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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Green

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who supported Year 5 on their visit to the 'Primary Proms' at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday. A great time was had by all!

A Brass Quintet from Trinity College of Music visited all 3 Brindishe Schools on Tuesday and gave a very inspiring performance for Brindishe Manor children in Ys 3 - 6. Many thanks to tutor (and parent) Oren Marshall for arranging this on our behalf.

Today, Year 2 have been to listening to the London Symphony Orchestra play 'Dogs don't do ballet' at the Barbican. I hear their singing was super - well done children.

Next week at Brindishe Green

From Monday Year 6 will be on their School Journey for the week at the PGL centre at Marchants Hill in Surrey. The children need to come to school at the usual time on Monday morning to register. The coach will leave from outside the school at 10.30 a.m. It promises to be a very exciting week for them, with lots of fantastic activities planned. We will keep in touch with parents/carers via text message every day to let you know how the children are getting on.

On Tuesday, parents/carers of Reception children are invited to a meeting about their child's home learning in the Main Hall at 2.15 p.m. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Our first full governing body meeting for this year will take place on Tuesday evening at 6.00 p.m. at Brindishe Lee. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend so that we can organise seating.

On Thursday, a group of Year 6 children will be attending the 'Why Festival' at the Southbank Centre. This festival is aimed at promoting the UN rights of the child and encouraging children to discuss and debate key issues for children in their home, school, local community and the wider world.

School Community Development Plan

As promised, each week we are highlighting the details of one of the areas of our schools' Community Development Plan. This week's area in detail is:

Physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being

As a school we will

- *be mindful of other's physical, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing and learn how to develop and take responsibility for our own.*
- *enrich and diversify children's experience of assemblies to strengthen and affirm the self-esteem of each community member and the ethos of each school.*
- *ensure that all staff understand and know how to teach and support children's emotional literacy and help them develop resilience, empathy, compassion and determination.*
- *make sure that good behaviour, manners and relationships are promoted, modelled and encouraged consistently by all adults in school and in our community.*
- *Give children personalised, engaging and varied choices and opportunities at playtimes and lunchtimes.*

□ *actively teach our communities to understand the part played by competition, cooperation, collaboration and teamwork in the pursuit of excellence - we approach success and failure with resilience and determination.*

□ *continue to offer a wider and more diverse range of sport and sporting opportunities and secure all children's entitlement to high quality sport, dance and PE.*

□ *help staff, children and parents/carers understand how to keep themselves safe on and off-line and especially through social media and be proactive in protecting the safety, self-esteem and wellbeing of others.*

□ *keep all policies current and accessible. This includes promoting good relationships and behaviour, sex and relationship education, drug and addictive substance education, healthy eating/healthy living.*

If you would like a copy of the full plan, please ask at the school office.

Dates for your Diary

24 October - Half term begins

3 November - Return to school

6 November - Full Governing Body meeting

10 November - Year 4 to the Barbican

10/11 November - John McCorkell - disability awareness workshops

12 November - Lewisham Junior Choir at the Albert Hall

14 November - BG children meet the Mayor

17 November - Reception and year 6 height and weight checks at school

24 November - Bikeability for year 6/

Fire Brigade visit year 2/year 5 on 27th

27 November - Open Day

*****29 November - Christmas Fair**

Attendance and punctuality

Four classes this week had 100% attendance.

Rowan for the second week, Elm, Maple and Olive class all had 100% attendance! Well done to all of

you! Oak class had the best punctuality and will have an additional session with Mr Talmud our dance teacher next week.

...and finally

Please note that we are no longer going to include private, individual, commercial or business advertisements in our newsletter.

We will promote free, community events of interest to local children and families.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher