

25 January 2019

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

A message from Rachel Waite, our Executive Head

Within the Brindishe Schools we pride ourselves on the learning opportunities we provide to our children. This week, staff across the federation attended an event alongside 15 other schools to showcase some of this great work. It also allowed us to observe what other schools were doing that we could bring back to enhance our schools even further. Partnership work is something we can gain so much from not only across the Federation but with other local schools as well and to see a room filled full of exciting activities was fantastic. A huge thank you to the Brindishe Staff who led a number of tables that showcased aspects of our schools that we are extremely proud of.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Rachel Waite

This week at Brindishe Green

Our Y3 children have all visited the Horniman Museum and taken part in a workshop where they explored Egyptian artefacts.

Our first Y5 visit to Sedgehill School took place. The children got to see what it is like to be at secondary school, including enjoying music, computing, business and history lessons.

All the children on these visits were fantastic ambassadors for Brindishe Green.

We have had a number of staff and children absent this week and some classes have had a number of different staff teaching them as a result. We want to thank the children for being so sensible

and helpful while these changes have taken place.

Sporting opportunities

7 children from Y4, 5 and 6 represented the school in another Lewisham schools' basketball tournament yesterday, coming second place overall. Well done to them – such a great achievement! Thanks again to Mr Lewis and Mr Danny for their coaching and support.

Coming up at Brindishe Green

Our older children will be treated to a special performance by Trinity Brass on Monday. The group is made up of students from Trinity College of Music (Trinity Laban) studying a range of brass instruments and they are doing a tour of all 3 Brindishe Schools.

Mid-year review meetings 4 – 15 February

Don't forget to book your parent/carer meeting with your child's teacher on Arbor's parent portal. Do remember that your child is also invited to the meeting you arrange. Booking is now open.

Rights Respecting news



Our focus in assemblies and discussion next week is Article 2 (non-discrimination). This 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.

LGBT+ History month begins on 1 Feb and we will be thinking about this in our assemblies and learning throughout the month.

Safeguarding our community

Help us to keep your child safe at school by making sure we have an up-to-date

contact number for you. If your child has an accident at school that involves a head injury, we need to get in touch with you straight away and speak to you directly, not leave an answerphone message. Please make sure you ring us back if you can see we have left a message for you.

Mobile phone storage

We only have limited storage for children's mobile phones during the day. *The only children who should bring mobile phones to school are those children in Y5 and 6 who come to school alone and need a phone for their safety.* No other children should bring phones to school please.

Important communication from us

Please look out for an email sent home today regarding an important joint initiative between many London schools (including ours) and the Met Police, starting next week.

Online Safety

Our '**top tip**' this week to support our parents and carers develop a greater awareness and understanding of the internet can be found at:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/how-to-nurture-a-healthy-self-esteem-in-your-child>

This article explains how to build self-esteem in your child should they encounter any difficulties online. There is also a downloadable parent guide which gives information and ideas about how to support your child with some of the pressures they face from social media.



Fantastic attendance this week!

Best attendance: Mangrove, Cherry and Chestnut 1

Best punctuality: Banyan, Acer and Chestnut 2

Well done to all these children!

Diary dates

28 Jan Trinity Brass perform for KS2

29 Jan Walnut to Sedgehill School

31 Jan Banyan to Sedgehill School

Fortnight from 4 February. 'Mid-year review' parent/carer/teacher/child meetings. Booking via Arbor's Parent Portal is now open.

6 Feb 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.

12 Feb Athletics Y5/6 team London Youth Games tournament

18 – 22 Feb Half term holiday

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Have a good weekend, everyone!

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher