

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

### **Changing the length of the school day**

From September 2012, we are thinking of changing the length of our school day so that we finish at 3.15pm.

To ensure that children do not lose any learning time, from September children will have 45 minutes for their lunchtime. This will mean there will be fewer children on the playground as we can then accommodate 3 lunch sittings without compromising our high adult to child ratio.

By finishing at 3.15pm we will also bring our school times in line with our partner schools.

As part of our consultation with staff, governors and parents/carers, our after school provision (Rocks and Pebbles) have agreed to offer their services from 3.15pm.

We would now like to hear from any parents/carers who have a view about this change so that these can be taken into consideration.

We welcome your comments which can be emailed to Ms Gorbutt at

[headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

On Thursday, children in years 1,3,4 and 6 had the opportunity to sing with the London Philharmonic Orchestra at their early morning assembly. Children listened really well as the instruments were introduced and played for them and then they sang 'Something inside so strong' accompanied by our 4 musicians. What a privilege for our children and what a beautiful sound they all made together!

### **3D art exhibition at Brindishe Green**

Also on Thursday Brindishe Green hosted the 3D Olympic exhibition. There were contributions from our collaborative schools and if you were not able to be there, there are some examples in the library, the foyer and in year 5 classes.

The quality of the art was fantastic and all children who took part should be congratulated! Also a huge thank you to Ms Parker and the staff and children who helped her set up and take down the exhibition.

Also this week, Beech class has begun to make links and share their learning with Lehonger Primary School in Hereford. This will help the children in both schools to understand the differences between a city school and a country school.

Finally this week, Banyan class have begun work with Trinity Laban for the next 4 weeks to produce a piece of opera around the theme of The Secret Garden to be performed at the Blackheath Halls later in the term.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

On Thursday children from our very popular cricket club will be taking part in a cricket tournament at St Dunstan's School.

We also hope to hear more about year 1's sponsored walk in memory of Owen Flight.

### **Olympics events**

Parents and carers will have received information about the various exhibitions that are taking place in our collaborative of schools over the next week. There will be an early years, photography, creative writing and performing arts exhibition. In addition Reception, year 1 and 2 will be hosting their own Olympics competitions. Some children will be invited to a special sports event on 26 June at Sutcliffe Park to celebrate the Olympics....  
*more news to follow.*

### **Attendance**

Well done to Ash and Lilac classes this week with top attendance. Lilac achieved 100%!  
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 also with 100% in reception class and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

### **Dates for your diary**

18 June - Phonics screening for year 1 children  
**25 June - individual photographs**  
**26 June - siblings photographs**  
*Payment will be by cheque or on the Photographer's website. Details to follow soon.*  
26 June - Welcome for all new reception parents  
28 June - Open day  
3 July - Sports Day - years R, 1, 2  
4 July - Sports Day - years 3,4,5 and 6  
6 July - Reports to parents  
8 July - tri-school event, fun run and family picnic in Manor Gardens - more news to follow.  
11 July - Year 6 performance at 2.00 pm  
12 July - Year 6 performance at 7.00pm  
18 July - End of term

### **Full Governing Body Meeting**

The full governing body for Brindishe Schools met yesterday to discuss children's progress, review our school development plans and look at our new curriculum for September. If any parents or carers are interested in finding out about the new curriculum or have ideas and suggestions they would like to share, please let Ms Gorbutt know so that we can include you in our discussions.

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**Parent/Carer area on the MLE - don't forget to let us have your views and ideas.**

To log in to the parent area on the MLE, go to [www.fronter.com/lewisham/login](http://www.fronter.com/lewisham/login)

Username: bgparent1

Password: brindishegreen

...and finally

You will have noticed that the scaffolding did not go up in the holidays. We are now waiting on Lewisham for a final signing off and will keep you posted.

Also, you will have noticed that the trim trail is still out of action. We have had to order some new parts to ensure that it complies with new health and safety regulations. This could mean that it will be out of action for the remainder of the term.

Thank you for bearing with us and please make sure that when you come to collect at the end of the day, you do not allow your child(ren) to climb on the trim trail.

Many thanks

Wishing you all a happy and dry weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Associate Headteacher

BFG - Brindishe Friends' Group - NEWS

### *Diamond Jubilee cake sale: A big success!*

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes. We raised an amazing £171. A big thank you also to Vijdan Hussein for the beautiful aprons all BFG members were sporting at the sale.



### *Upcoming events:*

### *Friday Night is Takeaway Night - after school, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012*

Put your feet up at the end of a busy week and let us take the strain! Enjoy a delicious takeaway meal of chicken, rice and peas all expertly cooked in the new Brindishe Green school kitchen that your donations helped to pay for! Look out for posters around the school to whet your appetite. All proceeds go towards buying new equipment for the kitchen.



### *Lewisham Toy Library Fun*

### *Day - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012*

Join in the celebrations of Lewisham Toy Library from 1-5pm this Sunday. All free activities from bouncy castles, face painting, storytelling, races and crafts. BBQ supplied by the Café of Good Hope. The event is held in Ladywell Arena, within Ladywell fields, Silvermere Road.

### *Don't forget the Brindishe Federation Tri - school event - Sunday 8th July 2012!*

***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...

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