



**24 May 2019**

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

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

#### **Cricket festival**

Eight talented children from Y4, 5 and 6 took part in a cricket tournament against other Lewisham schools on Wednesday and brought home yet another winning trophy! They also won the 'Respect the Games' award which is given to the team who shows great team spirit and respect towards all of the competitors – as you can imagine, we are all very proud of this too. Their success means that Brindishe Green will once again represent Lewisham at the London Youth Games being held next month! We will keep you posted about how they get on. Thanks again to Mr Lewis and Mr Gray for their superb coaching.

#### **Tri-school sports day for Y5+6**

Children from all three Brindishe schools took part in the tri-school sports day for Y5+6 at Ladywell Arena yesterday and had a really fantastic day. The sun shone and everybody was very impressed with the children's sporting behaviour and skill and their support for each other. Many thanks go to Tom Williamson from Brindishe Green and Helen Coupe from Brindishe Manor for putting the whole event together, to the staff teams and to the parents and carers who came along to cheer them all on.

#### **Rights Respecting visit**

This week the Rights Respecting Ambassadors were visited by Sarah Clayton, who worked as Head for the UN Human Rights at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The children learnt so much from her on how governments work together to ensure that countries implement Human - and Children's - Rights. The children asked excellent questions and left feeling really inspired and empowered in the knowledge that as they get older, they will be able to make a difference to others locally and around the world.

#### **Hither Green festival**

Congratulations to the members of the KS2 choir who took part in the festival concert held at Sandhurst Primary yesterday. They sounded beautiful! Thank you to Daisy Johnson, Hollie Campbell and staff, parents and carers who went along to support the children.

#### **Polling Day**

We were very pleased to have been able to keep the main school open yesterday during polling for the European elections. The day was very well planned and risk assessed and, we are delighted to say, went without a hitch.

### **Staffing news**

We are very pleased this week to have appointed a new Attendance, Welfare and Safeguarding Assistant (AWSA), Sue Murphy, who will be joining us a few weeks after half term.

Moving forward, we are very fortunate to have AWSO Clare Doran, based at Brindishe Manor, also working with us. Clare will be working across all three Brindishe Schools supporting families to have good attendance and to stay safe and healthy. She is going to be on the gate every Thursday and Friday, so please do look out for her.

We say goodbye and good luck this week to a few members of staff: Ashlene O'Brien, teacher in Y5 Walnut, starts her maternity leave after half term. We wish her well and look forward to hearing the good news very soon! Nate Horgan will be the teacher in Walnut until the end of term.

Seval Fleming, Y6 Teaching Assistant, is leaving us to begin a brand new career and Hannah Kirby-Jones, PPA teacher, is also moving to pastures new. We wish them every success for the future and know you will join us in thanking them both for the fantastic contribution they have made to the school over the time they have been with us.

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

*Best attendance from Chestnut 1, Cedar and Walnut*

*Best punctuality from Walnut and Birch*

Very well done to you all !

### **Keeping Safe out and about**

Now that half term and the warmer weather are here, lots of our older children may well be out and about with their friends in the local area.

Now is a good time to talk with your children to remind them about how to keep safe when they are out and about. Please talk with them about when it's safe to cross a road, what to do if a stranger starts talking to them, or if they have a problem with other children in the park. You can find lots of information and advice about how to keep your children safe at: [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/)

### **Rights Respecting**

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, a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



### **Walk to School Week**



Well done to all children and families who have made the effort to walk to school every day this week. You are doing your bit for the environment and helping us all stay healthy. Choosing to walk rather than drive is a smart move.

### **Sunny days**

Now the good weather is finally here, please remember the following to help keep your child safe in the sun:

- Apply sunscreen before school
- Wear a hat outside
- Keep shoulders and tummies covered up
- Avoid strappy sandals and keep bare toes covered

### **Headlice**

There are some cases of headlice across the school. Please take the opportunity of the half term holiday next week to check and treat your child's hair. You can get once-only chemical treatments from your local chemist or use the non-toxic 'combing' method using conditioner. Here is a link describing how to do it: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Diary dates

**27 - 31 May** School closed for half term

**3 June** INSET day – school closed to children

**4 June** School opens again to children

**6 June** Open Day for prospective parents and carers 9.30 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm.

**10 June** Phonics screening week

**18 June** Y1+2 sports day

**18 June** 5 - 6pm Meeting for new Reception parents and carers (Sep 2019)

**19 June** Y3+4 sports day

**20 June** 6pm Full Governing Body meeting. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you.

## Eid Mubarak!

Many of our families will be celebrating Eid when we return after half term. Please let the school know in advance if your child will be absent for one day of celebration.

Next week is half term and we hope everyone has a good break. We have an INSET day for staff only on Monday 3 June. Children return to school on Tuesday 4 June. We look forward to seeing you all again then.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

**A message from our neighbour Margaret Mizen, about a special fundraising walk for the Jimmy Mizen charity, 'For Jimmy'.**



This year's Walking For Jimmy is on **Saturday 25th May 2019**. We hope to make it the biggest and best event yet. We started the walk seven years ago to celebrate what would have been Jimmy's 21st birthday by crossing 21 bridges - one for every year of his life. Since then the walk has grown wonderfully and last year we had a staggering 300 people in yellow For Jimmy t-shirts walking across London spreading our message of forgiveness, peace and hope. The money we raised from the last year's walk has been used in our work with schools and businesses to build safer communities.

Please let everyone know that when they **sign up**, we will support them every step of the way, helping with training and fundraising so they won't be alone.

**Let's walk together so every child - mine and yours - can walk home safely.**  
Margaret Mizen