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Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Year 6 SATs

This week our year 6 children sat their end of year tests. We are so very proud of our year 6 children. They came to school early every day this week, smiling, relaxed and ready to do their best. They all put everything they had into achieving the best result possible and we know that you could have done no more. I think you may possibly be the best year 6 we have ever had at Brindishe Green!

Thank you also to the many staff who helped out this week; with breakfast, supporting children during their tests, supervising children in the playground and giving up your teaching assistant on the day. We couldn't do it without your good will.

Just so you know, some of our more able year 6 will be taking just a couple more tests on Monday and Tuesday next week and we wish them all the very best.

The playground - an update

Today you will see that another team of volunteers has joined us to put the finishing touches to some more playground improvements. They have volunteered as part of 'Give and Gain Day' and brought with them £500 for the school too!

Many thanks again to the BFG for contributing £3,000 for the stage and the trim trail. We look forward to planning the next phase of improvements over the next few months with you.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Thursday children from Chestnut 3 had an Ugly Bug tea party where they dressed up and ate together.

Today all three year 3 classes went to the Unicorn Theatre to watch a Greek myth entitled 'The Man with the Disturbingly Smelly Foot'.

Just to say, a big thank you to all the parents of Acorn 2 who brought in baby pictures of the children for our class display this week and thank you to Anna Rowlinson for bringing in baby Amani for (another) bath in nursery!

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday two teams from BG will compete in a cricket competition at St Matthew's Academy

On Thursday BG will be hosting 120 children from our collaborative choirs made up from the 5 other local primary schools in the area. Children and their adults will be with us all day rehearsing and singing together in preparation for a performance to parents and carers after school.

On Friday The Blunderbus drama company will be joining us again to perform the Selfish Crocodile for Reception and year 1 children.

Hither Green Week - Next week

It's the start of Hither Green Week on Monday. It kicks off with the [Arts, Craft and Food Fayre](#), 12noon-5pm at Meridian South, Hither Green Lane. 35 stalls selling local arts and food, the famous Mizen BBQ and live entertainment from Irish dancers, Blackheath Rock Choir, top London jazz musicians and more! At 3:30pm the Hither Green [Bake-Off](#) winners will be announced by Heidi Alexander MP. Come along!!

Our year 4 choir - The Reds in Tune will also be singing on Thursday evening at 7.00pm at St Swithun's Church. Hope to see you there!

Attendance

Well done to Oak and Ash class this week with 100% attendance. 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

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
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 in 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 will you report my child's progress to me at the end of the year?'

Answer: You will receive your child's report on Friday July 6 and at that point will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to go through any questions you may have. We will also include a response sheet for you to tell us that you have received your child's report and for you to let us know what you thought of it.

Remember though that we are assessing your child all the time by talking to them, asking them questions and responding to their learning. We use this information to help us to plan the next phase of learning for the children in the most appropriate way for them. Teachers are always available to talk briefly to parents and carers before and after school although for a longer discussion it is probably better to make an appointment.

We will report on what they are able to do, the next steps for them, their attitude to learning, their relationships with other members of the class and adults around the school, their attendance and punctuality and whether they are where they should be in their learning for their age and compared with other children in the same year.

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

Username: bgparent1

Password: brindishegreen

...and finally

Enjoy the weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes

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