

Brindishe Green School

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To all staff, families and friends at Brindishe Green,

This week at Brindishe Green

This week our Year 5 classes visited Brockwell Park Community Gardens and enjoyed creating their own Andy Goldsworthy sculptures. They were highly praised by the centre for their questions and focus and were super ambassadors for Brindishe Green. Well done Year 5!

Stanley's dad visited Year 3 to talk to the children about archeology as part of their learning on Ancient Egypt.

On Wednesday, our KS2 choir performed at the Art's Café. Thank you to the parents and carers who came to support the children on the day.

On Thursday evening, we held our annual 'At Home' evening to welcome our new children and families to Brindishe Green. Many thanks to Barry, Rita and Molly for such a wonderful choice of food and to the many parents and carers who joined us for the evening.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings take place next week. Please make every effort to join us - we look forward to seeing you all!

On Thursday, the Little Blue Theatre will be here for a special performance of 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet' for Year 1 and Reception children

Also on Thursday, Barry, our chef, is hosting a Burger Day, where we will be serving burger and potato wedges with coleslaw and salad, followed by ice-cream (veg and allergy options available). If your child would like a school dinner on October 5th, please bring in £2.10 to book.

On Friday, Year 6 will visit Chislehurst Caves as part of their work on WWII.

7 - 15 Oct - Art and Music Festival at St Mary the Virgin. Please try to come as we will be exhibiting our artwork from last year based on the work of David Hockney.

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Secondary Transfer

Y6 parents and carers are reminded that the deadline for secondary school applications is **31 October**. You should apply online at www.lewisham.gov.uk via the 'School Admissions' page.

Secondary School Transfer Evening: Thursday 5 Oct, 5.30 - 6:30pm, at Brindishe Green
Parents and carers of children in Y6 are invited to come along to our Year 6 to 7 transition evening on Thursday. We are delighted that representatives from at least 13 secondary schools will be attending. We look forward to seeing you all there.

This is an evening for year 6 parents/carers and it will be repeated next year, but if any year 5 parents/carers are keen to come along you are more than welcome.

Dates for your diary

- 5 October - Open Day
- 5 October - Secondary School Transfer meeting
- 12 Oct - Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Lee
- 13 Oct - Yr 3 to the Science Museum
- 16 - 20 Oct - Yr 6 School Journey
- 18 Oct - Year 2 to the Royal Festival Hall
- 23 Oct - Half Term begins
- 30 Oct - Children return to school
- 16 Nov - Open Day
- 21 Nov - Full governing body meeting at BL
- 24 Nov - Health Screening Year 6

Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Mangrove (again) and Rowan class for having 100% attendance this week. Willow (again!) and Olive had the best punctuality. Well done children!

Sharing our School Development Plan

Each week I will focus on an element of the School Development Plan so that you have

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the fullest picture about our plans. We have also shared these plans with the children.

We will:

- Enable children to use IT readily, wisely, effectively and safely both in and outside school
- Develop our own and children's understanding of the real and the virtual world and their ability to make well informed choices.
- Implement a comprehensive curriculum for Safeguarding
- Teach children how to keep themselves and others safe by being able to discuss, challenge, debate, question, self-reflect and share their thoughts with others.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place for Rec - Y4 on 19 October 2017.

Please return consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.

We are asked by Lewisham LA to let you know that Ofsted are now inspecting SEN in Lewisham and if you have experience of SEN provision they want to hear your views. Please see the Ofsted letter attached for more information.

Lost property

PLEASE come and collect any mislaid coats and sweatshirts. They are piling up and we cannot hang onto them. We will put them out every day next week, but we cannot hold onto them for any longer and they will be disposed of by next Friday (Oct 6th) if they have not been collected. Thank you!

Can you donate blood to save lives?

On Tuesday 10th October from 14.00 - 16.30 and from 17.30 - 19.30 anyone aged between 17yrs and 65yrs can donate blood at Hither Green Baptist Church, 9a Theodore Road, SE13 6HT. Please tell friends and family to come and support this vital cause. Thank you.

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Wishing all our families a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

30 seconds well spent!

We are pleased to promote the efforts of a small group of Hither Green residents who are attempting to keep our children safe on our roads. Hither Green Lane is a very busy road, suffering from excessive speeding and dangerous pedestrian crossings. In an effort to tame traffic and improve the overall amenity value of our local streets, a petition for a safer and greener Hither Green Lane was launched and needs your support.

The petition is urging political decision-makers and the council to fund thorough traffic calming measures and the planting of new trees on Hither Green Lane, in addition to significant streetscape improvements. It is about creating a healthy and inviting environment that residents and their children feel safe in and want to spend time in. Your signature will help make Hither Green Lane a more pedestrian and family friendly place to live, work and shop.

There is no age restriction on who can sign the petition. Please, make sure your husbands, wives, partners, daughters and sons sign too! Signatures are only accepted as valid from persons who live, work or study in the Borough of Lewisham. Please, help spread the word, talk with neighbours and friends and share the petition on your social media. Many thanks.

Please sign here:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/hither-green-lane-streetscape-improvements>

Important information for parents/carers
Please note that information about the cost of school meals, uniform prices (sold on a Thursday only) and term dates are all available on our school website at www.brindisheschools.org/

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