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Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and  
Colleagues,

### **New reception parents**

Thank you to the many parents and carers who joined us on Tuesday after school to hear more about how children play and learn in our reception classes.

All of our early years staff came to talk to parents and answer questions, and parents commented on how welcoming and helpful they found the experience. We look forward very much to seeing our new families and reception children in September.

### **Nursery Places for September 2012**

Please tell your friends and neighbours that we are 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](mailto:dhughes@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

### **The Olympics come to Sutcliffe Park**

This week the 6 schools across our local collaborative of schools competed together for the honour of being the overall athletic champions. This special day was an opportunity for the very best athletes

from all the schools to demonstrate their skills and talents.

Brindishe Green children from year 1 upwards were fantastic surpassing all the other schools particularly in the running events. They won 9 races in total scooping the champion's cup which is now proudly displayed in the school office (do come and look at it!)

Many thanks to the staff and parents who made the day possible for the children and to our talented young people who were amazing!

### **Report from Mr Phipps:**

On Wednesday Miss Parker, Mr Hughes & Mr Phipps took a team of athletes from Brindishe Green to compete in an Athletics Event at Sutcliffe Park. There were 6 schools taking part and the competition was intense.

It was hot, there was lots of waiting around in between events and there were lots of children from other schools there. Every single one of the children on our team were fantastic - they supported each other, were very patient and showed excellent sportsmanship, especially those children who did not win their races.

However, lots of children did win their events. A special well done to Ann-Marie who won the 400m, Katelle who won the 100m, Bianca who won the 400m - it was literally a photograph finish between Bianca & Katelle - to the Year 5/6 100m relay team and to Ornella for winning the 800m race and the long jump.

Even though these children won, each and everyone one of you there played your part. You really were fantastic and made Mr Hughes, Miss Parker and Mr Phipps very proud indeed.

### **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](mailto:headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

On Wednesday Rowan class and today Lilac class, visited the London Fire Brigade Museum.

On Thursday Rowan class re-enacted the Great Fire of London by burning their replica houses to see what it would have looked like at the time. Huge thanks to Mr Fry and Mr Preston and to Mrs Guest for her very careful planning. The experience was very safe and I should think pretty exciting and memorable for the children.

On Thursday Maple class visited Manor House Library.

Today, Year 2 children from Brindishe Green, Brindishe Lee and Lee Manor took part in a mini Olympics and had a marvelous, energetic morning.

Today Cherry class visited the new Olympic Stadium at Stratford.

Also this week we said goodbye to Ms McAliskey and Ms Mills our student teachers from the Institute of Education. We wish them all the best in their future teaching careers and look forward to

seeing Ms McAliskey in September when she joins the team at Lee Manor.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

On Monday after school, Beech class will be performing to parents a few songs on their ukuleles.

On Thursday 5 July, reception children will be taking part in a sponsored walk for the Olympics. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help on the day, we will need many adults.

On Wednesday Banyan class are visiting Blackheath Halls for a dress rehearsal in preparation for their performance of the Secret Garden in collaboration with Trinity Laban.

### **Attendance**

Well done to Ash and Lilac class this week for achieving the best 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**

3 July - Sports Day at 10.00 years R, 1, 2

4 July - Sports Day at 9.30 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

### **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](mailto:carolineleek@gmail.com)

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Associate Headteacher

### **£10,000 for sports equipment and clubs!**

We heard this week that Liana Parker (class teacher in Olive class) has secured a grant of £10,000 from Sport England for equipment and sports coaches. Well done Ms Parker and thank you!

### **Apologies to Ms Sullivan**

Last week we managed to forget to mention Ms Sullivan who will be leaving us at the end of term and returning to her family home in North London. We are sorry to lose her and wish her all the best for the future.

... and finally...

### **Scaffolding and the new windows**

We expect the scaffolding to be erected at some point over the next few days. We understand they will start with the entrance to the reception classes so please look out for any changes to the way children enter and leave the building. We will try to minimize the disruption to our families and know that you will bear with us while the works are taking place.  
Many thanks.

Have a warm weekend and don't forget your sun cream.

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