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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

It has been an exhausting but enjoyable week for our staff and children. In the first three days of this week, Brindishe Green took part in a review of teaching and learning led by Challenge Partners. The team consisted of three senior leaders from other schools and an Ofsted inspector. The team was hugely impressed by the quality of learning taking place in classes, the learning behaviour of our children, the environment and provision and the progress that children make at Brindishe Green in their learning.

They thought the atmosphere around the school was purposeful, that the displays were beautiful and that the children were wonderful! They confirmed the school's own self-evaluation as firmly within the 'outstanding' grade in all areas reviewed and we are delighted by the outcome.

We are now just waiting for their report and look forward to sharing this with you in due course.

#### **Nepal - How can we help?**

Today we have spoken to the children about the earthquake in Nepal and how Brindishe Schools is planning to support those affected by this disaster. Please look at the information enclosed with this newsletter and encourage your child to bring £1.00 in to school on Wednesday to raise money for the people of Nepal. Thank you.

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

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

We are delighted to let you know that 5 of our chicks hatched and are doing very well. All children have had a chance to spend time with them and our youngest children have really enjoyed talking and writing about the chicks and how they hatched!

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

Please remember that the school is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday and Thursday for Polling Day next week. We will be open as usual on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

#### **Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green**

- 11<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs
- 19<sup>th</sup> May - Full governing body meeting at BG
- 20<sup>th</sup> May - Whole School photographs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Half Term
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - Healthy Living Week - look out for your child's Sports Day!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Full governing body meeting at BG
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - 'Together We Run' at Sutcliffe Park. You should now have your sponsorship form and full details of the day.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> June - Open Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 phonics check
- 1<sup>st</sup> July - Massed choir at the Festival Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> July - Reports to parents
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

#### **Year 6 - SATs preparation**

As we enter our final week of preparation for SATs tests, please can parents of children in Year 6 remember to make sure they are here on time every day, with a good breakfast and an early night. Many thanks.

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

### Attendance and punctuality

This week Birch, Ash and Chestnut 2 had the best attendance in the whole school - well done children.

### Bexley Tests for Year 5 children

Please remember that registration for the Bexley Tests opens on 5<sup>th</sup> May and details of how to register can be found on [www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests). The closing date for registration is 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Late registration will not be accepted. We will send more information to our Year 5 parents over the next few weeks.

...and finally

### BS Fun Run

Look out for our Pop up Registrations for the Brindishe Schools Fun Run on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. A member of the BG Fun Run committee will be registering children and adults outside in the playground on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Wishing all our families a good weekend and a lovely Bank Holiday.

*We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that the school will be closed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May for Polling and re-open on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.*

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

### Computing

In recent weeks we have been looking at creating a family 'computing' policy within the home. This week we are looking at staying safe in online multiplayer games.

### THE POWER OF PLAY

As the popularity of games consoles and mobile devices becomes even bigger, everyone from toddlers and teenagers to parents and grandparents are spending more and more time exploring online video games. Many of these games are educational and really positive for your child to experience!! Some video games involve playing against children and adults from around the world!

**Find below 5 tips for helping your child stay safe in online multiplayer games:**

1. Encourage your child to use a suitable nickname and not their real name when playing online.
2. Make sure they know not to share personal information that could identify them, like their school, address or phone number.
3. If you allow your child to use the voice chat function on their console, remind them that the people they talk to may still be strangers and to be careful.

### IF IN DOUBT ....

Keep your child's online multiplayer experience to real-life friends only.