

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

Parent /carers at Brindishe Green: your views please

As we approach the last half term of this year each of our Brindishe Schools are beginning to put together their plans for the next three years.

I know that in each school there will be quite a few changes, not least in the leadership teams as I leave Brindishe and Rachel Waite takes over as the new Executive Head and the Federated Governing Body appoint new governors for Brindishe in September.

Last term we surveyed the views of Brindishe children and staff and we have been discussing these within our teams and using them to help us decide our next steps.

It is now your turn to let us have your views and we invite you to click this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MXKPQH> and complete the parent/ carer survey.

If you would prefer to give us your views about your child's school in another way (email, phone or in person), please do, as we are always ready to hear about the things we do well and the things in which you think we need to improve.

If you wish to email please send your views to me on vickipaterson@brindisheschools.org or to your child's headteacher at sarahgorbutt@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk or to our current Chair of Governors spyroselia@brindisheschools.org

The survey will stay open until 8 June. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head
Brindishe Schools

Year 6 SATs

Well done to our year 6 children who have worked their socks off all week in their important end of year tests. Today they have relaxed and celebrated their hard work outside school and we look forward to sharing their success with you later this term; they really deserve to do well! Many thanks to the breakfast team ably led by Ms Cookie, who have been at school every morning this week, at the crack of dawn, making toast and preparing fruit for our hardworking children. We couldn't do it without you all!

This week at Brindishe Green

This week our nursery children and their families went river dipping. We had a lovely time in the sunshine and even caught some fish! (as well as shrimp, leeches and tadpoles!). Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the children on the day.

On Wednesday we held our full governor's meeting at Brindishe Green and discussed amongst other things, the Challenge Partner Review reports for each school, the results from our most recent children's surveys and the ways in which all 3 Brindishe Schools encourage independence and resilience in our children so that they cope well with life's challenges and disappointments.

Yesterday, Brindishe Green again hosted the annual children's concert as part of the Hither Green Festival. Many thanks to all the schools that took part and to their families and friends who came to support them. Special thanks to Daisy Johnson, the creative and expressive arts team at BG, our premises and IT team and the many, many other staff who carried chairs, stayed late and supported this wonderful event.



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Next week at Brindishe Green

Next Friday 25th, Reception parents and carers are invited to come into school from 2.30 - 3.15pm to read with children and listen to their helicopter stories. We look forward to seeing you.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Well done to Year 6, Bamboo and Chestnut 3 for best punctuality. Oak class had 100% attendance and were closely followed by Cedar and Chestnut 2.

Don't forget Bexley tests on 11th/12th Sept

Registration for the Bexley tests is open until 8 July. If your child is currently in year 5 and wishes to register please go to www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests.

Diary Dates

1 - 31 May KS1 SATs month (for Y2)
22nd May - School Photos
24th May - Yr 5 & 6 Sports day at the Ladywell Arena
25th May - Break up for half term
4th June - Children return to school
5th June - The duck eggs arrive!
7th June - Open Day
11th June - Phonics testing begins
19th June - New Reception - Parents Meeting
27th June - Full Governing Body meeting at BG.
Please let us know if you wish to attend so that we can arrange seating for you.
20th July - End of term

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 the week. This week we are focussing on



Article 3 (best interests of the child). The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

And the best way you can help your child is to bring them to school every single day, on time.

Why is good attendance so important?

We know there is a link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement yet every school year we receive requests for absence in term time for reasons that are not **exceptional**.

New learning takes place every day and children need to be there in order to keep up. It is very difficult for a child to keep up with their peers when they regularly miss days or are absent for a longer period of time.

We do monitor absence patterns very closely and we follow up on all absences. Any child whose attendance is below 90% is considered by the Government to be a **persistent absentee** and their attendance is referred to the local authority Education Welfare Officer. Schools are in a position to issue fines which could be as much as £1,000.

School terms account for only 39 weeks leaving **13 whole weeks of holiday each year**.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Want to go out cycling but need your bike (s) checked beforehand? Look no further than Dr Bike (free bicycle check and adjustment):

Tuesday 29th May:

8 -10am Eddystone Bridge
11am - 1pm Hilly Field, outside café
1.30 - 3.30pm Ladywell Fields, outside café
4.30 - 6.30pm Folkstone Gardens (Surrey Canal Rd end)

Wednesday 30th May

1.30 - 4pm Manor House Park (outside café)
4.30 - 6.30pm Eddystone Bridge