

Brindishe Green School

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

This week at Brindishe Green

Well done to our children who sang at the Thames Festival on the South Bank on Sunday and thank you to Daisy Johnson, our music lead, for making it happen! Our new reception children are settling well to their new routines and new nursery children have really enjoyed their Stay and Play sessions this week. The autumn term has started really well for all classes.

'Meet the Teacher' 30 September – 11 October

This half term, we are inviting parents and carers of children in Years 1 to 6 to make an appointment for an individual meeting with their child's class teacher. This 'meet the teacher' meeting is a chance for us get to know each other better and to help teachers find out more about your child and their interests, strengths and needs. We have sent an email to all families with details of the dates and how to book your meeting online via Arbor's Parent Portal.

Please note that booking is now open!

Miss Cookie - Book of Remembrance

Many of you have already shared your memories of Miss Cookie and written your personal thanks in the Book of Remembrance currently set up in our Library on the ground floor. On 4 October we plan to pass on this special book to her family so please pop in some time over the next fortnight if you wish to contribute.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is now open before school from 8.45am and after school to 3.30pm on the following dates: Fri 20, Mon 23, Tues 24 and Wed 25 September.

It is taking place in the main hall and in the Reception outdoor area (weather depending). A percentage of the funds raised will be given directly back to the school to spend on books for classroom reading areas and shared spaces around the school. Cookbooks created by children in Year 1 last year are also being sold for £3. Look out for them in the main hall!

Polite reminder about parking

Please can we ask that you help us respect our neighbours by not parking across their driveways when dropping off or collecting your children by car. We also ask that you don't block the road by dropping children off in the middle of the street – this causes traffic queues and puts children's safety at risk. We understand that it can be difficult to find a parking space at these busy times of the school day but we know you will agree that the children's safety is paramount.

Possible General Election

In the likelihood of a general election this year, and if we are asked to be a polling station again, we will endeavour to keep the school open for Reception to Year 6 children. We did this during the local elections in May and it proved to be very successful.

We are a Gold 'Rights Respecting' School

*Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play
And take part in a wide range of cultural, sporting and artistic activities.*



As the Rugby World Cup starts this weekend in Japan, we want to take the opportunity to encourage children to learn about and respect other countries and nationalities, as well as recognise the importance of team work, trying your best and healthy competition.

Diary dates

21 Sep 'Shine' sessions begin (15 Y5 children)

19-25 Sep Scholastic Book Fair, before and after school in the main hall and EYFS area

26 Sep Brindishe Green 'At Home' – a welcome evening for all families who are new to our school, 5.30 – 6.30pm.

30 Sept – 11 Oct 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents/carers of children in Ys 1 – 6

1 Oct Secondary transfer meeting for parents and carers of children in Y6 5pm

3 Oct Open Day for prospective parents and carers: 9.30 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm

14-18 Oct Year 6 School Journey

21-25 Oct – Half Term

And finally...

All our new families from across the school have been invited to join us for an informal get together called '**At Home**' next Thursday, 26 September, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Invitations have been sent out this week.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher