

## Brindishe Green School

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To all staff, families and friends at Brindishe Green,

### **Crisis at Christmas**

Over the next few weeks we will be asking our children to think about the ways in which they can work together as a class to raise money for this worthwhile charity. This might be helping at home with jobs such as washing the family car, keeping their bedroom tidy, washing up or helping with housework to raise money. We really want children to be **doing** something rather than just **asking** for donations.

Last year, we cooked food, made gifts, helped at home and even wore our Christmas jumpers to school for a day. In total we raised over £2,500 across the three schools and we hope to raise even more this year.

If you would like more information about this worthwhile charity that supports homeless people go to

<https://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/reserve-a-place-at-crisis-at-christmas/>

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

Across this week we have enjoyed our Tri-school Bollywood Dance Workshop for years 3 & 4.

On Thursday our more able mathematicians went to Blackheath High School for a Maths morning.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

Next week is Celebrating Diversity Week. On Wednesday, children and staff should wear something blue and bring in 50p as part of our Anti-Bullying day and as part of Diversity Week. The week will end with a Cake-a-Thon competition on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> with the theme 'All Different, All Equal' - look out for details around school!

On Thursday - Walnut Class are off to the Science Museum to study the Hidden Universe in 3D.

Also on Thursday - Indoor athletic competition at the Lewisham Thunder Dome for years 5 and 6.

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### **Dates for your diary**

- 13 Nov - Nursery Winter Celebration Family Day
- 14 Nov - Shakespeare Performance at the Albany Theatre
- 16 Nov - BG Open Day
- 17 Nov - Cake-a-Thon competition and bake sale
- 21 Nov - Full Governing Body Meeting at BL
- 21 Nov - Rehearsal for Turing of the Year - KS2 choir
- 24 Nov - Health Screening Year 6
- 28 Nov - Advocate Inspire Maths morning with visitors from Sweden
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - TOTY at Blackheath Halls

### **Christmas Performances**

#### **Attendance at Brindishe Green**

Well done to Beech and Maple class for having 100% attendance this week and to Chestnut 1 for the second week. Beech (again), Bamboo and Chestnut 2 had the best punctuality too! Well done children!

#### **Sharing our School Development Plan**

Our final element of the School Development Plan will explore what we have called the 'Brindishe Horizons' by:

- Exploring and maximising our global connections and links, including partnerships with schools in Europe and beyond
- Developing ways to engage with and learn from our wider community - visits, visitors, celebrations, social and cultural events and projects
- Improving the ways we communicate with and to our community about why we do

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what we do (website, translations, open-door, marketing and publicity)

- Exploring and taking up options which future-proof our finances, site and premises (energy and water saving, conservation, recycling, expansion and adaptation ...)
- Keeping up-to-date & well-rehearsed in our protocols for response to major events and incidents of concern

### Is your child due to start primary school in September 2018?

Please make sure you apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). You can apply for up to six schools whether in Lewisham or outside the borough. You list them in order of preference.

**The closing date is on 15 January 2018.**

...and finally

### Online Safety

This week I read an article about 2-factor author identification, a means of extra security with online accounts. I thought I would share the messages from the article with you ...

Security is a hugely important element of online safety; one of the most frequent things that children and young people ask for advice on is how to prevent their accounts getting hacked. Whilst we put a lot of emphasis on companies and organisations to keep our information secure, it's important we apply the same emphasis on our own devices too. Whilst the usual advice of strong

passwords, keeping passwords private etc. are very important, 2-factor authentication is another crucial step regardless of your age or what you use.

Go through the various apps and online accounts that your children use and see where

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you can apply that extra layer of security. Make sure you do it with them so that they can see what you are doing and why. While you're at it, go through your own online accounts and apps that you use and have a privacy/security checkup. Enable 2-factor authentication where it is possible to do so.

If you're not sure where to start, Google and YouTube are good places to start. For example, Google 'WhatsApp 2 factor verification' and you'll quickly see the relevant links and tutorials.

Don't forget it's Armistice Day on Saturday and Remembrance Sunday on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy to support the servicemen and women whose lives have been changed by war.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt  
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