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

The end of the year is now upon us and it is time to wish our Year 6 children and some staff across the Federation a fond farewell and all the very best for their new and exciting adventures ahead. I would also like to give a special mention to Lisa Morris, Head at Brindishe Lee, who is leaving us today. A truly inspirational teacher and one who will be greatly missed by all. Good luck to everyone who is moving on.

It is also that time to reflect upon the year gone past and all the fantastic work that has been produced, the results achieved, the awards received for some outstanding practices and most of all, the many smiling faces walking through the school gates each day ready to learn. I want to thank you all, the children, the staff and the families for making my first year a very special time. I am and I'm sure you are ready for a break from the school run and to hopefully enjoy some family time together. I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,

Rachel Waite
Executive Head

Brindishe Green News

It's hard to believe we've come to the end of another school year - for me, my first at Brindishe Green – and it has been such a pleasure to work with you, our fantastic families, children and staff.

We have achieved so much together and the list of successes this year has to include gaining our Rights Respecting 'Gold' Award, achieving the Inclusion Quality Mark, having our teaching and learning success celebrated in an 'outstanding' review carried out by Challenge Partners, and the stunning exhibition of children's artwork displayed at our Van Gogh Showcase.

The children and classroom staff have had opportunities to build their dance skills, working closely alongside Trinity Laban. We have achieved amazing sporting success, reaching the final of the London Youth Games no less than 3 times, and collecting trophies and medals galore!

We have danced and sung on stage at Catford Broadway and at The Laban Centre and, across the school over the year, we have run approximately 3,600 miles in the Daily Mile!

We have enjoyed a Healthy Living week, a Mental Health and Wellbeing week, and numerous exciting school visits and visitors, including Olympic athletes and para-athletes, The History Man, The Bug Man and a Science Dome. We have shared our learning right across the curriculum with our families in countless class assemblies.

A growing number of dedicated parents and carers have given their time to help us fundraise through cake sales across the year - we now have the makings of a Friends Association which we plan to get off the ground in the autumn term. (Watch this space!)

This newsletter is an opportunity for me to say thank you to the amazing team at Brindishe Green, both teaching and support staff, and especially to those members of our team who work behind the scenes to make our school such a success every day.

I want to thank the senior leadership team Debbie Hughes, Lauren Campbell, Julie Sheppey and Emmeline Buchanan for their unfailing dedication to the school and our children. Every teacher and teaching assistant at the school works miracles every day to ensure our children's learning, wellbeing and safety are supported so well – we are very grateful to them.

I know you will also want to join me in giving a very big thank you to our school business manager, Helen Ahsan and office manager, Ruth Foster, supported by our energetic and efficient office team for keeping the business of the school running so smoothly. We must also thank Andy Eva and Sergio Soares, our premises team, for their amazing ongoing work that takes place day after day, Aleks Piatkowski and Michael Payne, our IT managers, who ensure our schools are constantly moving forward and our dedicated lunchtime playleaders who support this very important part of each child's day.

I also want to thank the governors who give freely of their time and work very hard behind the scenes to support the schools.

Our Year 6 children move on to their new schools today, ready for a brand new start in Year 7. They had a wonderful send-off yesterday morning from the whole school in our Leavers' Assembly, following two wonderful performances of 'Sing 2' showcasing their singing, dancing and acting talents, and their own leavers' prom. We are very proud of them and wish them all the luck in the world.

Talented designer

Congratulations to Mihika in Beech class who has won the BT Young Pioneer Award! She has created a 'smartstick' to help people who are deaf and blind. Here is the link to a Newsround clip all about it: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48108015>

Parent/Carer Curriculum Review Survey

The survey for parents and carers closes today. If you haven't yet logged on to share your views, please do so before the end of the day.

It will only take 5 minutes of your time and it is your chance to provide us with feedback, comments and constructive criticism in order to help all Brindishe Schools move forward.

Click the link to reach the survey ... <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NXK2SMM>

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your valuable feedback.

Summer Reading Challenge



Don't forget to encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, Space Chase, at your local library, Read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge.

Be sure to showcase your summer reading with your new teacher in September by sharing your reading photos, a book review or a design of your ideal reading area.

Lost Property

Please collect any forgotten clothes from the entrance lobby today – we have quite a collection! All unclaimed items will be taken to a local charity shop over the summer holidays.

School books

Please make sure you return any school reading books hidden under beds or in cupboards to us – we will be happy to have them back at the start of the term.

Diary dates

2 and 3 Sept INSET days for staff only

4 Sept Children back to school

And finally...

Yesterday was the last day of school for children and they should return on Wednesday 4 September.

We want to thank all our parents and carers for their support for Brindishe Green. Whether helping out on a school visit, reading with your child, encouraging them to contribute to their 'Me' book or helping out at a cake sale, your support for our school and for your children's learning is invaluable and we are very grateful to you all.

I wish you a restful summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher