

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

The playground

You will no doubt be aware of the huge improvements currently taking place in the playground. We are currently awaiting the finishing touches to this development but would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Fry and Mr Preston, our two very skilled premises officers. They have planned, resourced, prepared, dug, fixed and re-fixed the new stage and trim trail and we thank them for all that they do for our children.

Their commitment to the school and their hard work means that Brindishe Green is one of the most safe and well maintained primary schools. Visitors to the school always comment on the quality of the building both inside and out. Without the expertise and guidance of Mr Fry and Mr Preston, projects such as Deutcher Bank could not happen.

This week at Brindishe Green

This week on Wednesday a team of 8 children from Year 3 and 4 represented Brindishe Green in the Archery Tournament at All Saints school. They were absolutely brilliant - the organisers could not sing their praises highly enough!

All this week Year 5 sat their banding tests in preparation for their transfer to secondary school at the end of next year. Well done to all of you - we look forward to hearing about your results later in the term.

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

This week Lisa McAliskey and Emily Mills our students from Southbank University have returned to us in years 1 and 3.

On Wednesday our more able musicians worked with Bright Sparks and with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The children had a fantastic day!

Next week at Brindishe Green

Next Friday year 3 children will be going to the Unicorn Theatre to watch a Greek myth entitled 'The Man with the Disturbingly Smelly Foot'.

Our year 6 children will also be sitting their end of year tests all next week and we wish them the very best of luck. We know they are more than ready to give their best and are looking forward to showing what they can do. We are all very proud of your commitment and maturity this year and wish you the very best of luck for next week.

Stay calm and relaxed, you are ready and this is your time to shine!

Good luck also to our friends at our partner schools in Brindishe Lee and Lee Manor.

Attendance

Well done to Ash and Cedar/Olive 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 3 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

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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:** 'Can children bring toys to school?'

Answer: Children should not bring toys to school unless they are part of a display or project. Brindishe Green is a place for learning. We want children to have every opportunity to develop new skills, have a range of experiences and opportunities that take them beyond the every day. They have plenty of time to play with their toys at home.

We know you will support us in this.
Thank you

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

Dinner money

A gentle reminder that dinner money must be paid in advance on a Mondays. The cost is now £8.50 per week. If you wish to change your child's dinner option, this can only be done every half term and notice must be given to the school office.

If you think that you are entitled to free meals, please speak with Chris Ford in the School Office, who will advise you. It is very simple to do

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School uniform

We still have in stock sweatshirts £7.50, polo shirts £6.50 and school bags at £3.50. These can be purchased on Thursdays. Thank you.

...and finally

A new curriculum for Brindishe Green

You will know that the Government is developing ideas for a new curriculum for schools. They have recently revised the early years curriculum.

We too are currently revising our curriculum across our two schools with staff sharing expertise, building and taking responsibility and taking into account our differing needs and diverse communities. We are therefore trying to develop a balanced curriculum that reflects the modern world and current issues such as sustainability, global dimensions, work, leisure and green issues. That also encompasses ICT; the use of tablets, broadcasting, blogs, dance, music, our new kitchen and the concepts of eat, cook, grow.

We want a curriculum that is fresh and lively, that is relevant, creative and exciting, but also balanced and broad.

If you have views and ideas that you would like to share with us, please e.mail Sarah Gorbutt at headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk. We are listening to the views of children all the time and want to hear from you too. We look forward to hearing from you.

In the meantime, enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you and especially our well rested year 6 children bright and early on Monday morning!

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Associate Headteacher

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