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Dear parents and carers,

It's been a very busy week and we had lots of prospective parents and carers visit us yesterday as part of our Open Day. Thanks to all the families who joined us at our recent 'At Home' last Thursday - it was lovely to meet you and we look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming months.

Book Fair at BG

Thank you to all those who bought books from our recent book fair. We sold more books this year than ever and your involvement and support has enabled us to purchase some lovely new books for our own school and library so thank you.

London School Games Silver Award

This week we heard that we have secured a special London School Games Silver Award as a result of all the sport and clubs we offer at Brindishe Green and for all the competitions that our children enter (and win). Congratulations to all involved - we are looking forward to adding this to our growing collection of awards.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Wednesday, two children from our eco-team will take part in an interactive seminar hosted by Transport for London. At the seminar they will receive the gold award for promoting sustainable travel to, from and around school and discuss school travel issues.

Sharing our School Development Plan

As you know, each week I am focussing on an element of the School Development Plan This week the area is:

A curriculum for the 21st century

- ❖ Achievement (attainment and progress) consistently exceeds national expectations in all areas and for all groups and at the highest standards year on year through Maths Mastery, Science and embedding the key skills required for working at greater depth in Literacy.
- ❖ Secure all children's consistent access and full entitlement to our broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum, including investigative, creative, contextualised and exploratory learning and 'learning beyond the classroom' in order to develop a value system fit for the 21st century.
- ❖ We build, strengthen and widen our global and cultural awareness, identities, links and partnerships.
- ❖ IT, networking and an extensive programme of visits and visitors are integrated into children's everyday learning experiences to challenge stereotypes and aspirations and to empower our learning community.
- ❖ Teachers and leaders actively organise cross-age and investigative and inter-school learning and peer mentoring across the schools and the curriculum.

Diary Dates

18th October - Full Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Lee - please let us know if you wish to join us so that we can organise seating and refreshments.

17th October - Year 6 on School Journey

18th October - Year 1 to the London Transport Museum
21st October - Half Term begins
31st October - Children return to school
1st November - Shakespeare in Schools Festival. Tickets available at Greenwich Theatre 7.00pm
9th November - Full Governing Body Meeting
16th December - End of Term
4th January - Children return to school

Well done to Magnolia for 100% attendance this week.

Well done also to Elm with 99% attendance - you were just pipped at the post!

Well done to Birch and Mangrove you have this week's best punctuality.

Please remember to let the school know on **the first day of absence** if your child is unwell and unable to come to school. Thanks

Paying for school lunches online

This week you will have received a letter letting you know that you can now pay for school lunches via our online service. The link to Arbor is: <https://brindishe-green.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

If you have already given us your email address you will have been sent log-in information so that you can access the Parent Portal. If you have not used the service before or you cannot remember your log-in, please ask at the school office and we can arrange for the information to be sent again. We hope this will make paying for school dinners much quicker and easier for all our families.

Treat the family this weekend

If your child is complaining of an itchy scalp or rash at the back of the neck or there appear to be white eggs behind the ears or at the back of the neck, you may wish to treat your child for headlice. Treatments are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online. You don't usually need to see your GP. For more information go to: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Headlice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Transfer to secondary school 2017

Please remember that online applications must be received by **October 30th 2016**. More information can be found: www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

If you need help completing the secondary transfer form, please let Mrs Franks know and she will be happy to advise.

And finally.....

Bike and scooter racks

Thank you all for your patience over the last few weeks. We will be moving the bike and scooter racks on Monday so please **DO NOT BRING BIKES OR SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY** so that the racks can be moved to a more convenient and safe place.

As soon as the cement is dry and the racks are in their new position, we will let you know.

Many thanks

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher