

1 March 2019

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

Staffing at Brindishe Green

We are delighted to welcome Emmeline Buchanan, Assistant Head joining us from Brindishe Lee over the next 2 terms to support the work of our Inclusion Lead Julie Sheppey and join the leadership team.

We also welcome Daniela Munteanu, teaching assistant, to the staff team. I know you will make them both very welcome.

Building improvements over half term

How lovely to have such beautiful sunshine this week. We have all enjoyed our little bit of summer... Staff and children have come back to school ready for a fantastic half term of exciting learning and projects. We were very lucky that, over half term, lots of improvements were made to our buildings:

- Nursery and Chestnut 3 have had new radiators installed and all the early years classrooms now have plastic 'curtains' to keep the heat in even if the doors are open
- You may have seen that there has been brand new carpeting to the staircases leading up from the Y1 classrooms to Y5 and 6
- In the main hall we are very excited to have installed a large retractable screen complete with 'surround sound' to enhance our assemblies, performances and events
- The whole school had a thorough deep clean and our wooden floors have been cleaned and protected so they are shining beautifully again

- The outside children's toilets have had some repairs to ensure that as many as possible are always available for the children to use

Many thanks to Carlos Ribeiro, premises assistant, Haydn Phillips, federation premises manager, and Helen Ahsan, federation business manager, for ensuring the works were carried out to the highest standard.

Dance at Brindishe Green

We have several dance projects taking place in school this term:



Y3 Maple have been busy preparing for next Wednesday's 'Lewisham Live Dance' showcase at Broadway Theatre Catford.

Y5 Walnut have been working with Trinity Laban dance and music artists on a special performance taking place later in March. The children will perform in 'Live at Trinity Laban' at the end of March at the Laban Centre, Deptford.



Both performances promise to be spectacular!

Teachers in Y1-6 have been working with Laban dance professionals during the school day since January and, although this programme of staff development has been carried out with 1 class per year group, teachers have then gone on to teach their own classes the dance skills they have learnt.

We plan to share performances with you at the end of term.

Sport and PE at Brindishe Green

We are very excited to let you know that we have teamed up with the charity

'Give It Your Max', which provides funding to place professional tennis coaches in schools. They will be working with us over the next nine months or so and each class from Y1 – 5 will receive 6 weeks tennis coaching, starting with Bamboo, Magnolia, Maple and Mangrove. Many thanks to Tom Williamson, our sports lead, for setting this up for us.

Footballers from Y5 and 6 took part in their tournament yesterday coming second overall out of 45 teams – such an achievement, well done children! Thank you again to Mr Lewis and Mr Gray.

World Book Day – Friday 8 March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. On the day we invite children and staff to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. We are always so impressed with the home made costumes, enthusiasm and creative ideas on this exciting day.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived and will be running next week from Monday 4 March to Wednesday 6 March from 8.45-9am and 3.15-3.30pm in the main hall. We hope to see many of you there - every book purchased helps us buy new books which support learning in the classroom.

Rights Respecting



'With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day.'

In assembly and class next week, we will be learning about Fairtrade and the difference we can make to children and communities across the world, through the choices we make when shopping. (www.fairtrade.org.uk)

This links to Article 27 (adequate standard of living) Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development.



Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Best attendance from Mangrove, Maple and Chestnut 3

Best punctuality from Oak, Acer, Olive and Chestnut 2

Well done to these classes!

Online Safety

Recently, online platforms such as Whatsapp, YouTube and YouTubeKids have

reported videos being uploaded by users that are of a distressing and unsettling nature. The videos are aimed at children and often seem innocent. They may even feature children's animation and characters.



To support you child at home, National Online Safety has issued the following advice:

- Check the 'up next' auto-play feature on apps such as YouTube
- Be there when your child is online
- Talk with them about what they enjoy and if there is anything they are unsure about
- Show your child the 'report and block' button for the apps they are using.

For more advice please see [@nationalonlinesafety](https://twitter.com/nationalonlinesafety).

Diary dates

6 Mar Y3 Maple perform at 'Lewisham Live Dance' at Broadway Theatre, Catford

8 Mar World Book Day

Wb 11 Mar Mock SATs week for Y6

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.

15 Mar Comic Relief

19 Mar Photographer in school for the Tate Y3 project

20 Mar KS2 Choir to 'Lewisham Live' at Broadway Theatre, Catford

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

26 Mar Y5 Walnut to perform dance/music at 'Live at Trinity Laban'

28 Mar Y5/6 'Brindishe Bolts' to London Youth Games athletics final in Redbridge

2 April evening Musicians' Concert in main hall

[the EU](#) and for [EEA EFTA and Swiss nationals](#).

With best wishes for a lovely weekend!

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

EU exit: preparation for a No Deal Scenario.

The government has asked us to make families aware of the following information:

Following the UK's exit from the European union, If there is a no deal scenario, EU, EEA EFTA and Swiss nationals and their family members living in the UK by 29 March 2019 can remain in the country and access benefits and public services, including education, on broadly the same terms as now.

Receipt of certain benefits might also qualify families for free school meals.

Check if your child can get [free school meals in England](#) on GOV.UK.

These families would need, however, to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 31 December 2020 to remain beyond this date.

The government has published arrangements for these [EU citizens in the case of a non-negotiated exit from](#)

EU CITIZENS IN THE UK. STAY INFORMED.



To apply to the EU Settlement Scheme you will need to fill in a short online application form using a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

You will be able to access the application form on GOV.UK when the scheme fully opens by 30 March 2019.



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