

## Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

### **Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review at Brindishe Green**

We were visited this week by Ofsted inspector Christine Alexander, and three senior leaders from schools across the country in order to assess the quality of teaching and learning at Brindishe Green School. They spoke to the children, to the staff, to our teacher leaders and to the senior leaders and observed teaching and learning in every class.

The review team were extremely impressed with what they saw and heard over the three days at our school. Their view was that Brindishe Green has very high standards, amazing children and a highly skilled and very informed team of staff. They were particularly impressed with our rich and inclusive learning environments, the richness of our curriculum and the opportunities and support available to children so that nothing is a barrier to their learning.

The children described Brindishe Green as a place where there is always 'someone who can help you', where 'everyone respects each other' and where you can 'be yourself'. I look forward to sharing the report with you and I will let you know when it is published on our school website.

On Thursday our Nursery children and their families had a wonderful day at Mudchute Farm. Many thanks to Joan from the Nursery for organizing such a fantastic opportunity for our community.

### **Reminder from the school office**

You will have received an email of how to apply for free school meals - or 'pupil premium' - for your child if you are eligible. It is really important to make this application even if your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2 (where all children automatically have free school meals) because, for every entitled child, the school receives up to £1320 funding per year. Eligible families also benefit from half price clubs, music tuition and school journey fees.

Help us to ensure that the school can meet the needs of its community by applying today!

You would need to be in receipt of any of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - net earnings threshold of £7400.00 from April 2018
- Guarantee element of pension credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

To apply you need to create an account and submit an online application at the link below

[www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or come and ask us at the school office and we'll be happy to help you.

### **Diary Dates**

- 26 March - Yr 6 Mock SATs week.
- 26 March - Musicians' Concert
- 29 March - End of Spring Term
- 16 April - Children return to school

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16 April National offer day for Reception places

1 - 31 May KS1 SATs month (for Y2)

14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs (KS2)

### Fantastic attendance this week!

Elm and Cherry and Chestnut 1 had the best attendance. Mangrove, Cedar and Chestnut 3 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.

### Staff changes

Amy Stapleton will leave us next week to start her maternity leave and we look forward to bringing you news of her second baby when he or she arrives!

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.

### Article 15 (freedom of association)

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

This week, a group of 13 Year 5 and 6 children (along with Mr Lewis and Mr Gray) represented Brindishe Green at the London Youth Games. We were very proud of their sporting achievements and how well

they represented our school. Both the hockey and netball teams played exceptionally well. Just being in the games means we are in the top 30 schools in London for both sports, but the hockey team reached the quarter finals, meaning they are the 5<sup>th</sup> best team in the whole of London!

The benefits of after school activities (sport, music, art, multi-activity) for children are wide and varied, ranging from physical benefits due to the promotion of increased activity, to psychological and social advantages. Scientific research proves that encouraging children to engage in activities after school could aid their development. Participation in extracurricular activities on a regular basis is the best way to help children develop their individual personality, cut down on emotional stress, and enhance social or academic skills that could benefit them in the future. Psychologists even recommend after school activities as the preferred choice over confidence-building classes.

You can find an extensive range of clubs and activities for children on the Lewisham Council website:

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/event/s/children-and-young-people/Pages/default.aspx>

Wishing all families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

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