

## 1 February 2019

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

### This week at Brindishe Green

Well, the snow was very short-lived, wasn't it! At Brindishe Green we will always try our utmost to stay open unless severe weather makes it very difficult for staff to get to work. If it snows we will let you know by text message if the school is to be closed, by 7.30am. There will also be a message on our school website:

<http://green.brindisheschools.org/>

On Tuesday, Brindishe Green hosted a tri-school coding workshop for each school's KS2 Digital Leaders. The morning was a great success and the children enjoyed sharing their tips and strategies about coding and tech.

Trinity Brass came to school on Monday to perform for our oldest children. The band is made up of brass students from Trinity Laban who were a great inspiration for our own budding musicians. Thank you to their tutor, Oren Marshall, for arranging this fantastic opportunity for all 3 Brindishe Schools.

Our two remaining Y5 classes visited Sedgehill School this week and, once again, Brindishe Green children were described as mature, enthusiastic and a credit to their school and families. Well done children.

Thank you again to all our adults who accompany the children on educational visits – we really appreciate your support.

### Mid-year review meetings 4 – 15 February

We are pleased that so many parents and carers have already booked to meet with their child's teacher. Please remember

that your child is invited to this meeting. Please book online on Arbor's Parent Portal. Booking closes this Saturday 2 February at midnight.

### Mental Health Week

Next week is national Children's Mental Health Week. At



Brindishe Green we will be learning about understanding our own and others' feelings and how to keep ourselves healthy inside and out!

Jaime, our lead counsellor from Place2Be, will be leading assemblies, and our learning across the week will help us continue to develop one of the important aspects of this year's School Development Plan.

If you feel you would like more support with understanding your child's mental health, the Young Minds website has a very helpful section - the link is here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help-for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/>

### Rights Respecting news



As 4 February is the beginning of Children's Mental Health Week and World Cancer Day, this will allow children to learn about Article 24 (health and health services): every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

### **Safeguarding our community**

It's VERY cold at the moment. Some children are arriving at school with very thin jackets or coats, and some with none at all! Please make sure your child has a warm outer layer and a hat and gloves to keep them warm at play and lunchtime. Make sure your child's clothes are labelled with their name so they can be returned to them if they get lost.

### **Online Safety**



Our online safety '**top tip**' this week can be found at:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/digital-natives-are-they-really>

This provides you with an interesting article giving you tips on how to learn from your child. Children are often more tech-savvy than adults. Letting your children teach you is a great way to build trust between family members. On this website, you will also find a great link to a summary of the 5 digital parenting rules that REALLY matter. Please keep talking to your children and learning from each other.

### **Fantastic attendance this week!**

*Best attendance from Walnut, Cedar and Chestnut 3*

*Best punctuality from Walnut, Magnolia and Chestnut 3*

Well done to these classes!

### **Diary dates**

**Fortnight from 4 February.** 'Mid-year review' parent/carer/teacher/child meetings. Booking via Arbor's Parent Portal is now open.

**5 Feb** Y3/4 mixed football tournament

**6 Feb** Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Manor, 6pm. 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

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

Have a good weekend, everyone!

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