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Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

### Visitors to Brindishe Green

Today we were visited by 16 teachers and senior leaders from Gordon School in Rochester. Brindishe Green is so highly regarded that we are often asked to show visitors what we do and how we do it. I know that our visitors were very impressed with what they saw today. They particularly commented on how polite the children were and how everyone just completely knows what is expected at Brindishe Green.

### Jubilee Cake Sale

Many thanks to the BFG for organising the Jubilee Cake Sale today. There were some really ingenious cakes! We know it will have been a great success and we hope to raise more money for our playground developments through your help and support.

### This week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday Brindishe Green hosted a collaborative volleyball competition with Brindishe Lee, Lee Manor, All Saints and St Winifreds Juniors. Our A team won overall beating All Saints in the final. Our B team came third in a close play off beating Lee Manor.

Many thanks to Mr Phipps and Mr Hughes for organizing and training the children. Many thanks also to the many adults who helped on the day.

Also on Tuesday year 2 held their Victorian workshop. I hear it was very realistic!

Today nursery children took part in a Royal dress up day. It was lovely to see so much royalty in the building. It was also great to see the nursery staff involving themselves too.

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

### Olympic collaborative artwork

This week our children will be completing their art, creative writing and photography for their Olympics exhibition which will take place from 11 - 22 June. We were particularly excited by the artwork produced by our nursery and reception children - please keep an eye out for information about these.

### Next week at Brindishe Green

After half term, children in years 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to be selected for a special radio club using our school radio equipment; Broadcaster. This will be by invite only and children will be notified after half term.

### Attendance

Well done to Beech and Olive classes this week with top attendance. 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 again in reception class and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

### Dates for your diary

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

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson

## 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 email me at [headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto: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: 'When will we know which classes our children will be in next year?'

Answer: We hope to let parents and carers know where their child will be next year as soon as we possibly can after we come back from holiday.

We will want the children to be as fully prepared as possible for their next year and will carry out careful handover discussions with your child's next teacher. Your child will also have the opportunity to spend some time in their new class during the summer term.

### 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

### Do you have any BG books at home?

Please have a look over the weekend for any books that have not been returned to Brindishe Green. They will either have a stamp inside the front cover or a label on the front. Children are welcome to borrow books, but it is very helpful to us to take back any books that your child is not reading so that other children can read them. Many thanks

### Annuals from our local Co - op

This week we have received two boxes of annuals for children kindly donated by our local

Co-op. These are now available in the school library for children to read. Many thanks to the Co-op for their generosity.

...and finally

### Changing the length of the day - Your views count...

Next half term we will be seeking views on changing the school day and consulting widely with parents, staff, governors and local schools and community before we make a decision. We will therefore be in touch shortly to hear your views.

Please remember that school is now **closed for one week** for half term. Once we return there will be scaffolding up around the school in preparation for the new windows that will be fitted in the summer holidays. We hope this won't cause too much disruption.

I know you will bear with us over the next few weeks. It will be worth it - I promise you!

School closes today for one week and we return to school as normal at **8.55 am on Monday 11 June 2012**. Have a restful and sunny holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the bank holiday and the Jubilee celebrations if you are planning any.

Many thanks

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Associate Headteacher