

## Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

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

On Monday - Year 3 took part in a Chinese drama workshop, Year 5 had a special workshop called 'When cells misbehave' and year 1 visited Brockwell Community Greenhouses

On Tuesday - Our Nursery visited Manor House Library

On Tuesday and Wednesday - Year 4 visited Hall Place

### **Full Governing Body meeting**

Our Governing Body met on Wednesday. They had an update on school performance and heard a presentation on Brindishe Schools' new approach to marking and feedback in response to recent research and debate in education. Governors also heard how the schools are now using 'comparative judgement' to inform writing assessment across the school. Governors learnt that recent health and safety audits showed all three schools' procedures to be fully compliant and secure.

### **Staff changes**

This week, Amy Snaith who has been supporting in Maple class this half term, returns to Brindishe Manor. In her place, we look forward to welcoming back Morag Calderbank. Megan Brewer also leaves us this week but is replaced by Kelly Vietes. Emma Dunn replaces Mark Henry as class teacher in Palm class after half term and is our new English leader.

### **Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week**

Thank you to the digital leaders for their assemblies on keeping safe online. We are helping children understand how what they write online, and the way they write it, can have a big impact on someone else's self-esteem and wellbeing. The children have been discussing how it's everyone's responsibility to be mindful of the feelings of others online.

The theme of understanding feelings continued when Karen from P2Be held assemblies for Children's Mental Health Week.

### **Mid-term Review meetings**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have met with their child's class teacher already this week. We have another week planned for this straight after half term. If you still need to make an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Fantastic attendance this week!**

Oak - 100%

Birch - 99.3%

Mangrove and Cherry had the best punctuality. Chestnut 1 - 98.3% attendance and best punctuality! Congratulations to all classes.

### **Diary Dates**

19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Children return to school

20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Time Truck arrives

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Book Fair arrives for 1 week

2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day

15<sup>th</sup> March - Full Governing Body Meeting at BM

19<sup>th</sup> March - Challenge Partner Review at BG

26<sup>th</sup> March - Musician's Concert

29<sup>th</sup> March - End of Spring Term

16<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

...and finally

Many thanks to the parents and carers who supported our children on their various visits this week in such cold weather! Also, huge thanks to our own staff who covered visits for absent staff, so that they were not cancelled at the last minute. Your support and commitment is very much appreciated.

Have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes,  
Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

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