

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Brindishe Schools Fun Run

Many thanks again to the organisers and supporters of the recent Brindishe Schools Fun Run in Sutcliffe Park. I would particularly like to thank the Brindishe Green parents/carers who supported the runners on the day:

Charlie Peachey
Polly Busher
Ezra and Paula Wilkinson

At the last count money raised in total for Unicef across the three schools was £1,121.00. This is an amazing achievement and we look forward to raising even more next year!

This week at Brindishe Green

All this week our year 6 children have been on School Journey at the PGL centre at Marchants Hill in Surrey. The children have had a fantastic week of quad biking, giant swing, raft building and yesterday they had their disco! The year 6 team report that the children have eaten and slept well and we look forward to their return today.

On Tuesday, parents/carers of Reception children came into school for a special meeting on ways to support their children at home with their learning. We had lots of parents/carers with lots of very useful questions. Many thanks to the teachers for organising this important meeting and if you were unable to attend and still have questions, please talk to your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to see you.

On Thursday, a group of Year 6 children attended the 'Why Festival' at the Southbank Centre. The children had a great day and really enjoyed debating and protesting for important issues for young people in their home, school, local community and the wider world.

Also on Thursday Birch class had their first class assembly for parents and despite the technical issues, performed and sang really well. Many thanks to all those parents/carers who joined us.

After half term at Brindishe Green

On Thursday November 6th, year 1 are off to Oxley Woods

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:

A curriculum for the 21st century

As a school we will:

- ❖ *aim for achievement that exceeds national expectations in all areas and for all groups and at the highest levels year on year*
- ❖ *explore, expand and develop resources and spaces for investigative, creative, exploratory outdoor learning and 'learning beyond the classroom' including 'grow, cook, eat' and many opportunities for all children to work and learn in the grounds, local area and accessible places of interest*
- ❖ *all children's consistent access and full entitlement to the new Brindishe Curriculum*
- ❖ *ensure children learn computing, are active programmers and users of modern,, integrated technology that personalise, supports and extend learning in a timely way where high quality digital devices are readily accessible to children and staff*

- ❖ *continue to expand our opportunities for creative and integrated learning especially through drama, debating, film, broadcasting and digital and media literacy*
- ❖ *through enterprise projects and opportunities to meet and work with people from a range of professions, trades and crafts, encourage children to learn such skills as invention, design, planning, marketing, budgeting, basic economics, value-for-money and children develop a value system fit for the 21st century*

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

KS1 Choir are singing at Turning of the Year at Blackheath Halls on 4th December at 5.00 p.m.

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.

KS2 Choir are singing at Young Voices at the O2 on 26th January.

Attendance and punctuality

Redwood class had 100% attendance this week and was closely followed by Banyan Class.

Chestnut 3 had the best attendance in Reception class. Well done to all of you! Maple class had the best punctuality and will have an additional session with Mr Talmud our dance teacher after half term.

...and finally

We break up today for one week and return to school on **Monday November 3rd at 8.55 am.** Please remember to take home any coats and PE kits ready for when we return in November.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you in a week's time. Remember the clocks go back this weekend!

Best wishes for a lovely half term!

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher