

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

Last week at Brindishe Green

Last week we welcomed 15 Swedish headteachers and education professionals to Brindishe Green and Brindishe Manor. They had been recommended to come and visit the Brindishe Schools and wanted to see for themselves the outstanding practice that happens every day. The visit was a great success and our visitors were impressed, particularly by what they described as, 'the feel of the schools', the quality of the relationships between the adults and the children and the rich, creative and exciting learning taking place.

The children were amazing, as always, and talked very proudly about their learning and their school.

Last Monday the Parent Portal opened for mid-term reviews so please do make sure you have booked your slot. The link to Arbor and the parent portal is: <https://brindishe-green.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>. Please remember that the Parent Portal will close on Sunday February 4th.

Also on Monday, Year 5 visited the Victoria and Albert Museum. Many thanks to the parents and carers who supported on the visit.

Finally, well done to the year 5 & 6 basketball team from BG who competed against 36 other local schools last Thursday and got through to the quarter finals before being knocked out.

Next week at Brindishe Green

5th Feb - Year 3 drama workshop for Chinese NY

5th Feb - Workshop for year 5 'When cells Misbehave'.

5th Feb (and 7th Feb) - Year 1 to Brockwell Park

6th Feb (and 7th Feb) - Year 4 to Hall Place

Fundraising at BG

This week we have received thank you letters from Crisis and Children In Need who have both been very grateful for our efforts in 2017. Last year we raised over £2,000 for charity and are

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very grateful to have such generous and community minded families and staff.

Diary Dates

5th Feb - 23rd Feb - Mid Term Reviews

7th Feb - Full Governing Body Meeting at BM

9th Feb - Break for half term

19th Feb - Children return to school

22nd Feb - Book Fair arrives for 1 week

15th March - Full Governing Body Meeting at BM

19th March - Challenge Partner Review at BG

29th March - End of Spring Term

16th April - Children return to school

Athena

This week we have been auditing our safeguarding policy and resources and looking at what is available for families in our area. The Athena Service in Lewisham provides confidential, non-judgmental support to those living in the London Borough of Lewisham who are experiencing gender-based violence. Athena provides outreach programmes, independent advocacy, group support, refuge accommodation and a specialist service for young women. <https://www.refuge.org.uk/our-work/our-services/one-stop-shop-services/athena/>

To find out more about what other kinds of help and support are available in Lewisham (or what is known as 'the local offer') please click here www.lewishamlocaloffer.org.uk

.....and finally

Only water please in school.

Please do not send your child into school with juice or flavoured water. As a healthy school we encourage children to drink only water at school.

Many thanks

Hoping you all had a good weekend and looking forward to another productive week at school.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE