

## Brindishe Green School

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

### This week at Brindishe Green

#### IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark) at Brindishe Green

We heard yesterday that Brindishe Green's fame is going nationwide! As you know, in July this year we achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) for meeting the needs of our very diverse community through our well established, inclusive approach.



IQM has published an article celebrating our achievement and you can read it here: <https://iqmaward.com/news/brindishe-green-achieves-inclusive-school-award-again/>  
As ever, we are very proud of our fantastic children and staff for this achievement.

#### BT Young Pioneer Award goes to Brindishe Green pupil

We were delighted to hear that, just before the summer, Mihika in Y5 won the BT Young Pioneer Award for her invention, Smart Stick. The stick is designed to help visually impaired people get around more safely. Mihika has since featured in BBC's Newsround and is taking part in a high-profile awards ceremony over the next few weeks. Well done to this young entrepreneur – what an achievement!



#### Secondary Transfer Meeting

Thank you to Lauren Campbell and Debbie Hughes for leading a meeting for parents and carers of children in Y6 on secondary transfer this week. The final deadline for applications is 31 October 2019 and needs to be completed online at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>  
You can find out more about secondary schools in Lewisham at <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>

#### Open Day

We had a fantastic turnout of prospective parents and carers visiting our school on Thursday. They were shown around by lots of our Y6 children – Brindishe Green Ambassadors – who did an amazing job of telling our visitors all about their school. Feedback from our visitors is that they were very impressed by the children who spoke articulately and with such enthusiasm about their learning and about our Brindishe Green values of respect, courtesy and valuing individual differences.

#### We are collecting donations for the Helping Hands Foodbank!

The 'Helping Hands Foodbank' is a joint project between the Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter (in Lee) and Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL). AFRIL is a small, locally run charity based in Lewisham. They work to relieve poverty and social isolation amongst refugees and asylum seekers, by



providing education, family support services, and access to emergency supplies. Each week they currently help an average of 120 people in our local community.

Many of the families that AFRIL helps are living on as little as £36.50 a week. The Helping Hands Foodbank aims to provide these families with much needed food. Families are assessed by AFRIL then referred to the foodbank where they can receive a weekly supply of fresh, dried and tinned foods, as well tea and toast when they pop in.

At Brindishe Green we have been talking to the children about the importance of sharing what we have, and helping those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. This week, some visitors from The Good Shepherd and St Peter's Church have visited to talk to the children about the Foodbank and how it helps refugee families.

This half term we will be collecting donations of **breakfast items - cereal, longlife milk and long life fruit juice**. Please donate what you can to this excellent cause! The collecting box is in the main foyer so please give generously. Thank you!

### **Diary dates**

**8 Oct** 6.30 – 7.30 AGM for the 'Friends of Brindishe Green', school hall. At this meeting we will be electing the committee for the year. Everyone is welcome. **Adults only please.**

**14-18 Oct** Year 6 School Journey

**16 Oct** Full Governing Body Meeting – please let us know if you would like to come along and we will arrange seating for you.

**18 Oct** Autumn Bake Sale, 3.15, school hall. Donations on the day please!

**21-25 Oct** – Half Term

### **And finally...**

You are all invited to come along on Tuesday evening to the new 'Friends of Brindishe Green' (FOBG) Annual General Meeting or AGM. At the meeting the FOBG committee will be elected - anyone can stand for election - and you will have the chance to meet other interested parents and carers who are keen to make a plan for fundraising events across the year. Anyone who is part of the Brindishe Green community is automatically a member of FOBG. We hope to see you there. Please note, this meeting is for **adults only**.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

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Headteacher