

Friday 24 May 2019

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

What a fantastic week of opportunity at the Brindishe Schools ... yesterday was very busy for our Year 5 and Year 6 children as they joined BM and BG for the annual tri-school sports day at Ladywell Arena. It was a very exciting day and so great to see all the Brindishe children have the chance to work and enjoy sports together. Many thanks to Tom Williamson, from BG, and Helen Coupe, from BM, for coordinating such a successful day. Thank you, too, to all adults who led the sports, to our own teachers and TAs who led the children and to the parents / carers who accompanied the visit. The final praise must, of course, go to all the children who worked so hard and gave their very best in all the different sports. It was a long, hot day ...

well done everyone!

**(Please note
Brindishe Lee whole
school, Sports Day is
booked for 20 June!)**



Then, in the evening yesterday, Mrs Etuk-Smith met the choir at Sandhurst Primary School and they performed as part of the Hither Green Festival. It was a beautiful evening and the children performed so very well. Ms Lea said "They were so amazing! The soloists gave me goosebumps!" Well done, choir! You sang and danced with such confidence and gave a brilliant performance. Thankyou to Mrs Etuk-Smith for all the work you do with our singers and thank you to Ms Lea and Ms Haughton for accompanying yesterday.

Summer-time clothing

We've certainly had some fantastic weather this week. Who knows what will happen next ... ? Please ensure that children come to school in appropriate clothing for the constantly changing weather as we head in to the summer.



We ask that: shoulders are covered; a sunhat is provided; sun cream is applied before school and that shoes are worn with socks. Shoes should fit well, holding the foot securely to avoid a child tripping up. Shorts should be appropriate for school, they should

not be skimpy and should be worn with leggings or be of a reasonable length.

We take advice from Public Health England on keeping children safe in the sun:

- Apply sunscreen (at least 15 with UVA protection) before school every day
- Wear a sunhat - wide-brimmed is best – to avoid sunburn
- Wear loose, light coloured clothing that covers vulnerable areas such as the shoulders

Please note that school staff are not allowed to apply suncreams to children for safeguarding reasons. We don't know the creams your child may be allergic to and we don't want to ask staff to rub cream onto children's bodies. If you have a concern about your child's skin in the sun during the day please let us know via the school office. Thank you everyone.



Punctuality ...

It is very important that your child arrives on time each day. When they arrive late, they walk in to a classroom where children are already learning, they miss the introduction to the session and it means the day is unsettled for them from the very start.

Our school day begins at 09:15, the gate closes at 09:20. If you arrive with your child after that time you MUST report to the school office and, as agreed in our protocol, sign your child in with our admin team there and complete the 'late arrivals' slip. By this time classroom doors are closed, learning has begun, please do not send your child round to their classroom.

Similarly, at the end of the day, if you are late collecting your child, please go to the office to meet them and complete the 'late collection slip'. Many thanks for your support with this.

And ...

Thank you to our many parents and carers who walk to school and to those who park safely on or around our local streets – it is much appreciated. We have, however, had a number of complaints about people double parking to drop their children, blocking the road, blocking the carpark opposite the school and making it unsafe for families and our Year 6 children when crossing the road outside school. There is space to park in Wantage Road or other neighbouring roads. Many thanks.

Farewell ...

Today we say a fond farewell to both Mary and Gwen from the school office team. We thank them both for their welcome, problem solving and support they have given to our whole Brindishe Lee community – inside and outside the building! We wish them well as they both start new chapters.



Food Bank collection

Please remember we are collecting for our local charity for refugees in Lewisham, AFRIL.

Laundry detergent (powder or pods are best)

Washing up liquid

Nappies sizes 3-5

Tinned tuna

Rice

Toilet paper

Long-life juice

Tinned tomatoes

Cereals

Long-life milk

Cooking oil

Please bring your donations to school, there is a box for collection outside the main office and by Reception classroom door. A big THANK YOU!



SAFEGUARDING

Keeping Safe out and about

Now that half term and the warmer weather are here, lots of our older children may well be out and about with their friends in the local area.

Now is a good time to talk with your children to remind them about how to keep safe when they are out and about. Please talk with them about when it's safe to cross a road, what to do if a stranger starts talking to them, or if they have a problem with other children in the park. You can find lots of information and advice about how to keep your children safe at:

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/

Attendance this week

Top attenders this week goes are ... **Year 4, with 98%** and **Year 5, Chery** with **97.7%**



Dates for your diary ...

Next week Half term holiday!

03 June

INSET for staff, school closed

04 June

Summer half term, children back in School

11 June

Year 1 to the Cutty Sark

18 June

Year 4 to Crofton Roman Villa

Year 1 to the Horniman museum

Year 2 to the Ragged school

21 June

F@B Summer Fair

19 July

Last day of the year for children

20 July

INSET day

School Photographs

Please note that class, individual and sibling photographs will be taken **on Thursday 06 & Friday 07 June.**

F@B news!

Summer Fair Friday 21 June 2019

Please put the date in your diary!

<https://patchworkit.com/25794/brindisheleesummerfair>

We look forward to seeing everyone there ... if you would like to know more about the fair and / or if you would like to offer support please click the link above.

Rights Respecting news

The week after the holiday, our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on **Article 15**

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.



And finally...



Don't forget Sportacus activities each day next week if you would like some fun and fitness ... find more information at

<https://www.sportacus.co.uk/>

and Sunday is the 'Walk for Jimmy Mizen' event

<https://register.primoevents.com/ps/event/WalkingforJimmy2019>

I hope you all have a very happy half term break ... fingers crossed for the sun to keep shining!

Lisa Morris

Headteacher

Don't forget you can translate this newsletter into more than 100 different languages on our website: www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk