

11 January 2019

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

What a lovely start to the term we have had. All the children have come back from the holiday so refreshed, settled and keen to get back to learning. It's been a fun-packed week!

In this newsletter I would like to share with you the very wide range of cultural and sporting opportunities we have planned for Brindishe Green children this year.

Whole school dance focus

TRINITY LABAN CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC & DANCE

We are very, very lucky this term to be working with the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in two separate projects.

On Tuesdays, dance professionals are working with children and staff from Y1 – 6 and they, in turn, are training others across the school. We plan to share the results of this exciting work with you towards the end of term.

Y5 Walnut class have a separate project with Trinity Laban. Over this term they are creating a music/dance performance piece which they will perform on stage at the Laban Centre in Deptford in March.

Y3 Maple class are taking part in 'Lewisham Live' and are busy preparing a dance to perform at Lewisham's Broadway Theatre. This Lewisham-wide event is also organised by Trinity Laban.

We aim to have a school full of dance experts – both children and adults – before this school year finishes!



Music and Art opportunities coming up

It is an exciting year for us. Y4 classes are learning Samba drumming for a term each and those of you at the Y3/4 winter performance will know just how amazing a class Samba band can sound...



demonstrated so expertly by Elm class! We are doing this in conjunction with Lewisham Music Service and everyone is thoroughly enjoying the chance to learn.

In the summer term we are planning a whole school art project.

Classes will visit Tate Britain to view the Van Gogh exhibition and the project will finish with our own Art Exhibition right here at Brindishe Green. We will let you have more details of this nearer the time.



In a different Tate project our Y3 children will all feature in a special London-wide collaboration called 'Tate Y3 Project'. Tate are inviting "every Year 3 class across London to take part in the largest group portrait ever made.

This will be an epic picture of our city's pupils and our rich civic diversity in a unique programme for London's children to explore their hopes and futures based on identity, belonging, inclusion and citizenship."

Our choirs and musicians (trumpet/cornet, flute, violin, clarinet, vocalists and wind band) will have further opportunities to perform this term. We are applying to sing at Lewisham Live and are keeping our fingers crossed that we're successful! Look out for details of concerts and performances in this newsletter as they come up.

Sporting opportunities

Last term, Y4 had the opportunity to learn cricket from cricketing professionals (including from the England team!) from Platform Cricket and we are planning to have further professional coaching for other year groups in tennis later this term.



Mr Lewis and Mr Gray are busy preparing children for basketball and athletics tournaments including the very challenging London Youth Games – again we will let you know how we get on.

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

Article 29 (goals of education): Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



Coming up at Brindishe Green Reception Reading Workshop Tuesday 15 January

If your child is in Reception you will have received an invitation to come along to one of our workshops next Tuesday. We will explain how we teach children to read at our school and give you ideas for how to support your child at home. Come along to our main hall at 9.15 – 10.15 am or at 4.30 – 5.30pm on Tuesday 15 January.

Collecting for AFRIL (Action Refugees in Lewisham)



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the food collection for AFRIL before the holiday. Rev Bridget at St Peter's Church has asked us to thank you on behalf of all the refugee families who use the food bank there.

This term we are collecting **rice**. Any donations that families can give will be very gratefully received. The collection box is in our main entrance lobby.

Safeguarding our community

As we start a new term, please make sure staff know who will be collecting your child at the end of each day. If this changes, please make sure you let the school office know **in advance**. You can set up a collection 'password' with us if the person collecting is not someone we are expecting.

Online Safety

With safer internet day approaching on the 5 February, we plan to include an online safety '**top tip**' for parents and carers in this newsletter each week. This term we will also be organising a parent workshop, as well as a 'Question Time' panel of experts from Brindishe Schools to answer your questions about settings for Apple and Android mobile devices.

Top Tip no 1: talk **openly** with your child about their use of the internet and **know** the sites they are visiting so that you can monitor their safety.

Diary dates

14 Jan Music tuition / choirs begin

15 Jan Reception reading workshop
9.15 – 10.15am or 4.30 – 5.30pm

21 Jan Clubs begin

28 Jan Trinity Laban Brass Band perform for KS2

Fortnight from 4 February. 'Mid-year review' parent/carer/teacher meetings. Booking via Arbor's Parent Portal opens on Monday 21st January at 9am.

12 Feb Athletics Y5/6 team London Youth Games tournament

18 – 22 Feb Half term holiday

And finally...

If your child was born between *1 Sep 2014 – 31 August 2015*, please don't forget to make your online application for a Reception place for September 2019. The deadline is this Tuesday 15 January. Apply at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

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