

Brindishe Green School

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1st December 2017

To all staff, families and friends at Brindishe Green,

Year 3 and 4 athletic sporting success!

Well done to our newest team of athletes who competed at the Lewisham Thunderdome last week and came top out of 12 local schools! Huge congratulations to all involved and many thanks to Mr Gray and Mr Lewis for preparing our children so well. The children were so proud of their medals and their cup and it was great to see such a range of children competing who had never had the opportunity to represent their school before! Well done children!

This week at Brindishe Green

On Monday, Banyan and Mangrove visited the Science Museum.

On Tuesday we held our first Advocate Inspire Maths morning with visitors from Sweden. Many thanks to Ms Barber and our team of willing teachers who demonstrated so well how Brindishe Green teaches maths mastery.

Yesterday the History Man worked with Year 4 to bring their learning on the Romans to life.

Parent Portal is open

Arbor is now open for parents to pay dinner money and to check their child's attendance. We apologise for any inconvenience that was caused this week. <https://brindishe-green.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

Next week at Brindishe Green

Don't miss our choir performing at the Turning of the Year annual event on Tuesday 5th at Blackheath Halls. Please make sure you
Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

have got your tickets!

On Wednesday Reception and Year 1 will be visited by Wild Science.

Dates for your diary

Winter Performances

12th December - Years 1 & 2 Winter Warmer at 2.00pm

13th December - Years 3 & 4 Christmas around the World at 2.00pm

13th December - Nursery winter celebration Stay and Play

14th December - Years 5 & 6 Christmas at St Swithun's Church at 6.00pm

15th December - Reception performance at 2.00pm

19th December - School Christmas lunch - more details to follow.

20th December - End of term

Suspicious Behaviour

Please see a message from the local authority and local police at the end of this newsletter.

Lost property and plates from Diversity week

Please come and collect your plates and mislaid jumpers and coats. They are building up again and we cannot hold onto them. The weather is getting colder so please make sure you have collected all items from Lost Property before they make their way to the local second hand shop. Many thanks.

Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Banyan and Rowan class for having top attendance this week. Mangrove, Beech, Cherry and Lilac (again) had the best punctuality. Chestnut 2 had the best attendance AND best punctuality! Well done children!

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

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

Amina Ali from Lewisham admissions will be holding an information and support session at Brindishe Green on Wednesday 6th December 2017 from 9.30-11am to support and advise parent and carers to complete their online application for children starting school in September 18.

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 15th January 2018. You can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

...and finally

Keeping your child safe online - some tips

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet and discourage them from using headphones
- Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate or create a playlist for them
- Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it

- Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them such as school uniform or street name
- Regularly check comments made on your child's video (s)
- Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this consent to be removed by using Youtube's privacy complaint process

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Suspicious Behaviour - a message from the local authority and the local police

You may have seen recent news reports in the media about sexual offences that are being investigated by the Police in Lewisham and Greenwich. Yesterday morning the Metropolitan Police put out an appeal for further information:

<http://news.met.police.uk/news/new-appeal-following-sexual-assaults-282259>



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I wanted to take the opportunity to set out the process that should be followed if you have any incident or suspicious behaviour that requires Police involvement. Any such incidents should first be reported to the Police via 999 if an emergency.

All reports are taken seriously by the Police and the Council, and will be investigated fully, however it is important to realise that not all reports lead to the identification of criminal offences.

While efforts to trace the person or people behind these attacks progress, Police patrols in the area have been increased and officers are working with local schools to advise and reassure pupils and parents.

Anyone who has information that could assist this investigation should call Greenwich CID by dialling 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or contact via Twitter @MetCC.

Please remind all children to take general safety precautions:

- Try not to walk alone - find a friend to walk with
- Do not walk down a lane or unlit road that isn't busy with traffic or pedestrians for a short cut. Take a longer route which is safer
- Run, yell and tell. If they are approached by someone and don't feel safe start to run, yell loudly at the same time and head towards where there are people e.g. shops
- Safe places include shops, libraries, restaurants, take away shops, stations, bus stops where people are waiting

- Speak to an adult they know, if they have concerns about their safety
- Keep their mobile devices hidden - if challenged for a phone for example, give this up. They can replace a phone!
- Do not walk around with their headphones in and phone out on display
- 999 is the number to call to reach the Police in an emergency

Given the information parents and carers might want to review how their children are walking home at this time, particularly now that the nights are drawing in.