

### Week ending 3 May 2019

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

Reception classes had a visit from PC Firth and colleagues from Lewisham police station last week and learned about the many ways that the police help to keep us safe. Thank you to the officers for giving up their time to come and speak to our children.

Children in Y1 and Y2 have visited Tate Britain and really enjoyed exploring the Van Gogh exhibition. Bamboo class even discovered a hidden room displaying Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' made from £1,000 worth of coins!



As ever, we want to thank all our parents and carers who accompanied the children. With our younger classes we often have more adults who are keen to help out than we actually need, and some parents and carers can be disappointed. However, we do our best to ensure that, across the year, everyone who is able to help us gets the chance to do so. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We were delighted to welcome lots of prospective parents and carers to our recent Open Day. Thank you to our fabulous Y6 children who hosted the tours of the school and got splendid feedback!

### Staffing news

Next week we say goodbye to Sharon Franks our Attendance, Welfare and Safeguarding officer. Sharon is looking forward to welcoming her new grandchild in Australia and spending time with family there. We will be very sorry to see Sharon go and I know you will want to join us in

thanking her for the fantastic work she has done to support our families over the years she has worked here. We wish her well.

This week we welcome Ade Okuleye, Lunchtime Playleader. Ade is a trained tennis coach and we know she will bring a great deal to our team.

### Ramadan Mubarak!

The Muslim festival of Ramadan has started and we send all good wishes to those of you celebrating. We are aware that some of our older children may be fasting during the school day. Please let us know if your child is fasting – you can speak to your child's teacher or one of our Deputy Heads at the school gate or via the school office.

### Brindishe Green Nursery

We are shortly going to be offering out nursery places for September 2019. We have 2 part time nursery classes offering 15 hours per week of high quality early years education. If you have not applied for a place, and your child has their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday before 31 August 2019, please speak to a member of our office team as soon as you can.

### Fantastic attendance this week!

*Best attendance from Oak, Maple and Chestnut 1 at 100% for each class!*  
*Best punctuality from Oak, Rowan and Chestnut 3.*

Well done to these classes!

### Term dates / taking holidays

Some families have been asking for the term dates for next school year so they can plan their holidays around them. You can find our term dates on our website under 'news and calendar'. Please remember that there are only 190 statutory school days in one year. This means there are 175 days per year available to use for holidays ... please

look at the dates carefully before booking your holiday.

### Rights Respecting news

Over the next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on **Article 14:**



‘Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.’

ONLINE  
SAFETY  
UPDATE

### Online safety support - Fake news?

Fake news can be false information, photos or videos purposefully created to confuse or misinform people. It can also be genuine information that has been manipulated or changed. It is important that we learn how to distinguish between real news and fake news.

After a really informative and thought provoking assembly for KS2 last week, please go to <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/fake-news-online-safety-guide-for-parents/> for more information on helping your child to stay safe online.

### Message from the office ...

From 6 May 2019 the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.20 to £2.30 each day. This means a week of school lunches will now cost £11.40.

### Diary dates

**13-16 May** Y6 SATs - all Y6 children in school every day please. SATs breakfast runs from

**17 May** Y6 to Chessington

**21 May** School photos day

**23 May** Nursery closed all day – polling station. *School open as usual for YR – 6*

**23 May** Tri-school sports day for Y5 and 6 children at Ladywell Arena

**23 May** Hither Green Festival Schools' Concert 6pm Sandhurst Primary School

**23 May** Full Governing Body meeting, 6pm, at Brindishe Green. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

**27 - 31 May** School closed for half term

**3 June** INSET day – school closed to children

**4 June** School opens again to children

**6 June** Open Day for prospective parents and carers 9.30 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm. Please let interested friends and neighbours know.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher