

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Music at BG - an update

This term, eight girls in Year 5 were invited to attend the new Lewisham Junior Choir, coordinated by Lewisham Music Hub. The girls attend a weekly rehearsal and have been working towards a very special performance. Last Wednesday, they performed with a 600-strong ensemble from several London boroughs at the **Royal Albert Hall!** They sang as part of Music For Youth's School Prom and performed a newly-composed piece using Benjamin Zephaniah's poetry and composed for the occasion by Kerry Andrew. It was a spectacular performance and a wonderful opportunity. Well done Darcy, Destiny, Emilie, Tianna, Resharna, Jamie-Lee, Fiona and Annabelle - we were very proud of you!

You may have seen a television programme called 'Don't Stop the Music' on Channel Four recently, asking members of the public to donate unwanted musical instruments to schools. The instrument amnesty took place across 700 Oxfam stores nationwide, with over 6,000 instruments donated. We were delighted to be part of this project and thrilled to receive six violins, four clarinets and some percussion instruments this week. These instruments will be available for children who are learning an instrument to borrow and look after so they can practise at home.

This week at Brindishe Green

This week we have been visited by teachers from Haseltine School in Sydenham who were amazed by the creativity around the school and the calm, purposeful atmosphere in the classes.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Monday year 2 will be working with the Fire Brigade
Year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability training
On Friday, Olive class are off to Mounstfield Park to help plan a more exciting, safe place for children to visit as part of a lottery bid
Also on Friday, some year 6 children will be working on a Holocaust Memorial Performance with Mark Curtis at the Rivoli Ballroom in Brockley.

One day for onesies!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our special Fundraising day last Friday for Children in Need. The total amount raised was £515.72 which is fantastic!

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 17 December. If your child does not normally have a school dinner and would like to have a school meal on this day, the cost will be £1.90. The school office will need payment please by Friday 5th December. Many thanks

School Community Development Plans (SCDP)

This week we complete our summary of the SCDP with:

Equality and Challenge for all

The needs and aspirations of all children and especially those entitled to pupil premium funding are well known and taken beyond expectations.

We identify the more and most able children across all areas of the curriculum and ensure their needs are known and met within our classrooms and beyond.

We develop projects which specifically focus on 'closing gaps' and ensure that access, success, enrichment and achievement in school is not dependent on being part of any

particular social class, group, culture, gender or family structure.

We engage the full range of external expertise and provision to target support for all children and families in and beyond school.

We ensure our practice in SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities is inclusive, personalised, leading and aspirational.

We promote independent, autonomous, personalised and differentiated learning in every class, supported by well-mapped, timely and frequently evaluated interventions.

Our initial baseline assessments and strategies for early intervention are timely and accurate.

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

Dates for your Diary

24 November - Bikeability for year 6/

Fire Brigade visit year 2/year 5 on 27th

27 November - Open Day

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

4th December at 5.00 p.m - Turning of the year
Reception Nativity - 11th December at 2.30 p.m.

Year 1 and 2 Winter Warmer - 15th December at 2.15 p.m.

Year 3 and 4 Christmas around the world - 17th December at 2.15 p.m.

Year 5 and 6 Carol Service at St. Swithun's - 16th December at 6.30 p.m.

26th January - Young Voices at the O2

Attendance and punctuality

Walnut and Magnolia class had the best attendance this week. Chestnut 3 had the best attendance again in Reception class. Well done to all of you! Cherry class had the best punctuality and will have an additional session with Mr Talmud our dance teacher.

...and finally

Lost Property

Please make sure you collect any sweatshirts or coats that you may have mislaid during this term. If you have mistakenly taken home the wrong coat or sweatshirt, do take a look to see if the name matches your child's and if it doesn't, please return it to school as we have some children without their winter coat!

Many thanks and have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher