

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

The future at Brindishe....

Governance at Brindishe Schools from September 2018

A message from the Chair of Governors:

"2018 marks my 25th year as a governor of Brindishe and 23rd year as the Chair of Governors. It has been an honour and a privilege to have been part of the amazing journey that Brindishe Schools have travelled. We now have three outstanding schools serving the communities of Lee and Hither Green. It has been my pleasure to have been able to ensure that the governing body has played its full and influential part on that journey.

As we are all aware the success of our Federation lies in being able to adapt readily and quickly to change, and in our ability to attract great teachers and support staff and to grow great leaders. In this way our communities can be confident that each school will continue in future to offer the highest quality of education to every child - just as they all deserve.

The schools are in the best possible position to continue in their success as they enter this new stage of their journey and they are strong and vibrant. I am letting you know that I have decided that my part in the journey is coming to an end and that I will step down from my position both as Chair and as a governor in August 2018. Therefore I take this opportunity to wish everybody all the very best for the future which I am sure will be bright.

I give special thanks to all those people who have been with me on my journey from parent governor at Brindishe (now known as Brindishe Lee) to Chair of Governors of one of the first Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

and undoubtedly one of the most successful, harmonious and united Local Authority Primary School Federations in the country."

Spyros Elia JP
Chair of Governors
The Federation of Brindishe Schools



Children's mental health and well-being - BBC at Brindishe Green

We understand that the government is planning to offer funding for schools to promote children's mental health and well-being. We have been approached by the BBC to help them make a programme about the kinds of things that schools can do to promote children's mental health and well-being, for example in working with organisations like Place2Be.

We think the programme will be broadcast in the autumn term of 2018 and that filming will take place over the second half of this summer term. Over the next few weeks we are expecting some staff from the BBC to film some of the activities that take place at Brindishe Green, for example lessons, assemblies, sports, yoga - and to interview people from Place2Be and some of our staff but not our children.

When we know more about dates and timings we will let you know so that if you do not wish your child to be filmed at any time or in any way you can let us know of this. If you would like more Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

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information at this very early stage please contact me who is happy to talk things through with you.

Many thanks
Sarah Gorbutt

This week at Brindishe Green

Year 1 had the Space Dome on Tuesday which was amazing!

Next week at Brindishe Green

We wish all the year 6 children in our three schools the very best of luck in their important end of year tests which start on Monday. We look forward to seeing all of our BG year 6 children bright and early every day for a special pre SATs breakfast from 8.15am. It will also be Ramadan next week although we cannot as yet confirm the day. We expect all children to be in school so please let us know if you have an older child who is planning to fast over this period, particularly if they are in year 6.

On Tuesday Nursery are river dipping in Manor Park.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Well done to Beech and Rowan class for top attendance this week and to Redwood and Lilac for best punctuality. Chestnut 1 had best attendance and best punctuality! Well done Chestnut 1.

Bexley tests on 11th/12th September 2018

Registration for the Bexley tests is now open. If your child is currently in year 5 and wishes to register please go to www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests. The closing date for registration is 8 July 2018.

Diary Dates

1 - 31 May KS1 SATs month (for Y2)
14th - 17th May - Year 6 SATs (KS2)
15th May - Full Governing Body meeting at BG
17th May - Hither Green Festival comes to BG!

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

22nd May - School Photos
24th May - Yr 5 & 6 Sports day at the Ladywell Arena
25th May - Break up for half term
4th June - Children return to school

Rights Respecting School

Each week in the newsletter, we will share one or two of the 54 articles that link with our learning in school or a particular theme for the week. This week we are focussing on



Article 16 (right to privacy)

Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.

This leads me nicely on to a very important matter.....

GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation

From May 25th there will be new regulations to protect personal data and how and with whom personal data is shared. These new regulations will also affect schools as schools hold data on children and families such as children's medical needs, special diets, religious beliefs, ethnicity etc. We are sending by email today our updated privacy notice to all families. Please look out for it and take the time to read it. Thank you.

And finally

Thanks for your patience with the repairs that are going on and a huge thanks to Mr Alex and Mr Anderson for all the great work they are doing to improve the outside areas in our school.

Best wishes

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Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE