

8 February 2019

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

This week at Brindishe Green

It has been another very busy week at Brindishe Green with lots of enthusiastic learning right across the school.

- Nursery children visited Manor House Library and Park on Tuesday.
- On Thursday, Walnut and Olive classes led assemblies which showcased some of the fabulous learning that had taken place in their classes this term.
- Maple, Birch and Beech classes went to a concert of Beethoven's music at Blackheath Halls on Thursday.
- On Friday, Beech class started their swimming lessons at Glass Mill Leisure Centre
- Classes across the school continued their dance project with Trinity Laban.

Mental Health Week

All week, children across the school were reminded how important it is to look after their mental health and were taught strategies for sharing their feelings and asking for help. The children looked at some online resources from the Anna Freud Centre which promotes good mental health for all and Jaime, our lead counsellor from Place2Be, led assemblies.



Once again, if you feel you would like more support with understanding your child's mental health, the Young Minds website has a very helpful section - the link is here:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/>

Another win for Brindishe Green

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 football team (The Brindishe Strikers) took to the pitches at St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground in Catford, alongside 29 other teams. Our team scored 50 goals in total, conceding only 2, to become the champions of the borough! Former Tottenham Hotspurs player, Ledley King presented the team with their medals, certificates and trophy. Congratulations to all the children involved and to Mr Lewis who prepared the children so well!

Mid-year review meetings 11 – 15 February

Next week is the final week of our mid-term review meetings. Thank you to everyone who has come to meet with their child's teacher so far. The meetings have been very positive and it has been lovely to see the children so involved this year in talking about their learning.

Rights Respecting

Article 2 (non-discrimination): The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



February is LGBT+ History Month and during this time we remind our children and families of Article 2, that states the convention applies to all children, without discrimination.

We welcome and celebrate diversity at Brindishe Green! We hold dear the fact that we are all free to choose who we love and are able to choose the right person for us when we are ready for a relationship.

Safeguarding our community

The school gate opens at 8.45am each morning and, before this time, there are no members of staff outside to monitor children who are brought to school early. It is very important that our children feel, and are kept, safe and therefore we recommend that children are not left unaccompanied by an adult or dropped off before 8.45am.

Online Safety



This week we would like to let you know about the National Online Safety website. The aim of this site is to help schools

educate their communities in keeping safe online. In order to help parents and carers safeguard their families from online dangers, it offers this training:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/online-safety-parents-course/>

Feedback from those who have completed it looks very positive.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Best attendance from Mangrove, Maple and Chestnut 3

Best punctuality from Walnut, Acer and Chestnut 3

Well done to these classes!

Diary dates

Week from 11 February. 'Mid-year review' parent/carer/teacher/child meetings. Please contact the school office if you still need to make your appointment.

12 Feb Athletics Y5/6 team London Youth Games tournament

18 – 22 Feb Half term holiday

12 Mar Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Manor, 6pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you.

Best wishes,
Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher