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Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

Collaborative choir

On Thursday 120 children from our local collaborative of schools came to BG for the whole day to rehearse together in preparation for a performance to their families and staff from their schools at the end of the day.

Congratulations to all the children, you moved us to tears with your beautiful singing. You coped with the heat, the stairs and the demands of the day. We could not have asked any more of you!

A parent from All Saint's School wrote to us this morning; *'I wanted to thank everyone who was involved in the collaborative choir performance held at Brindishe Green this afternoon. The performance was wonderful and all the staff had clearly worked really hard and gone more than the extra mile to achieve such a great performance. My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and as a family we have been singing along to some of the songs the children sang today which has been fun for all of us. As a parent I love watching all the performances that our schools put on for us and do value the efforts involved; it is much appreciated. We are very lucky to live in an area where the staff are clearly so dedicated to enriching their pupils' lives.'*

Many thanks also to the many staff who helped on the day and particularly to our own Ms Kelly for organising the event so meticulously! Parents could not say enough good things about it and we look forward very much to next year.

....More singing!

In addition our year 4 choir - The Reds in Tune also performed yesterday at St Swithun's Church as part of the Hither Green Week celebrations.

This too was also a huge success. Izzy Warren (David's mum in Acorn 1) even wrote to me today to tell me how impressed she was with their performance. She wrote, *'they sounded fantastic and were a credit to the school'*.

Many thanks also to Ms Borrett for preparing them so well and to all those who made the evening such a success!

More SATs!

Some of you may be aware that for the first time this year our more able year 6 children took another set of reading and maths tests on Monday and Tuesday. These tests are extremely difficult and there will be very few children in the country awarded a level 6 while they are still at primary school. At BG we have not been disheartened by this and our children have smiled their way through and tried as hard as they possibly could. We are keeping everything crossed and will wait and see.....

The playground - an update

This week the children's stage was finally completed to the delight of our many budding performers.

The children have really enjoyed dancing and singing on the stage and we are looking forward to using it in many different ways over the next few months at playtimes and during learning time. We have also had tons of top soil delivered this week for a new planting area by Forest School and are expecting the trim trail surface to be completed any day now....

This week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday two teams from BG competed in a cricket tournament at St Matthew's Academy. Both teams played amazingly well with one team coming third and the other narrowly missing out on winning the final match. Like all good sports people, the children were very gracious and mature in defeat and all this with only 3 practices having taken place. We are delighted by the talent shown by our cricketers and hope

to continue running the after school cricket club until the end of term.

On Wednesday, our year 4 children went to the park to take pictures in preparation for their Olympic photography exhibition at St Matthew's School. The teachers were extremely impressed by the children's photographic skills and the way in which they took care of the school computers. Also on Wednesday baby Amari (Anna Rowlinson's baby boy) came to Maple class so that the children could learn about taking care of a baby. Apparently he is the quietest baby ever and didn't cry once!

On Thursday year 6 went to the Royal Festival Hall to listen to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Today the Blunderbus drama performed the Selfish Crocodile for Reception and year 1 children. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and the children loved the follow up workshops.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday Brindishe Green is hosting a collaborative volleyball competition and we are hoping that our BG volleyball players come away with yet another trophy. Watch this space....

On Friday nursery children will take part in a Royal dress up day.

Finally don't forget our Jubilee cake sale at the end of the day next Friday organized by our very own BFG! - all contributions welcome.

Attendance

Well done to Banyan and Cedar 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 3 had the top attendance again in reception class and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

We do appreciate that there has been a great deal of illness this week, but please make sure that any doctors or dentist appointments are made out of school time. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

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: 'What is place2be and how does it work?'

Answer: Place2Be is a therapeutic counseling service provided by trained professionals based at Brindishe Green. Children can receive short and long term support in a number of different ways and our place2be staff work closely with the school so that children are enabled to make the most of their learning.

Any sessions with Place2be are professional and confidential and only shared with the school if there is a child protection issue in which case info has to be passed on to the relevant authorities as a child may be at risk. Under the law, a school or anyone working on behalf of or at a school must not keep disclosures confidential etc in order to safeguard the child.

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

Bexley selection tests 2012

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson

If you are considering entering your child for the Bexley selection tests, these will be held on Tuesday 18 September (maths) and Wednesday 19 September (Verbal Reasoning). The closing date for parents to register their child for the tests is Tuesday 17 July. *Late registration will not be accepted.*

If you would like to register on-line please see the website at www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests. These are not the same as the Kent tests and we will bring you information about these as soon as it is available.

Half Term workshop for children aged from 3-7

Do you want some half term fun on Wednesday 6th June ?

Would you want to dress up as a fairy, a princess, a pirate, a knight or a superhero?

Art, drama, games, singing, dancing, treasure hunts, fencing and lots more to choose from.

Kingswood Halls, off Dacre Park, Blackheath SE13 5BU

9-12 am with LCN Performing Arts.

£12 per child

Spaces limited. Please text or call Laura on 07790 037 288

Or email laura@lauranewman.co.uk

...and finally

Nursery places

Any families with younger siblings aged 3yrs born between 31st Aug 2008 and 31st Aug 2009 who would like a part-time/15hrs a week nursery place at BG, please contact the school office as soon as possible for an application form.

Hot weather warning

Please remember to apply lots of sun cream to your child while the weather is so warm. All skin types can be burnt easily and despite our best efforts, it is hard to keep children out of the sun during playtimes and lunch. Please make sure they also have a bottle of water with them (there is drinking water available in every class), sensible

shoes (not strappy sandals or flip flops) and a hat please. Many thanks.

Lost property

We are slowly building enough nearly new and used coats, sweatshirts and PE kits to be able to open a shop!

If you know that your child is missing some important clothes, please come and collect them from the lost property cupboard. We will be putting them out in the playground during next week but they will have to be disposed of if nobody claims them. Many thanks.

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

It's going to be a hot weekend. Remember we break up for one week's holiday next Friday (June 1st). Enjoy the sunshine and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt

Associate Headteacher