

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

Year 5 & 6 Tri-School Sports Day

Yesterday 400 children from Years 5 & 6 across the Brindishe Federation joined together for a Tri-School Sports Day at Ladywell Arena in Catford. Despite the wet start, this special event went ahead without a hitch.

Children from all three schools competed in five events - sprint, long jump, shot put, long distance running and javelin on an Olympic sized running track. The winner from each heat then went on to a federation final.

Although the official results have yet to be revealed, Brindishe Green is quietly confident as our very talented children scooped up many firsts across these 5 disciplines.

The children were amazing. They cheered each other on, they dug deep and tried their very best in every event, they supported each other when they lost out and they represented Brindishe schools very very well. Well done to all the children who competed - you should be very proud of yourselves, I know we were very proud of you!

We are hoping this is the start of an annual event and it could not have happened without the incredible energy and attention to detail from our tri-school PE team, in particular, Tom Williamson and Helen Coupe. What a triumph!

Many thanks also to the many parents and carers who came to support and to the Brindishe staff who led events and accompanied children to and from the arena.

This week at Brindishe Green

Thank you also to the many parents and carers who came today to read with their child and to the many parents and carers who supported Beech class with swimming this half term.

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Parent /carers at Brindishe Green: your views please.

If you have not already done so, please let us have your views. Click this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MXKPQH> and complete the parent/ carer survey.

If you would prefer to give us your views about your child's school in another way (email, phone or in person), please do, as we are always ready to hear about the things we do well and the things in which you think we need to improve.

If you wish to email please send your views to vickipaterson@brindisheschools.org or to sarahgorbutt@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk or to our current Chair of Governors spyroselia@brindisheschools.org

Remember the survey will stay open until 8 June.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Well done to Oak, Elm, Rowan and Chestnut 2 for top attendance this week and to Beech, Cherry and Chestnut 1 for top punctuality.

Please remember that school **STARTS at 8.55am** every day. Children need to be in their classroom by then and not coming through the gate at that time. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of learning. They can often start the day feeling unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to explain again what the class is doing.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that children need to develop whilst they are young. Please help your

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child to arrive at school on time every day.
Thank you.

Don't forget Bexley tests on 11th/12th Sept
Registration for the Bexley tests is open until 8 July. If your child is currently in year 5 and wishes to register please go to www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests.

Diary Dates

5th June - The duck eggs arrive!
7th June - Open Day
7th /8th June - Year 3 to The Horniman Museum for historic Britain workshops
11th June - Phonics testing begins
19th June - New Reception parent meetings
19th June - Yr 1 & 2 Sports Day
20 June - Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day
27th June - Full Governing Body meeting at BG.
Please let us know if you wish to attend so that we can arrange seating for you.
6th July - Reception Sports Day
20th July - End of term

Rights Respecting School

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 the week. This week we are focussing on



Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and **a clean environment** and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

The World Health Organisation's 'World No Tobacco Day' is every year on 31st May. It was created to bring awareness to more people about the dangers and health risks of smoking tobacco,

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and ultimately, to stop use of tobacco around the world.

Toxins carried on clothes, hair and skin can still be inhaled and prove harmful to infants and children and smoking outside or using a fan to clear away smoke will not remove the potentially harmful pollutants clinging to smokers themselves. Few parents are aware of the dangers posed, believing only that second-hand smoke can have a serious effect, researchers have said. They warn that babies and other young children are more susceptible to 'third-hand smoke' than adults because their lungs are still developing (The Telegraph).

The vast majority of the population of the developed countries is aware of the dangers of tobacco and smoking. Over 7 million people are killed across the globe by smoking Tobacco alone. Many of us know it is believed to be the leading cause of throat and lung cancers, and a major risk factor in many other types of cancer. However, what is little known is that smoking tobacco is one of the main cause of heart problems and diseases. The aim of World No Tobacco Day 2018 is to highlight this issue.

The NHS has lots of useful information and helpful hints to help those who would like to quit smoking for good.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/quit-smoking/>

...and finally

Thinking of changing lunchtime arrangements?

Any children wishing to change their lunchtime arrangement next half term should let the school office know when we return after half term. We break up today for one week and return to school to **start learning at 8.55am on Monday June 4th**. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in a week.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt Headteacher

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