

Brindishe Green School

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To all staff, families and friends at Brindishe Green,

Sporting success at BG

In true Brindishe Green style, we have managed to secure two amazing wins already this term. Last week, our Year 3 and 4 hockey team and yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 hockey team won their competitions convincingly, beating 24 other local schools without conceding one goal.

We have also heard that we will be taking part in the London Youth Games for hockey for the third year. Well done to all the children who took part and to their coach, Mr Lewis - we are looking forward to adding a new cup to our trophy cabinet!

This week at Brindishe Green

On Thursday we held our first full Governing Body Meeting for this academic year. We shared and discussed our end of year results, our revised curriculum and updated governors on our school development plans for the year.

Today Year 3 visited the Science Museum to learn more about forces. Also today, our local MPs Vicky Foxcroft and Heidi Alexander visited Brindishe Green to see our tri-school debate club in action and meet with Morag Calderbank from Brindishe Green, Mark Maguire from Brindishe Manor and Sian Simons from Brindishe Lee who lead the debate clubs across our three schools. The children debated the motion, 'This house believes parents should not be allowed to post images of their children on social media' and were very impressive in their

presentations and their arguments. Our visitors were incredibly impressed by the confidence of our children to express their opinions, their accurate use of language and their powers of persuasion - well done children and thank you to all involved.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Next week our Year 6 children will go on School Journey to PGL Liddington in Swindon. On Wednesday, Year 2 will visit the Royal Festival Hall.

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.

Dates for your diary

- 23 Oct - Half Term begins
- 30 Oct - Children return to school
- 6 Nov - Flu Jabs Reception - Year 4
- 13 Nov - Shakespeare performance at the Albany Theatre, Deptford.
- 16 Nov - Open Day at 9.30-10.30am and 5.00-6.00pm.
- 21 Nov - Full Governing Body meeting at BL
- 24 Nov - Health Screening Year 6

Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Bamboo (100% attendance), Elm and Redwood (for the second week!) for the best attendance. Beech and Cedar had the best punctuality again too! 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 "Find voices and make choices" by:

- Increasing opportunities for children to understand and know how their voice influences decisions made in school
- Encourage difference, diversity and pride in one's own identity
- Identify the unique strengths and skill sets of all staff and deploy and share these within, across and beyond our schools

£1 coins

The round pound will go out of circulation and will cease to be legal tender from Sunday 15th October. If you have to pay in cash for meals/ visits please only pay using the new £1 coins. Thank you.

Do we have your correct email address?

If we don't already have your email address, Please email

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with yours & your child's name. We need it for you to receive the weekly newsletter, access Arbor (our parent portal) so that you can pay dinner money, book parent appointments, amend your contact details, and check your child's attendance. If you need help with accessing the parent portal please let the school office know.

...and finally

Good luck and goodbye Catherine Teakle

Many of our families will know Catherine as she has worked here for many years as a nursery nurse in our nursery. She will very likely have been one of the first members of staff that your child will have got to know at Brindishe Green and will have worked with hundreds of children over her 40 year career!

Catherine will be retiring at the end of this half term after 22 years at Brindishe Green and we all wish her well.

Please make sure you catch her next week to give her your personal good wishes for a long and healthy retirement. She will be missed and we thank her for all she has done for our children.

Have a lovely weekend everyone - it's going to be warm.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher