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Dear parents and carers,

Quik Sticks Hockey Champions!

We are only in our 4th week of a new term and Brindishe Green have already swept up another trophy for our cabinet!

This week 6 children from years 5 and 6 competed in the Quik Sticks Hockey Championship against 25 Lewisham schools. Our team played 7 matches, scored 23 goals, conceded only 3! and won the whole competition 3-0 in the final.

Looks as if we'll be competing in the London Youth Games again this Spring. Well done to the children and huge thanks, as always, to Mr Lewis, our fantastic coach.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday our year 4 actors from all 3 Brindishe Schools continued preparing for their performance on November 1st as part of the Shakespeare for Schools' Festival. It's a big project and lots of work for the children and staff.

On Wednesday children from our KS2 choir performed at the ArtsCafe in Manor Park - thank you to Charlotte Brennan for organizing this for us.

On Thursday Ash and Oak classes visited the Bexley Heritage Trust (Hall Place).

Today Olive class visited the Butterfly House and Willow class visited the Bexley Heritage Trust.

Also today our Year 5's took part in their tri-school team building challenge at Ladywell Arena - we look forward to seeing all the learning that will come from this special

themed day and many thanks to the teachers at Brindishe Green for putting this together for the children.

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:

Safeguarding and Physical, Mental, Social and Spiritual Health and Safety. We will:

- ❖ Ensure that all staff continue to understand and know how they can teach and support children's emotional literacy ("*reading our own and other's feelings, and understanding the part feelings play in the decisions we make*") to help develop resilience and empathy.
- ❖ Teach our communities to understand the part played by competition, cooperation, collaboration and teamwork in the pursuit of excellence and how we can all approach success and failure with resilience and determination.
- ❖ Continue to support children and parents/carers to better understand how to keep themselves safe on and off-line, build *a positive digital footprint and protect their own and other's safety, self-esteem and wellbeing.

**A digital footprint describes the trail and traces that we leave behind on-line. It is an on-line portfolio of who we are and what we do.*

- ❖ Actively teach children how to make considered and safe choices and to resist potentially harmful and exploitative influences encountered

both in and out of school; e.g. peer/ media pressure, gangs, sexploitation, radicalisation, drugs and addictive substances etc.

- ❖ Ensure our Relationship policy incorporates an inclusive and relevant approach to self-image, identity, sex and relationships, use of language and e-safety; **we ensure these are understood and consistently well-implemented.**
- ❖ Develop and secure everyone's understanding of their unique and shared responsibilities within a culture of health, safety and safeguarding.

Diary Dates

6th October - Open Day

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

9th November - Full Governing Body Meeting

16th December - End of Term

4th January - Children return to school

Well done to Oak and Mangrove for 100% attendance this week

Well done also to Maple with 98% attendance - you were just pipped at the post!

Well done to Lilac and Willow (for the 2nd week!) - you have this week's best punctuality.

Updating the information we hold for you

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

All the information we hold about your child is on an on-line service called Arbor. One of the services this online service offers us is the **Parent Portal**. Parent Portal allows you to view your child's attendance and to check and amend your child's personal information, including emergency contact details, using your own username and password.... *Very soon, you will also be able to pay dinner money and pay for clubs in the same way.* 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. **Remember it is your responsibility to keep the school advised of any changes to your details or circumstances.** Many thanks.

And finally.....

Please return any asthma forms to the school office so that we have the most up to date medical information for your child.

Thank you to parents and carers for using the correct ways of entering and leaving the school building. We take the safety of your children very seriously and in a big building like this, it is crucial that we all follow the same procedure. If you are not sure which are the correct entry and exit points, please ask and we will be happy to talk you through them.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt

Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE