



14 September 2018

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe Green,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we begin the Autumn Term. Since the start of term it has been wonderful to watch the children walking through the school gates, delving into their learning and talking to each other about their summer time adventures.

As I too embark on a new year, I want to thank the staff at all three schools for such a warm welcome. It has been fantastic to be part of the INSET last week where we immersed ourselves in the priorities for the year, looked at exciting opportunities for 2018/19 and prepared the classrooms for the year ahead.

I will be spending the next few weeks getting to know each school. I am looking forward to greeting as many of you as I can on the school gates, spending time in the classrooms and talking to the children and staff.

My passion is to ensure that every child that is part of our school community is provided with opportunities that inspire them to learn, prepare them for the future and support them in becoming the best they can. I look forward to working within the Brindishe partnership and taking the schools forward.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Rachel Waite
Executive Headteacher

This week at Brindishe Green

New families

We have welcomed our old Nursery children into Reception this week and from Monday we are looking forward to meeting all our new Reception children as they begin to join their classes.

It was lovely too to meet new Nursery parents, carers and children today for their 'Stay and Play' sessions. Nursery begins for our existing Nursery children on Monday 17.

All our new families across the school are invited to join us for an informal get together called '**At Home**' on Thursday 27 September at 5.30pm. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

New staff

We are very lucky to have experienced new staff joining our team this September. Kerry Smith, Y2 Acer, and Susan Jackson, teacher in Reception Chestnut 2, bring a wealth of experience and ideas to us all at Brindishe Green.

You will also see new faces amongst our teaching assistants, including Gemma Gibson and Alejandro Galbon.

I know you will join us in making them all very welcome.

Parent Governor elections

On Monday, each school will be sending out a letter with details of two parent governor positions on the Brindishe Federation Governing Board. Parents from Brindishe Lee,

Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Green are welcome to apply for the posts and the Governing Board look forward to welcoming nominations from all of our school communities. All the information about the role will be included in the letter but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Waite, Executive Head or Gerlinde Achenbach, Headteacher, via the school office.

New collection time arrangements for Ys 2 – 6 from Monday 17 September

To avoid congestion and confusion at pick up time we have some new end of day collection procedures for Ys 2 – 6.

From Monday there will be allocated areas for each year group in the playground – please look for your year group sign.

Parents and carers are asked to wait for their children in these areas at the end of the day and not to take children from the line as they are walking out of the building.

For safeguarding reasons you will understand how important it is that the staff see each child go safely to their expected adult from the collection point.

‘Meet the Teacher’

You will remember that we carried out a survey of parent / carer views about the school earlier this year. Your feedback was that you would like more opportunities to meet individually with your child’s class teacher. Therefore, this half term, we are inviting parents and carers to make an appointment for an individual meeting with their child’s class teacher. This ‘meet the teacher’ meeting is a chance for us get to know each other better and to help teachers find out more about your child and their interests, strengths and needs. Meetings are booked online via Arbor’s Parent Portal and we will let you know shortly when the booking ‘window’ will open. Please see diary dates below for details of when the meetings are planned.

Book Fair and Summer Reading Challenge

We are holding a Book Fair from Thursday 20th September - Wednesday 26th September. This is a chance for you and your child to browse and buy books and it will take place in the main hall at the following times:

Thur 20	after school only
Fri 21	after school only
Mon 24	before and after school
Tues 25	before and after school
Wed 26	before and after school

A percentage of the funds raised will be given directly back to the school to spend on books for classroom reading areas and shared spaces around the school.

Well done to everyone who took part in the Brindishe Green Summer Reading Competition where the children were asked to bring a photo of themselves reading in an unusual place! The winners of the prize draw will be announced next week in assembly.

Moving on after Year 6: a message from Lauren Campbell, Deputy Head

As we start our new academic year at Brindishe Green, we send our best wishes and good luck to our old Year 6 classes who have now started their new secondary schools. Our children have moved on to 31 schools in total and most children went to a Lewisham school. The table below shows a list of the schools they are now attending. Different schools have different admissions criteria and parents and carers carefully consider this when choosing a school for their child.

More information on how to apply to a Lewisham school can be found on www.lewisham.gov.uk (Education, Schools, Secondary Schools, Applying to Start Secondary Schools).

Applications for 2019 need to be made online by October 31 at www.eadmissions.org.uk

We are holding an information evening for Y6 parents and carers on 4 October at 5pm to help with the admissions process.

Secondary Schools to which Brindishe Green children transferred in 2018	Number of children	Lewisham School
Addey & Stanhope School	1	✓
Bexleyheath Academy	1	Bexley
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	1	✓
Cecil Jones Academy Southend	1	Essex
Chislehurst School For Girls	2	Bromley
Colfes School	1	Greenwich
Conisborough College	3	✓
Crayford Academy	1	Bexley
Eltham Hill School	2	Greenwich
Forest Hill School	5	✓
Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy	3	✓
Harris Academy Beckenham	2	Beckenham
Harris Academy Bromley	2	Bromley
Harris Academy Greenwich	2	Greenwich
Harris Academy South Norwood	1	Croydon
International Academy Of Greenwich	2	Greenwich
Lambeth Academy	1	Lambeth
Langley Park School For Boys	2	Bromley
Leigh Academy Blackheath	1	Greenwich
Meopham School	1	Kent
Prendergast Hillyfields	2	✓
Prendergast Ladywell	7	✓
Prendergast Vale	12	✓
Ravensbourne School	1	Bromley
Sedgehill School	3	✓
St Matthews Academy	3	✓
St Olaves Grammer School	1	Bromley

Sydenham School	1	✓
The John Roan School	1	Greenwich
The Leigh Academy Dartford	1	Kent
Thomas Tallis	2	Greenwich
Trinity School	13	✓
University Academy Of Engineering South Bank	1	Southwark

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 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.



This week (9-11 Sept), millions of Jews celebrated Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and next week is Yom Kippur (18-19 Sept), also known as the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year in Judaism. We are thinking about our Jewish families in the community at this special time.

And finally...

If you are going into London on Sunday, please visit The Scoop on the South Bank where some of our Y6 children are singing from 1pm as part of the Thames Festival. Thanks to Daisy Johnson for making this happen...

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

Diary dates

- 16 Sep Y6 children perform at the Thames Festival from 1pm: The Scoop SE1 2DB
- 22 Sep 'Shine' sessions begin (Y5)
- 27 Sep 'At Home' evening for all families new to the school, 5.30 – 6.30pm
- 1 - 5 Oct 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for Y6 parents and carers only
- 4 Oct Open Day for prospective parents and carers: 9.30 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm
- 4 Oct Secondary transfer meeting for parents and carers of children in Y6 5pm
- 8 - 13 Oct 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents and carers of children in Ys 1 – 6
- 15 – 19 Oct 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents and carers of children in Ys 1 – 5
- 15 - 19 Oct Y6 School Journey
- 31 Oct Deadline for applications to secondary schools for 2019