

5 October 2018

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

### Message from Rachel Waite, Executive Head

Dear Parents and Carers,  
With the nominations for parent governor closing this week, I would like to thank everyone who has put themselves forward. You will all be receiving an email today with the details of each person and a short written piece about them. Please take the time to read through and post your voting slip into one of the ballot boxes which you will find in each school office. Postal votes are also accepted and voting closes [on Friday 12th October](#). Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any further information or to pick up a paper copy of the voting slip.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Rachel Waite

### This week at Brindishe Green

#### Sadiq Khan celebrates Brindishe Green's fantastic achievement!

Teachers Aidan Phipps, Myles Thompson and Liana Parker have today met the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, in a ceremony thanking them for the fantastic work they have done over recent years with our Y6 children. In particular they have been congratulated for the progress made by children who started school behind their peers and left Y6 in July 2017.

We are very grateful to all our teachers and support staff, every one of whom gives over and above to make sure our children have the very best chance of success.

A new Brindishe Schools' Chamber Choir has started rehearsals this week. The tri-school choir offers the opportunity for children with a talent for singing to come together and sing some really exciting and challenging material. Thank you to Daisy Johnson for co-ordinating the Brindishe Green members.

Our new wind band has now started and the children are really enjoying the chance to play their instruments as part of a group.

Thank you to Lauren Campbell, Deputy Head, for running a meeting about secondary transfer on Thursday. Those Y6 parents and carers who attended said it was very helpful. If you would like a copy of the presentation, please ask for one in the school office.

**Secondary school applications for 2019 need to be made online by October 31 at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)**

#### Staffing news

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed Kathryn Board, Tenisa Anderson and Danielle Downey to our teaching assistant team.

#### Fantastic Attendance!

- 100% attendance this week from Oak, Maple and Cedar – wow!
- Best punctuality from Ash and Magnolia

Very well done to these classes.

#### Rights Respecting School

Each week in the newsletter we 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 focusing on Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect): Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are



protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

*Ms Campbell writes:* On 2 October it was 'International Day of Non-Violence'. At Brindishe Green we believe that everyone has the right to feel safe, be able to do their best and be treated respectfully. Verbal abuse, deliberate acts of aggression and stopping others from achieving their potential in school, at home or in the community is unacceptable. We teach all our children how to problem solve and manage conflict and disagreement in a peaceful, powerful and empowering manner.

### ***Safeguarding in school***

*Please help us to keep all the children safe in school by avoiding sending any foods containing nuts or sesame in your child's packed lunch. We have a number of children across the school with serious allergies to nuts and sesame, some air-borne.*

### **And finally...**

#### **'Meet the Teacher' individual meetings**

Over the next fortnight teachers hope to meet with every parent and carer in their class. Don't forget to log in to Arbor with your username and password to book a time to meet up.

Best wishes to you all,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

### **Diary dates**

**8 Oct** Cycling Proficiency begins

**8 - 12 Oct** Voting to elect new Parent Governors. Voting closes 4pm on 12 Oct

**8 - 12 Oct** 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents and carers of children in Y1-6

**15 – 19 Oct** 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents and carers of children in Y1 – 5

**15 - 19 Oct** Y6 School Journey

**17 Oct** The History Man visits Y4 - workshop on 'The Romans'

**31 Oct** Deadline for applications to secondary schools for 2019