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Dear parents and carers,

### News for Brindishe Schools

We are enclosing with this newsletter a yearly summary of performance data for the three Brindishe Schools. By 'performance data' we simply mean the facts and figures Ofsted collects to find out how children in each of our schools perform, usually in tests, compared with children in schools up and down the country. As well as 'test data' we have included a few more interesting facts which I hope will give you a broader picture about what's important and what's going well at Brindishe Green. A copy of the summary is also available online via our website.

We have a very busy time ahead in each of our schools as we start to think about whether we become a multi-academy trust (MAT) and this half term we are fact-finding and carefully watching the local and national press to see what's next on the political agenda for all state funded schools.

In all three schools this half term we have full and independent reviews coming up. We commission these reviews to be carried out by senior leaders from schools outside the LA and led by an Ofsted Inspector. They act as a sort of 'health-check' for us and guide us in our quest to keep our 'Ofsted outstanding' judgments.

As ever we have planned lots of building works. At Brindishe Lee works will only take place in the school kitchen; at Brindishe Manor we will repair the Reception building roof - at last - and make preparations for a complete re-roof of the main

school buildings. The re-roof is likely to take about 4-6 months in total. At Brindishe Green we are planning some exciting and very extensive building works to our Early Years classrooms and buildings next term and as soon as we have agreed plans with the architects and Lewisham we will let you know what's on the horizon.

For September 2016 we will be offering 210 Brindishe Reception places altogether (BL 30, BM 60 and BG 120) and the draft figures from Admissions at Lewisham so far show that every one of these will go to a child whose parent/carer made it one of their top choices. That's great news and we look forward to welcoming our new ones over the summer term.

Best wishes to all families,

Dame Vicki  
Executive Head  
Brindishe Schools

### This week at Brindishe Green

#### Y5 Banyan at Lewisham's Dance Showcase

Congratulations to all of Banyan class who took part in the dance showcase at Catford Broadway last night. They were the first school to perform and really set the tone and the standard for the rest of the evening! Their dance was to the music from the stage show 'Cats' and every child knew exactly what they were doing and where they should be at every point in the dance.

Many thanks to Amy Cliftlands and Amrinda Plaha who worked so hard to help our children produce such an incredible performance and to Ms Parker, Mrs Bowen and Ms Barber who supported the children on the night. It was an amazing performance by our year 5 children!

#### World Book Day

Thank you again to all those who have supported our book fair this week and to the staff who have led it. We will let you know how much money we will be able to spend on new books for the

school in our next newsletter.

We have really enjoyed seeing the book character costumes that the children have arrived in today. There has been a fantastic turnout of children (and staff!) who have wanted to take part. Thank you to everyone who has taken part.

Also today the team from Reptile Life has been with us today and the children have been treated to a host of reptiles including a Boa Constrictor! Children have asked very good questions and learnt a huge amount.

#### **More athletics success!**

Well done to the athletics team who won yet another trophy this week at Christ the King College. Well done to all who took part and of course to their coach Mr Lewis!

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

On Wednesday ten lucky year 6 children have been chosen to take part in WE Day at Wembley Arena where Rita Ora and Labrynth are headlining.

On Thursday Year 1 children are going to be experiencing the wonderful world of reptiles.

#### **Parent Portal**

Please remember book your parent mid-term review. The Parent Portal is now open and will close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March after which time it will not be possible for you to book your parent appointment online. Please remember that the first time you sign into the system, you will need to use a **laptop or a PC** - not a smartphone or iPad.

#### **Attendance and punctuality**

Well done Redwood class for getting the best attendance for the 4<sup>th</sup> week running and to Maple class too for both having 100%. Cedar and Banyan class had the punctuality - well done Cedar and Banyan!

#### **Diary Dates**

10<sup>th</sup> March - Musician's Concert  
10<sup>th</sup> March - Cedar class to the London Transport Museum  
16<sup>th</sup> March - BG choir at Lewisham Live  
15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March - Challenge Partner Review  
17<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 to Dulwich Picture Gallery  
W/C 21<sup>st</sup> March - Mock Sats week for Yr 6  
W/C 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Mid-Term Reviews  
24<sup>th</sup> March - End of term  
11<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day  
14<sup>th</sup> April - Whole school photos  
21<sup>st</sup> April - Open Day  
5<sup>th</sup> May - Inset Day/school closed to children  
2<sup>nd</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> May - year 6 SATs  
24<sup>th</sup> May - Full Governing Body Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> May - Spring half term  
9<sup>th</sup> June - Full Governing Body Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> June - Open Day  
20<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

...and finally

Please enjoy our World Book Day exhibition in the hall this afternoon where all the learning from this Dragon themed week will be displayed.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher