

Brindishe Green School
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Dear parents and carers,

Some parents/carers have asked for clarification or more information on the security of the school's MIS (management information system or pupil database) and the method of electronic payment systems. The information given below is a brief overview of how the systems work and how they each comply with regulations to ensure that your data, your child's data and your payment details are managed safely and securely:

Arbor (MIS System)

Arbor Education provide their MIS system to Brindishe Schools. The Arbor MIS system is a database that holds pupil information for the purpose of enrolment, registers, attendance records, safeguarding etc. Arbor is a trusted provider to education and its system is fully compliant with UK, EU and Department for Education guidelines. As a data processor, Arbor abides by all terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 and is on the UK Government G-Cloud and Department for Education frameworks, which ensures that they meet all known standards of data security.

Stripe Payments

Stripe manages card payment transactions between parents/carers and the school. Stripe does not ask for bank verification as the system (known as "3D Secure") is not used in Stripe. This method of security is only mandatory for Maestro cards and there are other forms of security such as the one

used by Stripe. Security is further increased in that you create your own passwords when you log in. The school provides you with an automated email directing you to the instructions to create your own password and access. Passwords are not known to the school. The school cannot see or access your bank or payment details. We only receive notice of how much was paid against your child's record and for what purpose. For example we would see that a payment of £20 had been made for dinner money but we would not see who paid it or how it was paid.

If you are ever concerned about making payments online please remember you are still able to pay over-the-counter in the school office on Monday mornings please for dinner money, Thursdays for school uniform or book bags and any day for trips and clubs. It helps if you avoid the early morning rush and have the correct money available.

'Celebrating Diversity' Week

It's been a fantastic week with much discussion, learning and exploration around the issues of inclusion, acceptance and respect.

Children have had the opportunity to explore and challenge gender stereotypes, to research people in history whose contribution has been overlooked for many different reasons, and to recognise that families are all different.

Our younger children have challenged the view that 'girls/women can't be firefighters', and our older children have explored and challenged the fact that a person's age, religion, gender, ethnicity, choice of partner or ability/disability have been reasons for exclusion and discrimination in everyday society, both in the past and in the present

day around the world.

We hope you would have all had the chance to see the wonderful cakes that have been baked for our diversity Cake-a-thon; they are truly amazing! There has been a huge amount of effort and care taken with these and we thank every family who took the time to contribute your cakes and biscuits. We have also really enjoyed your ingenious and creative ideas to decorate and ice your cakes and biscuits. Two winners have been chosen today and will be announced next week. Look out for our interactive display on the screen in the foyer to see the rainbow photographs of all the children that were taken today and photos of the cakes (before they were cut up and sold!)

Thank you to the Station Hotel in Hither Green for donating a 'dinner for two' voucher as 1st prize and the Co-op for providing the £20 voucher for the 2nd prize. We will announce the winners next week.

Do ask your child's class teacher to share with you the learning that has taken place this week. And thank you to the parents and carers who joined the enrichment team for a diversity week 'bake-off' as part of this special week.

CBBC Children's Awards this Sunday

Brindishe Schools are off for a Red Carpet Experience on Sunday with Bafta and Place2Be. We wish the 30+ lucky children from BG who had their names pulled from a hat this week a great afternoon and we look forward to seeing all the photos of your experience. We know you'll have a great day!

Open Day

Open day this week was very very popular bringing 70+ visitors to the school yesterday!

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Thank you to our young guides who so professionally showed our visitors around and to the teachers who stayed late to help.

Diary Dates

23rd November Flu vaccine for Yrs 1 to 3
23rd/24th/25th - Year 4 to the Roman

Amphitheatre at the Guildhall

29th November - Turning of the Year at Blackheath Halls

Christmas dates:

Winter Warmer (yrs 1 and 2)

Thursday Dec 8th - Start approx. 2.00pm

Christmas around the World (Yrs 3 & 4)

Friday Dec 9th - Start approx. 2.00pm

Chestnut Nativities- Reception

Monday Dec 12th - For Chestnut 1 and 2 parent/carers

Tuesday Dec 13th - For Chestnut 3 and 4 parent/carers

Wednesday Dec 14th - Christmas lunch (more details to follow)

Wednesday Dec 14th - Pantomime for Yrs 1- 6

Christmas at the church Yrs 5/6

Thursday Dec 15th - Evening performance at 6.00pm at St Swithun's Church

16th December - End of Term

4th January - Children return to school

Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Palm for 100% attendance this week, Mangrove for the 4th time and Willow with 98.5%

Well done to Lilac for the 3rd time and Banyan who were the classes with this week's best punctuality

Best wishes for a great weekend.

Sarah Gorbutt

Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE