

**15 February 2019**

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

### **Staffing at Brindishe Green**

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our premises officer Alex Casagrande as he moves to manage the site at another Lewisham school. Alex has been working at Brindishe Green for over 5 years and has made significant improvements to the school buildings and school site during the time he has been here. He has always been passionate about his work and will be greatly missed. We wish him much luck for his new job and I know you will join us in wishing him and his family all the very best for the future.

We are now recruiting for this post at Brindishe Green and are confident to have someone in place very soon.

### **Brindishe Bolts 'ace' the semi-final**

On Tuesday, our 'Brindishe Bolts' athletes from Y4, 5 and 6 went to Crystal Palace Sports Centre to compete with other young athletes from across London in the semi-final of the London Youth Games. Although the Bolts have reached this point in the Youth Games for the past 4 years, never before have they achieved like they did on Tuesday, coming second overall!

This means that the team will be travelling to Redbridge on March 28 to take part in THE LONDON YOUTH GAMES FINAL. We're keeping everything crossed for their success! Huge congratulations go to all the children for this amazing achievement and many thanks go to Mr Lewis and Mr Gray for preparing the children so well.

### **Mid-year review meetings**

We have been delighted to meet most of our parents and carers over the last two

weeks to look at the children's progress and achievements so far this year. If you still need to meet with your child's teacher, please contact them via the school office to make a date and time after half term.

### **Rights Respecting**

Article 38 (war and armed conflicts):

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.



This week in assemblies, the children learnt about Article 38: (war and armed conflicts). On 12 February it was Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers ([www.child-soldiers.org/red-hand-day-campaign](http://www.child-soldiers.org/red-hand-day-campaign)) and the children learnt about the importance of dealing with differences and conflict in a peaceful way. Some children in Year 5 were very shocked and upset to hear that children who are 16 or 17 are allowed to join an armed force, as they felt that this was too young.

### **Online Safety**

Our online safety 'top tip' this week can be found at:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47150658>

The common theme running through our weekly update this half term has been **taking time to talk with your child**. The article in this link contains recommended screen time durations for different aged children. By reaching a simple agreement with your child on screen time you will help to improve trust with your child and ensure you have time to talk with them.

**Fantastic attendance this week!**

*Best attendance from Mangrove, Maple and Chestnut 1*

*Best punctuality from Beech, Magnolia and Chestnut 2*

Well done to these classes!

**A message from the school office**

Thank you to everyone who has made sure their dinner money payments are up to date. If you still need to do this, please call into the office on Monday 25 February after half term to pay off any money owing. You can also make advance payments for the next half term.

**Diary dates**

**18 – 22 Feb** Half term holiday

**25 Feb** Children return to school

**12 Mar** Photographer in school for the Tate Y3 project

**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.

**25 – 27 Mar** Challenge Partners Review of teaching and learning at Brindishe Green

It is half term next week and school is closed. I hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 25 February.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher