

19 October 2018

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

Governor elections

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to thank the candidates who put themselves forward for the parent governor elections of the Brindishe Federation and all the parents and carers who took the time to vote. Following the count last Friday, I am pleased to announce that Lucy Lock from Brindishe Lee and Jonathan Morris from Brindishe Green were both successful in the appointment and we welcome them onto the Governing Board. Laura Scallon from Brindishe Lee has been voted in to represent the staff. We have already planned a session for everyone to get to know each other and continue to provide outstanding governance across the three schools.

As our first half term comes to an end, I would like to wish you all a very lovely break. The start of the year has been full of exciting opportunities, learning and enjoyment and I look forward to seeing what next half term has to offer.

Kind regards,

Rachel Waite
Executive Head

This week at Brindishe Green Y6 School Journey

The children return from their week in Liddington near Swindon today. They are all exhausted but have had a really fantastic time learning to abseil, canoe, fence, aeroball, complete an assault course, climb Jacob's Ladder and hold on tight on the giant swing!

They have challenged themselves and are all feeling very proud of what they

have achieved both individually and working as a team. For many children, this is their first experience of staying away from home for any length of time and they have done incredibly well.

Many, many thanks to Aidan Phipps (journey leader), Maddy Pearce, Seval Fleming, Daisy Johnson, Danny Gray and Lauren Campbell who accompanied the children and looked after them so well across the week.

Fire Safety

Y2 and Y5 learnt about fire safety on Monday in their workshops with Hazel and Oliver from the London Fire Brigade. We know the children all left with great ideas for keeping everyone safe from the risk of fire at home.

History Man visits Brindishe Green

Y4 had a fantastic time on Wednesday with a visit and workshop from the History Man – they learned about the Roman Empire, the Romans in Britain, and about Roman food, clothes, games and art.

'Meet the Teacher' individual meetings

Many thanks to all our parents and carers who have taken the time to meet with class teachers over the past few weeks. We have really enjoyed meeting you all and finding out more about your children – the meetings will help us in planning learning and support across the coming year.

Staffing news

Today we say good luck to Amy Cliftlands who leaves us to have her second baby. We look forward to hearing her news very soon.

We also say goodbye and thank you to teaching assistant Ella Gill who heads off shortly to Australia to do some some travelling.

Fantastic Attendance!

- Best attendance this week from Acer (100%!) and Elm
- Best punctuality from Acer, Magnolia and Redwood.

Very well done to these classes.

Rights Respecting School

The children have heard stories about refugee children and families in assemblies this week.



Don't forget that after half term we are collecting donations of TINNED FISH in order to support the 'Helping Hands Foodbank' project run jointly by the Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter (in Lee) and Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL).



Collecting boxes will be in the entrance hall so please give generously.

Over half term

We have had some cases of headlice in school this term. Please take the opportunity next week to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Please also try to label any clothing your child is likely to wear or bring to school. This means it can be returned to your child quickly if it is mislaid.

Our lost property baskets are overflowing and all unclaimed and unlabelled clothing will soon be taken to the local charity shop. Please make sure you check the baskets regularly.

Applying for secondary school 2019

Closing date for secondary applications is **31st October 2018**. Lewisham Admissions recommend that you submit your online application **by today, 19th October 2018**, at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Diary dates

22 – 26 Oct Half term – school closed

29 Oct Back to school

31 Oct Deadline for applications to secondary schools for 2019

15 Nov Open Day for prospective parents and carers 9.15 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm.

Please tell interested friends and neighbours.

22 Nov Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm - please let us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you.

11 Dec Y3 and 4 'Christmas Around the World' performances 9.15 and 2.15

12 Dec Y1 and 2 'Winter Wonderland' performances 9.15 and 2.15

13 Dec Y5 and 6 Carol Concert at St Swithuns Church, 6pm

14 Dec Reception festive family learning session 1.45 – 3.15pm

14 Dec Nursery festive family learning sessions 9 – 11am, 12.45 – 2.45pm

15 Jan 2019 Deadline for applications to reception class 2019 for children born between 01.09.2014 – 31.08.2015: www.eadmissions.org.uk

And finally...

Thank you to all families for your warm welcome to me here at Brindishe Green. The first seven weeks have flown by and been full of such exciting learning. Next week is half term and school is closed. We hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 29 October.

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

Local news

HITHER GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOC

Annual General Meeting: Wed 7 Nov
7.30 - 9.30pm. Venue: Zenubian,

36 Hither Green Lane SE13 6QA