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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good half term break.

This week at Brindishe Green

This week, we have been visited again by the Time Truck, courtesy of the Museum of London. Children from our three schools learnt a range of historical facts about London and really enjoyed handling real artefacts right here in our own playground. Many thanks to Alex Seaborne, James Baguley and our premises team for making this annual event possible. We look forward to seeing them again next year.

Also this week, our athletics team competed in the first round of the London Games coming a respectable 5th. Well done to all those who took part.

Yesterday the Scholastic Book Fair arrived and will be with us until Wednesday 28 February. Please make time to visit the book fair at 8:45am or 3:15pm - we look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day will be celebrated on Friday 2 March at BG and each child will receive a £1.00 voucher which can be spent in any good bookshop. Children (and adults) are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this special day.

Staff changes - Place2Be

On Tuesday next week, Karen Orlebar and Clemmie Mason leave us. We thank them for their contribution over the past year and wish them all the very best in their new endeavours. We also welcome back Emily Elliot who returns to us from her maternity leave.

Mid-term Review meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who have met with their child's class teacher. If you still have not made an appointment, please contact your

child's class teacher or the school office so that we can arrange a meeting for you.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Oak - 100% (again!)

Palm /Cedar /Chestnut 1 - 98.3%

Cherry, Chestnut 2 and Ash class had the best punctuality. Congratulations to all classes.

Diary Dates

2nd March - World Book Day

15th March - FGM at BM

19th March - Challenge Partner Review at BG

26th March - Musicians' Concert

29th March - End of Spring Term

16th April - Children return to school

...and finally

Rights Respecting School

As a Rights Respecting School, it is our duty to teach our children and families about the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. UNCRC** (https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcc_hillfriendlylanguage.pdf)

The Convention has 54 articles that cover all aspects of a child's life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to. It also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights.

Every child has rights, whatever their ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexuality, religion, language, abilities or any other status.

Each week in the newsletter, we will share one or two of the 54 articles that link with our learning in school or a particular theme for that week.

This week we focus on:

Article 17 (access to information from the media). *Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children*

can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Article 34 (sexual exploitation) *Governments must protect children from all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.*

The Dangers of Snapchat



Snapchat, among other social media platforms has continued to cause concerns around the online safety of children and young people. Unbeknown to some young people, sharing of indecent images of other children is a crime and could potentially fall within the follow four offences:

1. Making indecent images of children
2. Possession with intent to distribute indecent images of children
3. Distribution of indecent images of children
4. Distribution of a private sexual image without consent to cause offence (not limited to images of young persons, colloquial known as 'revenge porn')

The latest [UKCCIS guidance](#) has information about how to deal with incidents of sexting and a summary of key points has been listed below.

Legal Consequences

Children often don't realise that sexting a boyfriend or girlfriend is not a harmless act. Instead, they can face serious legal ramifications. Here are some important details regarding the legal consequences of sexting.

- **Risk receiving criminal charges for child pornography.** Both children who send the photos and children who receive the photos can be charged. Those who send the photos may be charged with distributing child pornography in some

states. And those who receive the photos may be charged with receiving child pornography, even if they did not request the photo. If they distribute the photos to friends, then they also may face charges for distributing child pornography as well.

- **Risk having to register as a sex offender.** Aside from possible jail time and probation if convicted of charges related to child pornography, teens that sext also run the risk of having to register as a sex offender. This label is extremely burdensome for young people because of the stigmas attached and the reporting required. What's more, it is something that is likely to follow them for the rest of their lives.
- **Risk exposing parents to legal consequences.** If parents know that their child is sexting and do nothing to end it, they may be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The parents also can be subject to a civil suit if the victim's parents choose to sue.
- **Risk having to enter foster care or being removed from the home.** If parents know about the sexting and do nothing to end it, then they may also be subject to an investigation by Child Protective Services. Sometimes these investigations result in a child being removed from the home.

Wishing all families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher