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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a good break and managed to enjoy the glorious sunshine over the holidays.

Brindishe Bolts win Gold!

On Tuesday 14 April our Year 3/4 Athletics team, the Brindishe Bolts, competed at the Ladywell Running Track. 5 girls and 5 boys competed in a range of events such as 400m, 60m sprint, vortex howler throw and a standing long jump. The children were competing against 30 other children and a total of 6 schools. Of the 20 races/events that the children entered, the Bolts won 18 and were the overall winners of the whole event!

In fact the team were so strong in their races that they were often well ahead of any other competitors particularly during the relay race where they left other runners miles behind them!

The top competitor for the whole event was our very own Ziarah from Beech class and our BG boys; Aaron from Elm, Jai'Mali from Redwood and Ciaron from Beech were voted 1st, 2nd and 3rd best overall out of the boys competing. Well done to all the Bolts for an amazing achievement and to Mr Lewis for his coaching and encouragement. Many thanks also to our three parents who took the time to support the children to get to the Running track and who cheered them on.

Please look out for our video footage when you next pass through the foyer and also take time to look at our new PE display board which is also in the foyer and which lists any current information and celebrates our most recent

sporting achievements.....Next week it's year 5's turn and we look forward to hearing about their successes in next week's newsletter.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Wednesday Birch class visited the Hindu Temple.

Yesterday Mangrove class took part in a special drama workshop with 'Big Foot' Drama Company. Today year 5 went on a special activity day to 'Go Ape' in Brenchley Wood in Kent.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Our Living Eggs are arriving on Monday and will be placed in the Mulberry room in the Nursery building. All children will have the opportunity to spend time in this room as the eggs (or the chicks depending on what happens...) will be with us for 10 days. We hope to share lots of news about them as we start to see things happening. Watch this space.....

On Wednesday Year 2 will have a Victorian workshop.

Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green

23rd April - Open Day
7th May - Polling day (school closed)
11th May - KS2 SATs
19th May - Full governing body at BG
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 Redwood and Willow had the best attendance in the whole school again with Chestnut 2 for the fourth week in a row! - well

done children. Rowan Class had no lates at all - well done Rowan Class.

Mr Baguley cycles across Britain!

Mr Baguley our Deputy Head managed 520 miles of cycling over the holidays from Lands End to Penrith in the Lake District- about 65 miles a day! Unfortunately the team did not set off until later in the holidays and Mr Baguley had to get back for the beginning of term so he ran out of time. Nevertheless it's an amazing achievement and we congratulate Mr Baguley. We hope he manages to raise lots of money for all his efforts and if any families would like to sponsor Mr Baguley, please ask the school office for more details.

By the way - he tells me that he was so disappointed not to get to John O'Groats he will be doing the whole thing again next Easter! So watch this space everyone!.....

Book Fair raises £731 towards new books for our children!

Thank you to everyone who bought books from our recent book fair. I hope your children are enjoying them and we look forward to increasing our stock of books as a result of the money raised.

...and finally

Game Exhibition - Rowan class

Thank you to the many parents who came and explored the computer games made by the children from Rowan class in their computing sessions last term. Parents/carers were able to view, play and talk to the children about their games. This was an enterprise project so it was lovely to see parents and carers being supported **by the children** to play a selection of games and using their designated 3 tokens wisely! Many thanks to Ms Zara and Ms Rokakis for organising this special exhibition for our families. We look forward to running many more of these across the school over the coming months.

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

And on that note here is.... The final part in the series on creating a family 'computing' policy which looks at the changing role of technology.

THE FINAL WORD

If your child is very young, the rules and conversations you have, set the tone for your child's internet use as they get older. Be honest, and ask your child how they manage the digital world on a daily basis. You might be able to learn something from them!

Always remember that tablets and games consoles shouldn't become a regular 'babysitter'. Go to www.theparentzone.co.uk for a digital parenting section with videos, 'how to' guides, and an area entitled 'My Tech Family' which is designed to get the whole family involved in digital technology.

During the summer term, we will be providing you with some workshops designed to support you with digital technology at home, as well as introducing you to the new primary 'computing' curriculum.

Wishing all our families a good weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

**** Community advertisement**

*If you are disillusioned and don't know how to vote or what your vote means for our community please come along to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Handen Road, Lee, SE12 8NR on **Thursday 30th April from 7.30pm**. There will be a chance to question local prospective MPs about the issues that matter most to you and your family and a panel discussion followed by questions from the floor.*

Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrats, UKIP, Green Party, Lewisham People Before Profit, Trade Union and Socialist Coalition are all confirmed. All profits will fund projects for local women.

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