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Dear parents and carers,

This week at Brindishe Green

On Wednesday our KS2 choir performed at Blackheath Halls. The children were extremely well rehearsed and professional. They impressed everyone including the head of music for Lewisham! Their behaviour was exemplary and they were impressive ambassadors for Brindishe Green and the many talented children we have here. Well done those children, huge thanks as always to Ms Tainton and to the adults who supported the children in the evening.

On Thursday Palm and Mangrove class visited Dulwich Picture Gallery as part of their shared learning.

On Wednesday Nursery children visited the Greenwich Maritime Museum and had a fantastic day.

On Thursday 8 children took part in a fine dining experience with Ms Gorbutt, Ms Campbell, Ms Metherell and Ms Almeyda. A special 3 course meal was prepared by Ms Vijdan and served by Mrs Dodd and Ms Eleni. The children were chosen specially for their good manners, helpfulness and care of other children at lunchtimes. Many thanks to Ms Metherell for organizing this special lunch - it was a real treat! Also this week, Alistair Brierley (father of Emile) came to Birch class to talk about his work in architecture. Many thanks for taking the time to speak to the children, they really enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot.

Also thanks to Julie Rooke (mum of Joseph) who helped to make hats for year 4's performance of Macbeth.

Next week at Brindishe Green

There is no year 6 booster again next week and

it will start again in the first week after Easter. Next week is also Mock SATs and the children need to arrive early for school every day please having had breakfast - many thanks.

On Tuesday 22nd March at the end of the day, the enrichment team will be selling Easter treats and raising money for our local Food Bank.

Wednesday 23rd March - Macbeth performance from year 4 at 2.00pm.

Attendance and punctuality

Well done to Willow and Birch class for having top attendance; this is the second week for Birch! Willow and Rowan class had the best punctuality - well done!

Diary Dates

W/C 21st March - Mock Sats week for Yr 6

W/C 17th - 23rd March - Mid-Term Reviews

23rd March - Beech and Birch to Dulwich Picture Gallery

24th March - End of term

11th April - Inset Day

13th/14th/15th April - Reception children visit the National Gallery

14th April - Whole school photos

15th April - Reception Art Gallery 3.30 - 4.00pm

21st April - Open Day

5th May - Inset Day/school closed to children

9th - 12th May- year 6 SATs

24th May - Full Governing Body Meeting

27th May - Spring half term

6th - 8th June - Challenge Partner Review

9th June - Full Governing Body Meeting

W/C 13th June - Healthy Living Week

16th June - Open Day

23rd June - school closed to children

World Book Day - Dragon Competition

The winners of our Dragon Competition are:

Aahil - Chestnut 1

Ochre - Olive class

Emile - Birch class

Rea - Oak class

Many thanks to all the children who entered this competition. There were so many fabulous drawings that the literacy team found it very hard to judge.

Scholastic Book Club

Please look out for information about the **Scholastic Book Club**. There are lots of excellent high quality texts at very reasonable prices and can be ordered in sets to save money. Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/brindishe-green> to browse the latest books and order online (N.B the school will not be taking orders).

For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by April 29th, 2016**.

Goodbyes

This week we said goodbye to Sarah Treddenick who left us to start an exciting new career managing sports and after school clubs. We will also be saying goodbye to our three specialist non class based teachers at the end of next week; Mr Wakefield, Mr Jimnez and Ms Tainton. We thank them all for their contribution over the past three years and wish them luck in their new teaching roles. After Easter we will welcome Charlotte Brennan who joins us initially one day a week as a music specialist to take over Ms Tainton's great work with our choirs and to support music at Brindishe Green.

..and finally

School closed on June 23rd - Important

The school will be closed to children on Thursday 23rd June as the school buildings will be used as a polling station on this day. It is a one day closure. The school will be open to children again on Friday 24th June when children should come to school as usual.

We are really sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We have spoken to Lewisham Council on many occasions to ask them not to use our school as a polling station - but without any success. Please make a note of this date change in your diaries.

As a result of this closure and because children legally must receive 190 days of schooling each year, we will need to **extend the last day of term to Thursday 21st July** (it will now not be the last day on Wednesday 20 July as previously advertised).

If you are not intending to send your child to school on July 21st, their absence will be marked as unauthorised unless you are able to provide evidence to prove that your child cannot attend. This can be flight tickets or booking confirmation of any pre-booked holiday for this day.

Please see our revised holiday and term dates on our website
<http://green.brindisheschools.org/page/?pid=26>

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

*****Please note that we return to school in June after half term on June 6th. There was an error in the holiday and term dates sent this week. A revised copy is attached to this newsletter.**

Wishing you all a very good weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher