

## Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

### Leadership News at Brindishe

Last week the Governing Body of the Brindishe Schools, working with the new Executive Head, Rachel Waite and the local authority confirmed the appointment of the new Headteacher of Brindishe Green School. It is Gerlinde Achenbach, the current Headteacher of Brindishe Manor.

Gerlinde will now move here for September 2018 and, as she already knows the school well, is very much looking forward to working closely with Sarah Gorbitt over the summer term to make sure there is a smooth handover.

Now at Brindishe Manor we are looking to appoint a new Headteacher and some of you will have seen the adverts appearing online on local and national sites. This week Brindishe Manor had a formal review by a team from Challenge Partners (a national School Improvement organisation) led by an Ofsted inspector and the report, which we will receive before Easter, is predicted to be positively glowing. It's a lucky person therefore who takes over the role so if you know of people who may be interested in applying please do refer them to our websites.

Next week Brindishe Green has its Challenge Partners' review and I am sure that it will show that the school is in very good shape as we move towards the final term for me and for Sarah.

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbitt

We are very fortunate in Brindishe to have so many talented and flexible people working with us. This week in the Brindishe Manor review staff were asked how they felt about the changes coming in the federation. I was very pleased to hear that they said they felt that they were used to change and were able to respond quickly and positively when change was needed. They said that they felt the spirit of Brindishe was strong; that they were committed to working in this kind of way and in this kind of school; they said they shared a clear set of values and beliefs which bound them together - and this would enable them to make sure that whatever changes there are they will make sure the schools continue to be successful. With your continuing support we know this will be the same for all three Brindishe Schools.

Dame Vicki Paterson  
Executive Head  
Spyros Elia  
Chair of Governors

### This week at Brindishe Green

What a fantastic performance of the Lion King by Walnut Class this week as part of Lewisham Live. Well done to all involved, particularly to the staff who supported the children and to Mrs Cliftlands for choreographing such as professional performance.

Yesterday and today, Year 5 children visited Dulwich Picture Gallery

Thank you to Christopher Godwin (the Shakespearean actor and Calliope's grandad) who came to speak to Year 4 today.

Today Year 6 have visited Hazard House as part of the Junior Citizen award.

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

### Diary Dates

19 March - Challenge Partner Review at BG

22 March - Yr 5 School Journey meeting

22 March - Nursery children to Mudchute Farm

26 March - Yr 6 Mock SATs week. Please support your child to be in school every day that week and to come having had a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. Thank you

26 March - Musicians' Concert

29 March - End of Spring Term

16 April - Children return to school

### Fantastic attendance this week!

Magnolia - 100%. Closely followed by Beech (99%) and Chestnut 1 (97%). Oak, Bamboo and Cherry had the best punctuality. Congratulations to all classes.

### News from the office ...

From 01 May 2018 the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.10 to £2.20 each day. This will mean a week of school lunches will cost £11.

...and finally

### Rights Respecting School

Each week in the newsletter, we will share one or two of the 54 articles that link with our learning in school or a particular theme for that week.

This week, and as we gather children's views of their school, what helps us most and what would make the school better, we focus on:

#### Article 13 (Freedom of expression):

Children have the right to get and share information, as long as the information is not

damaging to them or others. In exercising the right to freedom of expression, children have the responsibility to also respect the rights, freedoms and reputations of others.

The freedom of expression includes the right to share information in any way they choose, including by talking, drawing or writing.

Wishing all families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

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