking forward to another excellent set of results and know that everyone will do their bit to support year 6 over the next two weeks.

Hither Green Week 2012: 19th-27th May

The fourth annual Hither Green Week will take place between 19-27th May! This year the nine-day festival is even bigger with over 27 events taking place for all ages, families and children. These include the arts, craft and food fayre, open gardens, Jubilee fish & chip supper, film, Bengali night, cabaret and comedy, dance, orchestra, music concerts, children's and youth events, history exhibition, walks and more;

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson

and all in Hither Green! There is something for everyone, so come along!

There is a children's bake-off on Saturday, 19th May at the Clocktower. Children aged 5-10 are asked to decorate 5 gingerbread people (they can be shop bought, but must be decorated by the child).

Children from all classes are invited to write or draw a picture about why they love Hither Green. Entries can be brought to the school office by Wednesday, 16th May.

Redwood Class Choir will be participating in the Festival Schools' Concert on Thursday 26th May.

Full listings of all the events are available on www.ourhithergreen.com or Twitter @HGWeek. Most events are free, but some require booking or purchased tickets. This year Hither Green Week is kindly being supported by L&Q.

Attendance

Well done to Mangrove and Cedar class who have the best attendance this week. Remember we expect each class to achieve at least 95% every week please - help us to achieve this for your child.

Chestnut 1 had the top attendance in reception class again and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

Dates for your diary

14 May - SATs week (yr 6)

19 - 27 May- Hither Green Week

24 May -Collaborative choir performance at Brindishe Green

1 June - Jubilee cake sale (BFG)

4 June - Half term (1 week)

14 June - Full governing body meeting at BG, please let us know if you would like to attend

28 June - Open day

8 July - tri-school event, fun run and family picnic in Manor Gardens - more news to follow.

18 July - End of term

5 September - Children return to school

Parent Question

Parents ask many helpful questions so in the newsletter each week, we will be taking one question and answering it. If you have any questions please write to me or e.mail me at headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and we will answer it through the newsletter. I'm sure it will be helpful to you and other parents. **A parent asked:** 'You say you want good attendance and then you close the school' **Answer:** The school building is owned by Lewisham Local Authority and is therefore a council building. We have pleaded (staff and governors) with the council on many occasions not to use BG as a Polling Station and to include other schools in the local area. Nevertheless, the council, insist on it being BG because of its size, location and facilities.

I must stress it is NOT our choice to close the school on Polling Days and the children do not have a day off school. Staff take the closure as one of their 5 compulsory training days so that the children still get their 190 days per year (189 days this year because of the Queen's Jubilee).

On the training day yesterday all staff received training in how to meet children's speech and language needs and in the afternoon they looked at the plans for BG for the next two years. Soon we will send out copies of these plans to you for your views and comments.

Closing the school on the polling day does not give our children any more or less days than any other child in a Lewisham school.

Thank you so much to those parents who sent their child in today and didn't try and make it a very long weekend.

Don't forget it's a National Bank Holiday on Monday though!

Parent/Carer area on the MLE

To log in to the parent area on the MLE, go to www.fronter.com/lewisham/login

Username: bgparent1

Password: brindishegreen

Do we have your correct emergency details?

This week you will have received a green form from us asking for any changes to your contact details such as emergency telephone numbers and your address. This information is essential so that we can safeguard your child in school. Please make sure you send back any changes particularly up to date mobile telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Many thanks

....and finally

The Children's Kitchen

This is nearly finished and children will begin to use it very soon. We plan to have a grand opening later in the year so watch this space.

Remember it is a national bank holiday on Monday. Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday 8 May**.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Associate Headteacher

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BFG - Brindishe Friends' Group - NEWS

Exciting news...

A team of 20-25 volunteers from Deutsche Bank are in school today to work on two fantastic projects in our school playground. They are building the amphitheatre stage that we have all worked so hard to raise money for this year and also improving the surface to some areas of the play area to make it more suitable for all weathers.

This is brilliant news - it is so rewarding to see the result of so much hard work put into action - and it is down to the support of each and everyone in our school community. So thank you. Without your help and donations, amazing improvements such as these would be not be possible.

We are sure that you are all eager to see how the children make use of these creative spaces in the future... A big thank you also to Deutsche Bank for their generous help.

Cakes fit for a Queen... Diamond Jubilee cake sale - Friday 1st June 2012

We know how much you love a good cake sale and they are an excellent way to raise money so be prepared to purchase some extra special, blingtastic cakes at our Diamond Jubilee inspired cake sale. Who says that cakes can't be a work of art and delicious too?

If you would like to donate some cakes for the sale, please bring them in to the school office on the day of the sale. We also need to borrow a large teapot to help make lots of delicious tea to wash all the cake down, some table cloths and some crowns. If you could help with any of these items, please drop them into the office.

Foxtons sponsorship - raise money for the school!

Foxtons estate agents run a sponsorship scheme where they will pay £600 to the school if 40 people agree to display a Foxtons' board advertising a future school event outside their house. If you would be interested in taking part in this scheme to help raise valuable funds for the school please go to the school office for more information and to sign up.

Have you seen our new notice board?

We now have our own space on the wall in the reception area. This means that you can follow our events and news, get information and look at lovely photos of all the exciting things going on with BFG.

Come and join us! We meet every Tuesday morning at about 9am in the Breakfast/After-school club room. If you're not available during the day you can still get involved by joining our mailing list and we'll keep you up to date with what's going on...

Email us at: bfgschool@gmail.com