

5 July 2019

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

This week at Brindishe Green

Van Gogh Showcase

The exhibition held at school on Wednesday was absolutely stunning. Every single child in the school contributed to our exhibition, creating either an individual piece or a whole class collaboration inspired by the artwork and life of Vincent Van Gogh. We saw a very wide range of creative and performance art



including dance, song, animation, sculpture and installations, mixed media, collage, 'green screen' art, watercolours, clay, embroidery, weaving, line drawings and much more. Many of the displays in the exhibition linked to this year's learning around 'rights and respect' and to our greater understanding of how to recognise and manage our feelings.



The exhibition was beautifully curated by Jonnette Bowen and our creative arts team and skilfully set up by the whole Brindishe Green team, including premises and IT staff. Special thanks go to them all. Many, many parents, carers and visitors have given us moving feedback about their impressions as they walked around the exhibition. It has been a real 'tour de force' and a wonderful celebration of the talent we have represented here at Brindishe Green. Please enjoy a selection of our work shown on this newsletter.



Choral Concert and Samba performance

The Brindishe Schools Choral Concert on Tuesday featured choirs and soloists from all three Brindishe Schools and was a really delightful evening. The warm weather meant we could host it outdoors and the children gave some impassioned and highly polished performances. Thank you to all the staff who led the choirs and supported the children, especially to Daisy Johnson, Hollie Campbell, Rachel Callow, Esther Yeboah and Jasmine Jayham at Brindishe Green. Very well done to our brave Y5 soloist Esther!

Well done to Y4 Beech for their wonderful Samba performance to their families this week – a great end to a very noisy term's learning!



Sports Success

You will remember that our Y5/6 athletics team went to the London Youth Games yesterday, representing Team Lewisham, and had an amazing day demonstrating their athletic skill. We are waiting to hear the final placings and will let you know as soon as we do.

IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark)

We have heard this week that we have been awarded the prestigious 'Inclusion Quality Mark' for another three years for our work around inclusion at Brindishe Green. We had a rigorous re-assessment for this award early in June and are delighted to share with you some of the feedback from the assessment:

"Inclusion is woven into the fabric of the school community and the drive for breaking down barriers to learning through a personalised approach is evident throughout the school. Pupils, staff and parents are extremely proud of the inclusive nature of the school."



"The ethos of the school celebrates diversity and difference with the strong message that the school is a community that supports each other no matter what age, religion, ability or gender."

"Staff are ... driven by their passion to develop pupils' potential, as well as continuously developing their own knowledge and expertise, in order to be better equipped to meet the diverse needs of all pupils."

"Pupils feel safe, heard and included, and are encouraged to do their best, regardless of ability, family structure, social background, ethnicity or gender. When asked what they liked about the school, comments included, "We have a say in our learning", "We get to do loads of sports like athletics and cricket", "We get included" and "Our opinion is listened to."

Many thanks go to Julie Sheppey, Emmeline Buchanan, Liana Parker, the Inclusion team and the entire staff for the fantastic, inclusive teaching and learning taking place every day at our school. Please find the full report on our website very soon.



Peter Bakare

Our Healthy Living kick culminated in a visit from Peter Bakare, Olympic volleyball athlete, on Wednesday. Peter worked with every child from Ys 1 – 6 and held assemblies to talk about what has inspired and motivated him on his journey from a keen young sports person to Olympic success. The children were very inspired by everything he shared with them and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks to Tom Williamson for organising.

Reception sponsored walk

Thank you to all our families and early years staff who supported Reception children on their sponsored walk today. By all accounts a great time was had by all and many feel their legs have been well and truly walked off! We will be able to let you know how much Reception have raised for their outdoor learning spaces very soon.





The Summer Cake and Ice Lolly Sale – 12 July

Don't forget the cake and ice lolly sale after school next Friday 12 July in the playground. Your cakes and bakes (home-made or shop bought) are all very welcome – please see the poster attached. Thank you so much for all your contributions – every penny is going towards improving the children's outdoor experience at school.

Friends of Brindishe Green

We are planning to set up a friends association at Brindishe Green in the autumn term. The association will be for all parents, carers, staff and friends of the school. If you think you might be interested in helping to get the group off the ground, please let me know at headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk, and I will put you in touch with other parents and carers keen to do the same.

