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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

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

On Tuesday and Wednesday Brindishe Green took part in an independent review of the quality of our teaching and learning. The review was carried out with Challenge Partners; a collaborative group of schools who come together to innovate and share good practice.

For this review we were joined by four senior leaders drawn from schools all over the country (some as far as Cornwall!) and an Ofsted trained inspector. Together with members of our senior leadership team they observed 23 lessons, looked at our results and tracking data, talked to groups of children, the inclusion team, our team leaders and our senior leaders.

You'll be pleased to know that the school was judged to be **Outstanding** in all areas. The team commented on the wonderful teams working at every level who make it possible for the children to show their best. As the lead reviewer / Ofsted inspector said " when we saw the data we were blown away and wanted to know 'how do they do that ?'. 'When we saw the incredible care, attention to detail and fantastic team work we knew how it was achieved. I haven't seen a school like this, with this profile and this much talent in a very very long time. It was a privilege to be

here'.

The team will now produce a report, the highlights of which, we will share with you as soon as we are able.

Also this week, Amanda Reagan returned from Manila. She reports that her Search 7 Rescue team cleared schools and provided first aid support to some of the more remote islands. She told us she was privileged to have been given the opportunity to make a difference out there and that there was a huge job to be done for the children and families in the Philippines.

### **Clothes to the Philippines**

Thank you to all our families who donated clothes for our collection at Lee Manor School. The response was very good and the hall at Lee Manor was piled high with contributions by the end of the day.

The Big Yellow Storage Company donated boxes to carry our donations to the Philippines and we needed 3 van loads in the end! We have heard from the British Council that the clothes have now been delivered to children and families which I'm sure will be very welcome. Amazing what our three schools can do together to make a difference!

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

On Monday and Tuesday year 1 are taking part in a puppet making workshop followed by a special Spanish breakfast on Wednesday morning at 8.30 am. Year 6 will take part in bikeability training all next week.

On Wednesday Year 5 will take part in a 5 -aside football competition at Christ the King School

On Thursday we will be holding a Lego workshop from 4.45pm for our families with children in nursery and reception classes. The workshop is open to everyone and will take place in the main hall. Please try to come - these workshops support young children in developing their language skills. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

### **Christmas Fair - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Please remember that it is our Christmas Fair this Saturday from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Do try to come along. It's going to be a fun packed afternoon. Come hungry as the food looks very impressive, Santa will be here with his elves and we hope to be joined by the fire brigade and mounted police!

### **Attendance and punctuality**

This week Maple class had the best attendance closely followed by Banyan class. Chestnut 1 wins the award for top attendance in reception and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin).

Well done Lilac class who will have a special session with Talmud, our Capoeira and dance teacher for coming to school on time more than any other class.

### **Dates for your diary**

30 November - Christmas Fair  
4 December - Choir performing at Turning of the Year at Blackheath Halls  
10 December - Reception nativity performance in Main Hall at 2.15 p.m.

11 December - Christmas dinner  
12 December - Y1 and 2 Christmas performance in the Main Hall at 2.15 p.m.  
16 December - Y3 and 4 Christmas Performance in the Main Hall at 2.15 p.m.  
17 December - Y5 and 6 Carol Service at St. Swithun's Church at 6.30 p.m.  
19 December - End of term  
7 January - Return to school at 8.55 a.m.

...and finally

### **Clubs at Brindishe Green**

Dance, Gymnastics, Basketball and Football Clubs all finish at the end of next week (6 December).

Hockey and Cheerleading will finish on the 12<sup>th</sup> December

***All adult fitness classes finish this week.***

We have now spent our allocated funding. We hope that our participants have enjoyed the sessions and the opportunity to get fitter and healthier.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on Saturday and wish you a very good weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher