

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

Open day

This week we held another of our popular open days. Visitors to the school were incredibly impressed by the behaviour of our children and the calm and purposeful atmosphere in the school. Many thanks to all those who gave their time to show parents around the school.

The Chicks

All week we have been like expectant parents waiting for our 'living eggs' to hatch. I am delighted to tell you that out of 12 eggs, we now have 11 fluffy baby chicks in our special incubator! Children have been able to watch the chicks hatch through a live web cam and all have had the opportunity to visit the chicks over this week. The chicks will be with us for the next few weeks and we hope to bring you regular news of them and their development.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday Maple class visited the Museum of Childhood and took part in a design technology workshop.

On Wednesday Year 3 parents took part in a maths workshop. The morning was a great success. Thank you to all the parents and carers that joined us.

On Thursday year 3 were visited by the history man who ran an ancient Greece workshop.

Also on Thursday, Anna Rowlinson brought baby Amari to school and showed nursery children how to give a baby a bath. Today, Year 5 are at the Royal Opera House to see La Boheme.

Also today Brenda Balcombe (Ms Balcombe's mother from year 6) has shared her experiences of coming to Britain.

Next week at Brindishe Green

There will be another maths workshop for year 4 parents on Tuesday.

Hither Green Week May 21st

You will remember that last year our choir sang as part of the celebrations for Hither Green week. We hope to be involved again this year and the organizers have asked if any of our children, parents or staff would like to contribute their memories of Hither Green for an exhibition they are planning. More details to follow.....

Attendance

Well done to Elm and Maple 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 and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

Behaviour at Brindishe Green

We are in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy at the moment and would welcome feedback from parents and carers. If you would like a copy of our revised policy and/ or would like to contribute to the review process, please let the school office know or contact Sarah Gorbutt at headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk
k Yours views are very important to us.

Dates for your diary

**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 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:** 'How do I make sure that the school know that my child is in school if they have arrived after the register has been taken?'

Answer: The best way to ensure that we have your child correctly registered is for them to come into school **on time every day**. If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please let the school office know as soon as possible and give a reason for the

absence. If your child is late, Ms Franks or a member of the office staff will normally register your child at the office. We have very good systems in place to safeguard children. If you or your child ensure you always let us know if you are late or absent, this will avoid unnecessary phone calls from the school.

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

....and finally

**Please remember

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

Children have had a difficult week because of all the rain we have been having. They have remained very sensible throughout - you should be very proud of them. We hope it is a dry weekend for all of us!

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Associate Headteacher