Diary dates

- 11 July** Y2 to London Zoo
- 12 July** Reception classes sports morning in the playground
- 12 July** Nursery 'Big Toddle' and picnic at Manor House Gardens
- 12 July** 3.15pm Cake and ice lolly sale after school in the playground
- 15 - 17 July** Learning Outside The Classroom days (Mountsfield Park)
- 15 July** Y6 matinee performance 2pm
- 16 July** Y6 evening performance **6.00pm – please note change of start time**
- 17 July** Y6 Prom 6 – 7.30pm
- 18 July** End of term for children
- 19 July** INSET day for staff only



And finally...

At the end of term we say goodbye to Y6 teacher Myles Thompson heading for new adventures, and to Isabel Shaw, Y6 teaching assistant who has a change of career planned. We wish them both much success and thank them for all they have done for our children and families at Brindishe Green.


Over the holiday Emma Dunn will be getting married and when she comes back in September she will be called Emma Brookes! We wish Emma and her partner every happiness together.

Please find below the list of Brindishe Green teaching and classroom support staff for 2019/20. End of year reports will be distributed at the end of next week.

With best wishes for a sunny weekend,
Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

Brindishe Green teaching and classroom support staff for September 2019

| Year group and class name | Teacher's name | Previous class name | Learning support team |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 6 Willow | Daisy Johnson | <i>Mixed Y5 classes</i> | <i>Trainee teachers:</i> Chloe Adams Y2 Gemma Gibson Y5 Rebecca Rice Y4 Chris Sinclair Y6 |
| 6 Ash | Danielle Sullivan | | |
| 6 Oak | Tom Williamson | | |
| 5 Walnut | Jenny Wilson | <i>Redwood</i> | |
| 5 Banyan | Maddy Pearce | <i>Beech</i> | |
| 5 Mangrove | Liana Parker | <i>Elm</i> | |
| 4 Elm | Mark Henry | <i>Maple</i> | Christine Allen Coral Anderson Tenisa Anderson Tracy Blow Pat Bonner Chris Coker Hollie Campbell Penny Channon Bianca Felix Danny Gray Sarah Hall Toni Harris Vijdan Hussein Lewis Iannancccone Mabel Jalloh Najiba Khail Carly Riddell Siobahnn O'Connor Jade Padmore Eleni Papastavrou Tracey Suarez Berat Tosun Nathleen Wallace Esther Yeboah |
| 4 Beech | Rachel Supple | <i>Palm</i> | |
| 4 Redwood | Jonnette Bowen | <i>Birch</i> | |
| 3 Lilac | Rebekah Chin | <i>Acer</i> | |
| 3 Birch | Aidan Phipps | <i>Cedar</i> | |
| 3 Maple | Nate Horgan | <i>Olive</i> | |
| 3 Palm | Petra Cairns | <i>Magnolia</i> | |
| 2 Cedar | Clair Taylor | <i>Cherry</i> | |
| 2 Magnolia | Kerry Smith | <i>Bamboo</i> | |
| 2 Olive | Emma Brookes (Dunn) | <i>Rowan</i> | |
| 1 Bamboo | Amy Aris | <i>Chestnut 1</i> | |
| 1 Cherry | Lizi Faletas | <i>Chestnut 3</i> | |
| 1 Rowan | Sadete Halilaj | <i>Chestnut 2</i> | |
| R Chestnut 1 | Tina Cavanagh | | |
| R Chestnut 2 | Susan Jackson | | |
| R Chestnut 3 | Ella Richardson | | |
| Nursery: Acorn | Claire Sheppard Joan Cresswell | | |
| Senior Leadership Team Gerlinde Achenbach - Headteacher Emmeline Buchanan - Assistant Head Lauren Campbell - Deputy Head Debbie Hughes - Deputy Head Julie Sheppey - Deputy Head Rachel Waite - Exec Head | | PPA teachers Alexia Barlow Rachel Callow Shafiq Dad Jasmine Jayham Arzu Ikiz | |



BRINDISHE GREEN

Summer Cake & Ice Lolly Sale

FRIDAY 12 JULY

3.15PM IN THE PLAYGROUND
please collect your children first

WE NEED YOUR CAKES!

Faked or Baked, please drop off with a
list of ingredients (allergy alert!)
at the school office 8.45am - 9.15am
and from 2pm on the day