

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **Promoting Good Behaviour in Brindishe Schools**

We are always proud of the many, many children who behave so well in school and do their very best to get it right most of the time. They show respect for themselves and others, they play and learn readily with other children, they look after their own belongings and take care with the school's resources and environment and have very positive and helpful relationships with the adults who work in and around our school. The vast majority of children are able to follow our expectations and they do so very easily and willingly. They are a great credit to you all.

Some children do find it much more difficult, for a whole variety of reasons and we try to work with them and with you to find ways of supporting them to achieve consistently good behaviour. Our policy on promoting good behaviour is based on promoting good relationships and focuses on how we help children to 'get it right' and on praise more than what we do when it goes wrong.

We take a very clear stand on bullying and our policy is to be very clear about what counts as bullying (and what does not count as bullying). We will always do all we can to eliminate bullying from our school. We take a strong stand too against behaviour that targets or offends any particular group - for example racist or homophobic name calling.

The details of our agreed and approved school policy on behaviour and bullying are in a published

document and you can download a copy from our school website in the 'About Brindishe Green' section. From time to time we review all of our school policies to make sure they are still working well and are up to date. We are now reviewing our behaviour policy. It would be very helpful to us if between now and the end of term you as parents and carers could give us your feedback on how the policy is working and in what ways it could be improved.

Please download a copy from the website or ask for a copy from the school office, have a read through, reflect upon your child's experiences at our school and then let us have your views by the end of this term.

We would like to hear what you think works well and what you think could be improved. You can give your feedback in writing, by email to Ms Gorbutt [headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) or in person by talking to Mr Baguely, Ms Hughes or Ms Kelly our deputy heads or to your child's teacher. If you prefer you can also write directly to me at [vickipaterson@brindisheschools.org](mailto:vickipaterson@brindisheschools.org)

We look forward to hearing from you,

Dame Vicki Paterson  
Executive Head of Brindishe Schools

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

On Monday year 2 and on Thursday, year 5 worked with the London Fire Brigade  
Year 6 took part in Bikeability training all this week and the Bikeability team were really impressed with the children they worked with.  
On Tuesday Birch class visited the Tower of London poppies. Thank you to the parents/carers who supported the children on their visit.

Today, Olive class have visited Mounstfield Park to help plan a more exciting, safe place for children to visit as part of a lottery bid. Also today, some year 6 children have worked on a Holocaust Memorial Performance with Mark Curtis at the Rivoli Ballroom in Brockley.

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

Next Monday and Tuesday year 6 children will be going to Catford synagogue as part of their learning on Judaism.

On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> December, a group of Year 5 and 6 children are competing in a local athletics competition.

Also next Friday, the Freshwater theatre company will work with year 3 around their topic on Ancient Egypt.

#### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Poppy Appeal this year. In total £95.98 was collected.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

Remember if your child does not currently have school dinners and you want them to have Christmas dinner on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the cost of the meal is £1.90. Payment needs to be with the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00 p.m - Turning of the year  
Reception Nativity - 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 p.m.  
Year 1 and 2 Winter Warmer - 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m.  
Year 3 and 4 Christmas around the world - 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m.  
Year 5 and 6 Carol Service at St. Swithun's - 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m.  
16<sup>th</sup> December - Winter celebration activity days in Nursery  
26<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices at the O2

#### **Attendance and punctuality**

Ash and Magnolia class had the best attendance this week with 100%. Chestnut 1 had the best attendance again in Reception class. Well done to all of you! Lilac class had the best punctuality and will have an additional session with Mr Talmud our dance teacher.

#### **Have you applied for your Reception place yet?**

You will need to apply before January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

*If you do not have a computer at home, but wish to make application online, visit your local public library in Lewisham, where you can use one of the computers free of charge.*

*...and finally*

#### **Christmas Fair**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow at our Christmas Fair from 11.00am - 3.00pm. I hear Father Christmas is flying in for a visit and the raffle has another exciting top prize that arrived today!

**....An iPad Mini from our friends at Kinleigh Folkard and Haywood Estate Agents.**

If you have donations for the cake stall or the Christmas Hamper, please bring them with you when you come and we look forward to a lovely day. Hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher