

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

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful holiday. The children have returned calm and ready for learning.

Reception places for September

This week parents and carers throughout the country will have heard about places in reception classes for next September. We had 376 applicants for this school and every one of our 90 places has now been offered by Lewisham to parents who made it their first choice school.

I know many of our nursery parents are disappointed as their child has not been offered a place and I hope that they will stay on our waiting list and let's hope that a place comes along in future.

Many places (40) were offered to brothers and sisters of children already in Brindishe Green and most of the rest went to families who live close to the school. We look forward to getting to know our new children towards the end of this term.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Wednesday, year 4 went dragon boat racing in the rain and had a splendid and slightly moist day with our partner school Brindishe Lee. It was lovely to see our children making friends and working together.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday Maple class will be visiting the Museum of Childhood and taking part in a design technology workshop.

On Wednesday Year 3 parents are invited to a maths workshop from 9-10am in the main hall. All year 3 parents/carers are welcome to join

their child in playing some maths games. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Thursday year 3 will be visited by the History Man who will run an ancient Greece workshop in true Greek style!

On Friday, Year 5 are very lucky to be going to see the opera 'La Boheme' at the Royal Opera House and are naturally very excited.

Also next Friday Brenda Balcombe (mother of Ms Balcombe who teaches in year 6) will be talking to the children about her experiences of coming to Britain on HMS Windrush in the 1950's.

Clubs

After school clubs are starting back next week. Your child should have letters in their book bag - do check please. There are a few spaces still available. If you would like your child to take part in an after school club, come to the school office and talk to Ms Fulya.

****If you have been invited to be part of the Collaborative choir, please note that it will take place on Tuesday 24th NOT Monday 23rd as previously advised. Parents/carers will need to collect their children from Brindishe Lee at 5.00 pm.**

Attendance

Well done to Mangrove who have won the attendance cup for the first time this year! Also to Lilac class who also 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 and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

**Attendance

We have recently been asked to update our attendance policy to bring it in line with Lewisham's and the government's policy. We have included further information about

authorised and unauthorised absence as follows:

*If the school does not authorise the absence and parents/carers decide to continue with the unauthorised absence the school will refer this to the Attendance and Welfare service and you may be subject to a **fixed penalty notice and fine**.*

What about holidays in term time?

In Brindishe schools we will not authorise holidays in term time unless there are very special and professionally documented reasons why the holiday cannot be taken in holiday times.

If the holiday absence is authorised, it will only be for up to 10 days in any school year. Requests for holiday absence must be made in writing with at least two weeks notice to the associate headteacher. Under no circumstances should tickets/ flights be booked without confirmation in writing from the associate headteacher whether or not authorisation is given.

If you would like a copy of our full Attendance policy, please ask at the school office.

Dates for your diary

26 April - Open day -9.30 - 11.30 and 5.30 - 6.30pm

**3 May - Polling day (school is closed)

7 May - May bank holiday

14 May - SATs week (yr 6)

21 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/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

....and finally

Thank you to all our parents who drop and collect their children at the right time. Please remember that school finishes at **3.30pm** each day and that your child needs to be collected on time. It is very distressing for them when they are collected late. Thank you

****School shut on Thursday 3 May**

The school **will be closed on Thursday 3 May** as it will be used as a polling station. We are really sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We have tried and tried to stop the council from using our building as a polling station - but without any success.

Children will return to school again on Friday 4 May as normal.

Please make a note of this in your diaries.

It's going to be a wet weekend and possibly another wet week ahead. Please make sure your child has a coat with them in school.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Sarah Gorbutt

Associate Headteacher

BFG - Brindishe Friends' Group - NEWS



A big thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for supporting last month's Spring Bonnet Parade and cake sale. We're sure you'll agree that all the hats looked amazing and that it was a real treat to see all the children wearing them. We raised an amazing £130 at the cake sale too which will be a valuable contribution to the playground amphitheatre fund.

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.

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.

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