

Brindishe Green School
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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to all our families and I hope you had a good summer and managed to enjoy the lovely weather we had!

The children have returned to school rested and ready for the year ahead and have made an excellent start.

Singing at Brindishe Green

We hope you will be able to join our year 6 children this Sunday at the Scoop (just next to the Mayor's office) at 1.00pm on the Southbank. They will be singing together with other London schools as part of the Totally Thames celebrations. Our KS2 Choir is also performing at the Artscafe in Manor Park on Wed 28th September from 3.30pm and we hope to see as many families as possible on the day.

Diary Dates

11th Sept - Yr 6 children perform at Totally Thames on the SouthBank at 1.00pm.
W/c 12th Sept - Meet the Teacher (see your child's class teacher for dates and timings)
15th/16th September - year 6 to the Imperial War Museum
22nd Sept - Book Fair arrives
29th Sept - 'Open House' for new families to BG
6th October - Open Day
18th October - Full Governing Body Meeting
17th October - Year 6 on School Journey
21st October - Half Term begins
31st October - Children return to school
9th November - Full Governing Body Meeting
16th December - End of Term
4th January - Children return to school

Attendance and punctuality

Well done to Olive class for 100% attendance this week and to Mangrove who were a very close second. Well done also to Magnolia, Redwood and Cherry whose children all arrived on time every day this week!

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Please remember that school starts at **8.55am** and finishes at **3.15pm**. We have many families who arrive on time every day and a significant number who manage to arrive 5 or 10 mins after the start or end of the day. Please make every effort to be here at the correct times, 5 minutes makes a big difference to a child and to their engagement with school and their learning.

Clubs

You should have received details of the music and sports clubs for this term. Please make sure you return your slips as soon as possible. Music clubs will start from Monday 19th September and Sports clubs from 26th September.

Transfer to secondary school 2017

Please look out for information about secondary school open days if your child is in year 6. You would have received a small information pamphlet this week. Please remember that online applications must be received by **October 31st 2016**. More information can be found: www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Are you entitled to free school meals or reduced fees for school visits, clubs or School Journeys?

It is very easy to apply and you are entitled if your joint family income is less than £16,190 a year. For more details go to <https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/Pages/Apply-for-free-school-meals.aspx> or if your child is 3yrs or 4yrs, please talk to the team in EYFS who will be more than happy to help you. And finally.....

Please can I remind you that we do not allow jewellery in school apart from religious items such as a crucifix or Sikh bangle, and only close fitting stud earrings; for safety reasons. Sweets, including gum are also not allowed as we are a healthy school. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt

Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE