



21 June 2019

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

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am pleased to inform you that James Baguley will be taking on the role of Interim Head at Brindishe Lee from September 2019 and will therefore not be returning to Brindishe Green next year. James has completed a very successful two terms at Brindishe Manor and I am sure you will support me in wishing James all the best for next year.

Kind regards,
Rachel Waite
Executive Head

This week at Brindishe Green

The rain held off for both our Sports Days this week, Y1/2 on Tuesday and Y3/4 on Wednesday. There was great sporting spirit at each event with everyone giving their best effort and supporting each other. The winning teams were as follows:

Y1 and 2: Green and Yellow Teams - joint winners

Y3 and 4: Blue Team

Well done to everyone for taking part!

Thank you to Aidan Phipps for planning and organising both events so carefully and making sure they ran smoothly on the day. A special thank you to our Y6 children who guided the younger children around the course and helped to make their sports days such fun. You were very mature and took your responsibilities very seriously – well done!

We were delighted to see so many parents and carers join us to cheer everyone on. We hope to see many of you next week for your child's class event during Healthy Living Week (more below).

On Tuesday we met our new Reception parents and carers for September and had a fantastic turnout. Welcome to all new families joining us soon.

On Wednesday, Y5 Banyan visited the International Academy of Greenwich for a science lesson and enjoyed exploring the science equipment including bunsen burners. Thank you to all our parents and carers who accompanied the classes – we are very grateful for your support.

Yesterday we held our final Full Governing Body meeting of the year. Children from our Rights Respecting Team gave a presentation on how we achieved our Rights Respecting 'Gold' Award in the spring. They reminded governors that Brindishe Green is the first school in the whole of Lewisham to get this award. They then talked about how important it is for everyone to know about and uphold children's rights and how they plan to help the other Brindishe schools achieve their award next year. The team told governors how we hope to help spread the word with other schools as well, including - for our Y6s - the secondary schools to which they move.

Governors also heard about the successful Inclusion Quality Mark re-assessment at Brindishe Green last week and had the chance to hear about the fantastic range of educational visits that have taken place across all 3 schools this year.

Coming up at Brindishe Green

Next week is Healthy Living Week at Brindishe Green. Each class will be taking part in a carousel of fun activities and parents and carers have been invited to come along to support them. Letters with all the details have been given out to families - if you haven't seen one, please ask your child's class teacher. We will end the week with 'Dress Like A Sports Star' - children are invited to dress as a sporting idol, the more unique the better, and to bring a contribution if they do (we suggest £1). All money raised will go towards our outdoor learning areas.

We look forward to seeing you during the week if you can make it!

On Tuesday our cricket team will be taking part in the prestigious London Youth Games, representing Lewisham borough. We wish them lots of luck.

On Monday we welcome Sue Murphy to our staff team as our new AWSA (Attendance, Welfare and Safeguarding Assistant). Sue will be joining us at the school gates every morning and afternoon and is very much looking forward to getting to know our families. I know you will make her very welcome.

Art Exhibition at Brindishe Green

We are delighted to let you know about our 2019 Art Exhibition taking place on 3 July from 3.30 – 5pm. The exhibition will feature children's art inspired by the work and styles of Vincent Van Gogh. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see the flyer attached.

Another reminder about May Day 2020

The Government has recently announced that the early May Bank Holiday (May Day) scheduled for Monday 4 May 2020 has now been moved to **Friday 8 May 2020** to commemorate VE Day. Next year's term dates have been amended on our website to reflect this.

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

Article 22 (refugee children) If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.



Refugee Week takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day (20th June). In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities. The ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and continue making a valuable contribution.



When you are doing your shopping this weekend, please consider contributing to our AFRIL (Action for Refugees in Lewisham) donation box in the main office. This term we have been collecting nappies and sanitary products, but all contributions will be greatly received.

Keeping safe in the sun

Now the good weather is back again, please remember the following to help keep your child safe in the sun while they are at school:

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

Message from the school office

We have a boxful of children's glasses waiting to be collected. If your child has lost a pair of glasses, please come along to claim them.

Diary dates

24 June Healthy Living Week at Brindishe Green

2 July Brindishe Schools' Choral Concert

3 July Brindishe Green Van Gogh Art Exhibition 3.30 – 5pm

12 July Summer BBQ lunch for children

15 July Y6 matinee performance 2pm

16 July Y6 evening performance 6.30pm

17 July Y6 Prom 6 – 7.30pm

18 July End of term for children

19 July INSET day for staff only

With best wishes for a sunny weekend!

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher