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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Green

Our Living Eggs arrived this week and to date four chicks have already hatched! As the first hatched on Thursday (St George's day), we have named our first chick George and are looking forward to seeing all our eggs hatch over the next few days. The children have a live link to the chicks in school and can watch all the action as it happens! We will keep you posted...

Also this week all children had the opportunity to learn about the Dog's Trust and meet Luna the dog. Luna tells me she really enjoyed her time with us and all the snacks she received for being so calm and well behaved.

On Wednesday Year 2 had their Victorian workshop.

Brindishe Bats beat off the competition again!

This week our Brindishe Bats Athletics Team (yr 5 and 6 and Ziarah from yr 4) competed in the Borough Finals against 15 schools and a total of 150 children. This time there was a 600m run, 75m sprint, vortex howler throw and a standing long jump. I am pleased to tell you that Brindishe Green were only just pipped at the post and came in a very impressive 2nd place. Well done to all those that took part, to Mr Lewis for all his careful preparation of the team and to Rajheem's mum for supporting them on the day.

Next week at Brindishe Green

In the first three days of next week Brindishe Green will take part in a review of teaching and learning with Challenge Partners. We look forward to sharing the outcome of this visit with you next week.

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*Please remember that clubs will start next week.

Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green

7th May - Polling day (school closed)

11th May - KS2 SATs

19th May - Full governing body at BG

20 May - Whole School photographs

22nd May - Half Term

1st June - Healthy Living Week - look out for your child's Sports Day!

3rd June - Full governing body meeting

6th June - 'Together We Run' at Sutcliffe Park. You should now have your sponsorship form and full details of the day.

11th June - Open Day

15th June - Year 1 phonics check

1st July - Massed choir at the Festival Hall

10th July - Reports to parents

17th July - End of Term

Attendance and punctuality

This week Cherry and Oak had the best attendance in the whole school again with Chestnut 1- well done children. **Elm Class** had no lates at all - well done Elm Class.

...and finally

Computing

In recent weeks we have been looking at creating a family 'computing' policy within the home. This week we are looking at 'safety tips' when instant messaging.

INSTANT MESSAGING

Many children use instant messaging these days. For those of you not in the know, instant messaging is a blend of email, webcam or chat that you can send to someone in real-time via the internet. Whilst you can instant message via computer or tablet, the choice for many children is the smartphone. A typical example being 'snapchat' which is a free photo-sharing app for children of 13 years of age or over. If your child uses instant messaging apps, then the following

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tips may prove useful:

1. Encourage your child to 'stop and think' before they send a message or photo.
2. Encourage your child to avoid giving out personal details, such as an email address.
3. Explain to your child that they should never arrange to meet someone offline, that they only know through instant messaging conversations.
4. Discuss why it is important to avoid sending nasty or mean messages to others and the problems this can cause.

AND FINALLY

Understand what tech and apps your child is using, and always keep talking and listening, both online and offline.

Help us to update our records

Please look out for and check that we hold the correct personal information for your child and your family. We find that many mobile numbers change frequently and it's really important that we have this information in case there is an emergency. Please help us to keep our records up to date and return this sheet to the school office as soon as possible with any changes.

Thank you

Year 5 Banding Tests

You may already be aware that the Lewisham Mayor and Cabinet have decided not to continue with Y5 banding tests this year and therefore there will be **no banding assessments** for our Y5 children this term. We will of course continue to make teacher assessments within school as usual.

Parents and carers of current Y5 children are advised to look at the admissions criteria for secondary schools on the local borough websites (eg Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley, Bromley) to find out how to apply for the schools of their choice. Please ask if you would like any further advice or support.

Wishing all our families a good weekend - I hear it's going to rain.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Brindishe Schools
'together we run'



Six (6) weeks to go!!!!

That said, there is no better time to start training than right now. However, getting started when new to running can be quite a daunting task. The 'Together We Run' team has sourced a brilliant app that will help ease you into running. It's called Change4Life 'Couch to 5K' (NHS Choices).

This is available from Google play or the App Store. If you'd like more information about this app before downloading visit:

www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/couch-to-5k.aspx

Good luck!