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May 8th 2015

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

It's been a very short week and many thanks for coping with the disruptions of the bank holiday and the General Election. We are pleased to see you all back today and are looking forward to resuming normal service next week!

Nepal Appeal - Thank you

Thank you so much to all Brindishe children and their families who brought in donations of clothes or funds to support the British Red Cross Nepal Earthquake Response Appeal this week. Once again our local community responded admirably to help fellow communities in Nepal in their hour of great need.

We set an ambitious target of filling 50 large boxes in just one day and by the time our volunteer drivers left to make their delivery, almost every box was filled.

If any families didn't manage to check their cupboards in time, the Red Cross charity shops in Lewisham and Eltham are still happy to accept clothes to sell for this appeal. Please don't bring any more bags to school.

The Red Cross estimate that each box of donations could be worth up to £150, so combined with your £1 coin donations, this means that we have raised literally thousands of pounds that will go directly to helping families and communities in Nepal recover from the earthquake. We are promised that the Red Cross is very experienced at turning donated goods into cash extremely quickly.

The funds will support the British Red Cross and the wider Red Cross movement to pay in part for some of the following:

- community groups doing life-saving first aid and search and rescue
- teams of engineers providing clean water and sanitation
- hospital supplies, setting up a field hospital and mobile health clinics
- tents for families to live in, to protect against the coming monsoon rains
- blankets, cooking stoves, and other basic supplies needed.

Thank you to each and every family across the three Brindishe schools who gave so generously. We are also very grateful to the Brindishe Schools premises teams, to Big Yellow Storage in Eltham and to Heron Property Services in Bermondsey for their extremely generous support.

Next week at Brindishe Green

All next week, Year 6 children across the country will sit their Key Stage 2 SATs. Our children at Brindishe Green are more than ready and are looking forward to having the chance to formally show what they have learnt in their time at BG! We wish them and all the children at Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Lee the very best for next week and look forward to another set of dazzling results!

I know that children in other year groups particularly Year 5 will be making every effort to be quiet around the school and we thank them all in advance. I also hope that our Year 6 children will arrive in good time for their special breakfast each morning next week so that they are calm and ready for their tests.

On Wednesday a group of Year 5 children will visit Millwall Football stadium and meet the management team.

Our Year 5 Cricket team are also due to take part in a cricket competition at Knights Academy next week and look forward to hearing about their successes.

On Thursday there will be a small cake sale for Nepal in the playground organised by Miss Vijdan

and her team of helpers. If you are able to donate any cakes to this event please let the school office know.

On Friday Year 6 are off to Chessington World of Adventures as this exciting visit forms part of their next piece of learning.

Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green

19th May - Full governing body at BG

20th 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.

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 Banyan and Mangrove had the best attendance in the whole school with 100%! Chestnut 3 had the best attendance in the reception class. Elm class had the best punctuality - well done children!

*Reminder -Bexley Tests for Year 5 children

Please remember that registration for the Bexley Tests opens on 5th May and details of how to register can be found on

www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests. The closing date for registration is 12th July 2015. Late registration will not be accepted. We will send more information to our Year 5 parents over the next few weeks.

BS Fun Run

Look out for our Pop up Registrations for the Brindishe Schools Fun Run over the next few weeks. The next Pop up will be on Thursday 14th May in the playground.

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Pat and Catherine are planning a 50k Cross country night walk - can you help?

On the June 20th Catherine and Pat from nursery will be doing a 50k (30miles) overnight walk through the Kent woods and countryside with Wide Horizons Charity. The money raised from this will go towards learning at Horton Kirby for children at BG. There are sponsor forms available. If you are able to sponsor Pat and Catherine or want more information please go and see them in Nursery. Thank you.

Nursery Places

We have part-time nursery places for children aged 3 and 4 yrs. Tell your friends and neighbours to call in and collect an application form today or email us on info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk phone us on 0208 8527245 or see our website www.brindisheschools.org

...and finally

Trim Trail before and after school

The Trim Trail in the playground is for children to use during supervised playtimes and lunchtimes. Please do not let your children; particularly your very small children, use this equipment at the beginning and end of the day. Please help us to keep your children safe.

Thank you

Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

The 'Brindishe Prize 2015', Art competition.

Who will be this year's winners?

The competition is open to all Brindishe Green pupils, from Nursery to Year 6.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 22nd May 2015**. Each child is entitled to enter one piece of artwork and should be the child's own art. Entry forms are available from the office or Ms. Ikiz. Remember, be creative and original, and of course have fun and enjoy creating a piece of art.

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

