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Dear parents and carers, friends and families,

This week at Brindishe Green

As you will all know, Ms Hopkins left Brindishe Green this week and we wished her well in her new role by the sea. She left us at the end of a wonderful week of well-being filled with opportunities to learn about empathy, practise mindfulness and more importantly, enjoy some wonderful cakes made by the children!

Also this week our KS2 choir has performed twice as part of the collaborative choir on Wednesday and last night as part of the celebrations for the Hither Green Festival. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children and particularly to Ms Bea, Ms Eleni, Ms Brennon, Mr Baguley and Ms Campbell for making it all possible!

We have set another date for our KS1 choir to perform after school on June 19th from 3:30 - 4:00pm.

On Wednesday we met with our full governing body and discussed again the implications for funding cuts across our 3 schools and the ways in which we will need to adapt and change as a result of these cuts in order to continue to provide a high quality learning experience for our children.

Governors heard the ways in which our schools work both with each other and with external partners to share expertise and strengths and ensure that 'together we are more' in challenging times.

Also this week Caroline Leek and Izzy Warren performed their show 'When Cells Misbehave'. They were incredible and the feedback from the teachers and children has been great once again.

Nursery and reception went river dipping in Manor Park and we are very grateful to the many parents and carers who supported the children in this very warm weather!

Today 10 of our best mathematicians in years 2 & 3 have taken part in the 24 Challenge at Trinity Primary and we will let you know the outcome after half term.

Finally, we must share our sports successes once again and let you know that our year 3 and 4 tennis team came 3rd in their most recent competition having never competed in tennis before. And our year 5 and 6 athletics team have scooped another top award and will compete in the London Youth Games in July having come 1st out of 16 Schools! Our children Angelina B, Christophe and Jai Mali were named as the top three athletes across the competition - Well done all the children who took part, we are so proud of you.

Dates for your diary

5th June - Children return to school

8th June - SCHOOL CLOSED to children for the General Election

15th June - David Hockney inspired Art Exhibition

15th June - Full Governing Body at BG

19th June - KS1 Choir performance (3:30pm - 4:00pm)

20th June - New reception parents/carers to BG

22nd June - Open Day

14th July - End of year reports to parents/carers

21st July - End of Term

Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Redwood (again!) and Magnolia class for having the highest attendance this week. Walnut (again!) and Redwood had the best punctuality. Chestnut 4 had the best attendance and punctuality this week again in reception - well done to you all !

Live My Digital: Digital Footprint (some helpful advice)

The Girls' day School Trust has created 'Live My Digital', a unique video series to help parents help their children to stay safe online. The series consists of six short films for parents and six matching films for children to empower families to use social media safely and responsibly.

The videos look at the ways in which the internet and digital technology can be used positively by young people as well as identifying the potential issues they may face. This week we are focussing on our Digital Footprint

<https://videocentralhd.lgfl.org.uk/Play.aspx?id=cXGKyBODpXohLx>

Have you spotted a hedgehog?

Please look out for your hedgehog track identification sheet which is going out today for all children to complete over the half-term holidays. It's a final survey of hedgehogs in the local area and we are asking everyone to track sightings and signs of hedgehogs in our area.

We will then send this information to Royal Holloway University to support their biodiversity boost project.

Ramadam

If you and your family celebrate Ramadam, please make sure you advise us if your child will not be at school at any point and Ramadan Mubarak!

...and finally

Summer sun

Hopefully summer will still be with us when we return to school after the holiday.

Thank you for helping your child stay safe in the sun by providing them with a sunhat, keeping their shoulders and backs covered and covering up bare toes.

Please also apply sunscreen before the school day. There are some good 'once a day' lotions and sprays on the market. We ask that children do not bring sunscreen to school in their bags. If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day because of a particular need, please contact Sharon Franks in the school office.

We break up today for one week and return on JUNE 5TH at 8:55am.

Wishing all our families a restful and warm half term and look forward to seeing you all after the holiday.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher