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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

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

What a great week the children have had learning about flight and carrying out science investigations!

Thank you to Ms Matthews and Ms Staunton for organizing all the events of this week and for the exhibition of the children's learning in the hall today.

We all really enjoyed the birds of prey who visited the school on Tuesday and flew around the top hall! Well done to Ms Matthews and Ms Rokakis who bravely volunteered to let the biggest eagle fly onto their arms - I'm sure I couldn't have done it. Thank you also to all the teachers who rehearsed their children ready for our flying themed 'SingUp Day' on Tuesday. It was lovely to hear children singing songs like 'Wind beneath my wings' and 'Let's go fly a kite' and passing the songs from class to class throughout the morning. Hopefully you will see the video this afternoon when you come to the exhibition.

If you entered the Science competition, the winners will be announced on Monday - good luck!

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to their child's mid-term review this week. If you have not yet managed to meet your child's class teacher, please make sure you arrange an appointment for next week - we really do want to see all our parents/carers.

This Tuesday & Thursday, our Nursery children went pond dipping in Manor Park. On Wednesday, ten children from Year 1 & 2 took part in scooter training.

Last night, our Key Stage 2 choir performed at the Catford Broadway Theatre as part of 'Lewisham Live Voices' It was a real success and the children loved being on stage! Well done to Elizabeth for her solo performance - quite exceptional!

If you entered the 'Red Nose Day' joke competition, the winner will be announced on Monday and the winning joke will be published in our next newsletter aired on Brindishe FM - watch this space. The total raised for Red Nose Day was £464.77!

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

On Monday, Elm class go to Lullingstone Roman Villa.

On Wednesday The Chamber Choir will be performing at the Blackheath Halls.

Also on Wednesday and Thursday, Palm and Maple classes are visiting the Hindu Temple, Sivan Kovil, in Lewisham.

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

23<sup>rd</sup> March - Mock Sats week for yr 6

25<sup>th</sup> March - Chamber Choir perform at

Blackheath Halls for Live Voices at the Halls.

27<sup>th</sup> March - Break for Easter

**\*\*\*May 7<sup>th</sup> - School closed for Polling Day**

6<sup>th</sup> June - 'Together We Run' at Sutcliffe Park

### **Attendance and punctuality**

This week Chestnut 2 had the best attendance in the whole school closely followed by Oak and Cherry Class for the second week - well done children! Beech Class had no lates at all which means they receive

a special dance session from our dance teacher Mr Talmud!

### Getting to the bottom of it all....

If you notice your child is uncomfortable particularly at night and complain of an itchy bottom - it might be threadworm. This is very common in young children and can be simply treated with over-the-counter medication (sachets) for the whole family. We are reminding children in school to wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water - please help us by doing the same at home particularly after they have gone to the toilet and before eating. If you are worried please contact your local pharmacy or GP surgery. **The children do not have to have time off school.**

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

### Creating your own family 'computing' policy. Part 4

As part of our series on creating a family 'computing' policy, this week we are looking at some ideas and websites which will allow you to talk through the use of technology, including tablets and home computers.

#### TALK IT THROUGH

Always remember to share your 'computing' policy with grandparents and babysitters, so that they stick to the same rules when they look after your child.

Always remember to sit down and talk through the time limits and parental controls. As your child becomes older, so the time limits are likely to change. For older children, always explain the dangers of sharing pictures and personal details online. Don't shy away from discussing subjects such

as cyberbullying. Childline's website can help, to provide further support and activities for children around these dangers:

[www.childline.org.uk/explore/bullying](http://www.childline.org.uk/explore/bullying)

Next week's topic in the family 'computing' policy series is entitled "**AND FINALLY**"...

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#### After school clubs collection

For safeguarding reasons we are asking parents and carers to wait outside the main foyer at the end of clubs so that we can carefully match children to their adults. There are many clubs on the same day and lots of children to be collected so we would not like to lose anyone! Thank you for your understanding.

Please remember that school finishes for the Easter holidays next Friday (27<sup>th</sup> March) and the children return to school at 8.55am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please make sure you have collected any lost property, PE kits and school bags by the end of next week. Many thanks.

Best wishes for a warm and sunny weekend (hopefully!)

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

#### Co-op Community Pioneering Hither Green

Easter Egg Hunt in Mountsfield Park - Saturday 4th April, 1pm - 3pm. Entry £1 per child (pay at the Co-op) Games, Face-Painting and more...

And...Please look on our school notice board for information about free community cycling courses for your children in the Easter holidays.