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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

It's been a very busy week and a fabulous World Book Day! Thank you to everyone who dressed as their favourite book character - including the adults! Thank you also to Ms. Campbell and her literacy team for organizing and promoting our very successful Book Fair this week and to all our families who came and read with children throughout the week and to our Nursery parents and carers who took part in Storytime with children today.

Thanks to the many children who submitted pictures of themselves reading in unusual places. Our winners were announced in praise assembly and each winner received a new book. Look out for our special book week display to see our winners and the many entries we received - you'd be amazed at the places where the children read!

Brindishe Bats bring home Gold!

On Wednesday our athletics team from Years 5 and 6 brought home another trophy and string of medals when they won their athletics competition at Christ the King School. Well done to all those who took part and for the impressive score of nearly double that of the other teams! Special thanks as always to Mr. Lewis who prepared the children so well and cheered them on so enthusiastically at the event.

This week at Brindishe Green

Thank you to the many parents and carers in Reception and Year 1 who joined the maths team on Monday and Tuesday this week to hear how parents can support their child with maths at home. Don't forget that workshops will take place on Monday at 9.00am and at 5.30pm for Year 2 next week.

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For those parents who were not able to make it to our meetings we hope to be able to share the information with you through your child's MLE page.

Please make sure you have your child's login details and password for their virtual classroom. If you do not have this information, please ask the class teacher who will be happy to help you.

On Monday Redwood class visited Lullingstone Roman Villa and Beech class will visit Lullingstone on Monday 9th.

Yesterday a group of Year 6 children went to the WE Day concert at the SSE Arena Wembley.

Today Olive class visited the London Aquarium dressed as their favourite book characters - I wonder what the fish will make of it all!

Also today Year 6 children visit Hazard House as part of Junior Citizen.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday Reception classes start their weekly reading event with parents.

On Tuesday our Early Year's Team will be visited by a group of teachers from El Salvador.

On Thursday Year 2 will have a special 'Exploring Drama' workshop

Lewisham Live

We are once again delighted to be involved with Lewisham Live, a borough-wide celebration of our talented musicians and singers. Look out for the posters and billboards all over Lewisham which feature our very own Darcy from Year 5!

This year, we will be taking part in two big events. The school choir (Key Stage 2) will perform at Live Voices on Thursday, 19th March at Catford Broadway Theatre. One of our talented Year 6 singers, Elizabeth, will also perform.

The following week on 25th March, our newly-formed Chamber Choir will give their first public performance at 'Live at the Halls', at Blackheath Halls. Last year, we were the only primary school

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choir to be invited to sing at this event and we're delighted to be asked back!

If your child is a member of our choirs, look out for more information from Miss Borrett about tickets and rehearsals early next week.

Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green

9th March/Beech Class and 23rd March/Elm class to Lullingstone Roman Villa

10th March - School Journey Meeting Yr 5 parents/carers

11th March - Magnolia class go to the Horniman Museum

13th March - Red Nose Day

16th March - Science Week

18th March - National Sing up Day

W/C 18th March - Mid-term reviews with parents/carers - *please look out for your letters*

17/19th March - Nursery will be Pond dipping in Manor Park

19th March - KS2 Choir perform at the Catford Broadway Theatre for Lewisham Live

23rd March - Mock Sats week for yr 6

25th March - Chamber Choir perform at

Blackheath Halls for Live Voices at the Halls.

27th March - Break for Easter

*****May 7th - School closed for Polling Day**

6th June - 'Together We Run' at Sutcliffe Park

Attendance and punctuality

This week Olive and Mangrove Class had the best attendance and Banyan Class had no lates at all which means they receive a special dance session from our dance teacher Mr Talmud!

Packed lunches

Please remember that as a Healthy School we want to encourage our children to eat a healthy packed lunch. Please try to choose foods that do not contain large amounts of sugar or fat such as cakes and chocolate. Try to include some fruit and something to keep them going for the rest of the day like a sandwich. Many thanks

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Creating your own family 'computing' policy. Part 2

As part of our series on creating a family 'computing' policy, we are this week looking at some ideas to support parental controls on internet browsers.....

THE BASICS

Depending on the age of your child, choose an appropriate homepage on your family computer or tablet. For example, for very young children this might be: www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

Set parental controls on internet browsers, by creating a user account for your child with appropriate settings. Check out Google's www.safesearchkids.org. This is a safe search engine for children to explore the internet.

Make rules for the length of time your child can spend on games consoles, tablets, smartphones and computers.

Nest week's topic in the family 'computing' policy series is entitled WORTH CHECKING, which will include websites containing information on the type of language and teenspeak children use online.

...and finally

Mid-Term Reviews

Please look out for your mid-term review invitation from your child's class teacher. We will be offering a range of days and times to ensure that we see all of our parents/carers. These are important meetings and we hope you will make every effort to attend.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
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