

14 February 2020

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

### Mid-term Review meetings

Thank you to everyone who came along to meet with their child's class teacher this week. It was great to see our children at the meetings talking through the learning that has made them proud - feedback from parents, carers, children and teachers has been really positive. If you still need to meet with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment with them for after half term.

### London Youth Games



Young athletes from Ys 5 and 6, supported by Mr Lewis and Hollie Campbell, attended the Copperbox Arena yesterday to take part in the London Youth Games semi-final, competing with teams from right across London. We are delighted to report that they came overall second place which gives them a place in the Youth Games final on 24 March. Mr Lewis reports that they also represented the school really well. Many congratulations to these children!

### Staffing update

After half term we welcome back trainee teachers Chris Sinclair, Gemma Gibson, Rebecca Rice and Chloe Adams. They have spent the half term at our other Brindishe schools, while trainee teachers Faheema Karim, Ikram Ajami and teaching assistants Nick Bradley and Megan Hosking-Williams have been working here at Brindishe Green. They will now return to their home schools and we would like to thank them for their contribution here and wish them well.

### Ms Cairns prepares to run the London Marathon for our school!

After last year's fund raising success when Ms Wilson ran the London marathon in 2019, we are delighted to let you know that Palm class teacher, Petra Cairns, is doing the same this year. Ms Cairns is very busy with her training, getting ready to complete the 26 mile run on Sunday 26 April.

She is raising money for Brindishe Green's outdoor learning and play spaces and you can donate and send her an encouraging message using this link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns?utm\\_term=d665qv45d](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns?utm_term=d665qv45d)

Good luck Ms Cairns – we are all supporting you!

### Coronavirus message

We recognise there is public anxiety around reported cases of Coronavirus locally and across the UK. Advice from Public Health England is as follows:

- You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your child catching the coronavirus.
- You should continue to send your child/children to school.
- We recognise that some families may be planning to travel to China during the half term. If so please refer to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office latest travel advice via this link <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

The poster attached gives you some guidance on reducing the risk of the virus spreading.

## Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

Article 24 (health and health services) Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



## Safeguarding

Please note that skin creams and lip salves which are often used at this time of year may contain allergenic ingredients. Because of this we do not allow them in classrooms, cloakrooms, in bags or pockets during the school day where other children could access them. If your child needs to use one of these products during the school day, please bring the container (labelled with your child's name) to the school office where it can be stored out of the reach of other children. Your child can then come to the school office when needed during the day to apply it themselves.

## Attendance and Punctuality this week

*Best **attendance** from Elm Cherry and Chestnut 3*

*Equal best **punctuality** from Walnut, Maple, Lilac and Rowan*

Well done to you all.



## Advance Notice: GLA Mayoral Elections 7 May 2020 – Brindishe Green is OPEN

The Greater London Authority elections for London Mayor and to the London Assembly are taking place on 7 May. Brindishe Green school has been asked to be a polling station again.

**As for previous elections, the school will remain OPEN on 7 May, apart from our Nursery classes.** The polling station will be held in our Nursery classroom.

Nursery will therefore be closed to children on Thursday 7 May.

A full risk assessment for polling days is in place detailing how we keep the polling area completely separate from the rest of the school and ensure that the site is secure for all our children and staff.



## Book Swap for parents and carers at Brindishe Green!

Please have a look at the 'Book Swap' basket for parents and carers in the foyer. If you would like to, you can take a book home to read and, when you have finished with it, simply bring it back and swap it for another one! We would love everyone to have an opportunity to explore a new book so we also welcome your donations! Please hand them to the school office.

Thank you again for all your recent donations of children's books which help top up our library and classroom book corners. We always appreciate these donations so please keep them coming!

## Diary dates

**17-21 Feb** Half term – school closed

**4-6 March** Challenge Partners at Brindishe Green

**27 March** BFG Spring Cake Sale 3.15pm – more BFG information below

Next week is half term for everyone and school is closed to children. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 24 February.

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

**Brindishe Friends Group News:**

After half term we plan to start collecting items for our first '***school clothes swap shop***' which should be held early in the summer term. The Brindishe Friends Group will be happy to accept any school clothes no longer needed as long as they are in good condition and ideally washed. Look out for information in this newsletter and on posters around school for more information on how to donate the school clothes your children may have grown out of.

More parents, carers and school staff are welcome to get involved with the Brindishe Friends Group. Do get in touch via [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) and look out for posters around the school or messages in this newsletter advertising upcoming events.