

18 January 2019

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

This week at Brindishe Green

From Nursery to Y6 there is very exciting learning taking place, including creating Egyptian head dresses and Roman mosaic tiles, diary writing about the Great Fire of London and lots of dance as we begin our project with the Laban Centre.

Sporting opportunities

4 children from Y3 and Y4 – Andrew, Vanessa, Leonardo and Jael - represented the school in a Lewisham schools' basketball tournament yesterday, along with 35 other teams. We are absolutely delighted to let you know that Brindishe Green brought home the winners trophy, with Brindishe Lee coming second! Congratulations to our talented children and thank you to Mr Lewis and Mr Danny for their hard work in coaching the children over the past few weeks.

Reception Reading Workshop

Thank you to all Reception parents and carers who came along to the workshops about early reading on Tuesday. We had a very good turnout and some excellent feedback on how helpful the workshops were, particularly about how to help at home. Thank you to Ella Richardson, Debbie Hughes and the Reception team for preparing and leading the sessions.

Open Day at Brindishe Green

We had much praise for our Y6 'ambassadors' who showed around parents and carers on our recent open day. Our visitors were incredibly impressed by our school which one person described as 'so calm, yet buzzing with learning and questions'.

Our next open day is on 25 April 2019. Please tell interested friends and neighbours.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Next week Y3 visit the Horniman Museum to learn more about the Egyptians and Y5 will begin visits to Sedgehill School to get a flavour of what secondary school is like.

Coming up at Brindishe Green Mid-year review meetings

In a few weeks we will be holding meetings with parents and carers to look at each child's learning and progress so far this year.

This year we are inviting your child to come along with you so that they can share with you their success in learning and talk about their next steps.

There will be an opportunity to look at books and learning at these meetings – we know the children will be very proud to show you all they have achieved.

Please look out for a letter coming home to explain more about the meetings and what to expect.

Booking on Arbor's Parent Portal opens on 21 January at 9am.

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green



Our focus this week is **Article 13 (freedom of expression):**

Every child must be free to express their

thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Safeguarding our community

As the cold weather takes hold, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to school. We suggest they wear layers that can be easily removed or added. All our children spend time outdoors every day, and do outdoor PE every week, so its important

that they have warm clothes for these activities. Please make sure you label your child's clothing so it can be easily returned to them if it gets lost.

Online Safety



This week's **'top tip'** to support our parents and carers in developing a greater awareness and understanding of the

internet can be found at:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/having-a-positive-digital-footprint>

Here you will find a very helpful article explaining what a digital footprint is and how you and your child can create and maintain a positive image online. You will also find a range of online safety articles which will support you and your child develop an open and honest conversation about the internet.

Data collection

As you know we hold information on our system about all the children at our school. From time to time we ask families to check this information so we are sure it is up-to-date.

If you have recently received a letter from us asking you to do this, please make sure you inform the school office as soon as possible about any changes that need to be made.

It is really important that we have accurate information on our system to ensure we can communicate with you efficiently and quickly when we need to, and to help us keep your child safe.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Best attendance: Oak, Ash, Olive, Cedar and Chestnut 1

Best punctuality: Mangrove, Chestnut 1 and Magnolia.

Well done all these children!

Good attendance at Brindishe Green

Our overall school attendance is currently **97.4%**. This is something to celebrate because the government sets a minimum expectation for schools of 96%.

When children miss out on teaching and learning, even for a few days, it can mean that they start to fall behind. Being in school during term time ensures your child has every chance to learn, make good progress and feel part of our learning community.

We want to thank everyone who helps make sure their child is in school, on time, every day that they are well and remembers not to book holidays during term time.

Diary dates

21 Jan Clubs begin

22 Jan Mangrove to Sedgehill School

24 Jan Palm and Maple to Horniman Museum

25 Jan Birch to Horniman Museum

28 Jan Trinity Laban Brass Band perform for KS2

29 Jan Walnut to Sedgehill School

31 Jan Banyan to Sedgehill School

Fortnight from 4 February. 'Mid-year review' parent/carer/teacher meetings.

Booking via Arbor's Parent Portal opens on Monday 21st January at 9am.

6 Feb Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Manor. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you.

12 Feb Athletics Y5/6 team London Youth Games tournament

18 – 22 Feb Half term holiday

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Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher