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Brindishe Green School Beacon Road, SE13 6EH <u>info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk</u> 22 June 2012

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

#### Classes for next year

It's that time again and I am sending details of your child's new class and the name of their teacher for next year. We are still finalizing our support staff and the arrangements for year 2 children going in to year 3 and will announce these next week.

We will be joined next year by four new teachers; Amy Stapleton joins Brindishe Green school in reception and our own 'home grown' teachers Andrew McWhirter, Alinda Haynes-Hunte and Tracey Nutt will have their own classes from September.

Ms Doran who joined us from Ireland last year has decided to remain in England and gain wider experience in London schools.

Mrs Lee wants to have more time with her son Thomas and has decided to become a child minder (don't all rush, she's already full!). Ms Porter will move to Lee Manor and lead maths and teach a class. She will continue to support maths here at Brindishe Green too so we will see her often!

Mr Hughes and Ms Hockley (our cover teachers) are travelling the world for a few months - we may see them back in October. Maria Rudd has successfully completed her teacher training and will join St Dunstan's School from September.

We wish them all the very best of luck for the future and thank them for their contribution. We are delighted that Anna Rowlinson returns to us after the birth of her son Amani and look forward to the return of Ms Hopkins in July after the birth of her son Max.

We will continue to bring you news of next year with each newsletter from now on so watch this space.......

#### Nursery Places for September 2012

We are now taking applications for part time nursery places for children aged 3 and 4 years to start from September 2012. If you or a friend or neighbour has a child who will be aged 3 or 4 from September 2012 you can get an application form from the school office or contact Debbie Hughes, our head of early years, who will be happy to give you more information.

dhughes@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Changing the length of the school day From September 2012, we are thinking of changing the length of our school day so that it ends at 3.15pm instead of 3.30pm.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already contacted us with their views about the change.

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

We welcome your comments which can be emailed to Ms Gorbutt at headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

#### This week at Brindishe Green

All this week our year 1 children have been taking part in a new government initiative of phonics testing. This information will be published later in the year and we thank the year 1 team for making this experience worry free for all our year 1 children.

On Thursday 15 children from Mangrove class rehearsed at St Saviour's School in preparation for the Thames Festival in September. Also on Thursday Maple class performed at John Ball School in Blackheath. This was another of the Olympic Exhibitions running in our local collaborative schools all this week.

And finally on Thursday children from our very popular cricket club took part in a special cricket tournament at St Dunstan's School. The children showed great sportsmanship particularly as they are very new to the game.

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson

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Even the umpire made a special effort to congratulate them on their good manners.

#### Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday we will have the opportunity to meet our new reception parents and carers. On Tuesday our top athletes will take part in a special Olympic celebration event in Sutcliffe Park.

On Friday, Year 2 children from Brindishe Green, Brindishe Lee and Lee Manor will take part in a mini Olympics at BG.

On Wednesday Rowan class and on Friday Lilac class, will visit the London Fire Brigade Museum.

Also on Friday Cherry class will visit the new Olympic Stadium.

#### Attendance

Well done to Banyan class this week for achieving 100% attendance, in KS1 Rowan class had top 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 again in reception class and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

#### Dates for your diary

25 June - individual photographs 26 June - siblings photographs Payment will be by cheque or on the Photographer's website.

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

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

BFG - Brindishe Friends' Group - NEWS

To log in to the parent area on the MLE, go to www.fronter.com/lewisham/login

Username: bgparent1
Password: brindishegreen

#### School photographs next week

Please remember that children will be having their photographs taken on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June (Monday and Tuesday) next week.

#### Can you help?

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July Manor House Gardens User Group will host their AGM. They are looking for a new Chair so if you are interested in finding out more, please contact Kath Harley (0208 852 8007) in the first instance for an informal chat.

#### Tri - School Event - stalls available

Are you interested in running a stall at this special event? The stalls are within Trinity School as part of our event in Manor house gardens on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The stalls cost £15 to rent. There is space for about 20. Potential stall holders can contact Caroline Leek on carolineleek@gmail.com

#### £750 for our quiet garden

Huge thanks to Maria Conyard (mum of Freddie in Chestnut 1) who has secured a grant of £750 from Lewisham to help us develop our quiet garden at school. What lovely news and WELL DONE MARIA-so helpful and very clever of you. THANKYOU!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday at 8.55 am.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt Associate Headteacher



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#### Upcoming events:

### Friday Night is Takeaway Night - after school, Friday 29th 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.



### Brindishe Federation Tri - school event - Sunday 8th July 2012!

If you would like to hire a stall at the event please contact BFG. Stalls are charged at £15. We also need lots of volunteers to help on the day - please contact us if you can lend a hand. This promises to be an amazing event and an excellent opportunity for all children, parents and carers across the Federation to get to know each other, but we can't do it without your help. Please get involved in any way that you can but most of all COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!

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