



**14 June 2019**

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

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that Spyros Elias, the Brindishe Federation's former Chair of Governors, was recognised for his services to education by receiving an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list last week. Spyros played a significant role within the Brindishe community for over 25 years ensuring that our children receive the highest quality of education and are given opportunities to allow them to thrive. This is such a huge achievement and we have been so lucky to have had such a leader within our Federation. A true inspiration. Thank you Spyros for your time, dedication and commitment.

Kind regards,  
Rachel Waite  
(Executive Head)

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

This week we were visited by an assessor to renew our Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM). The assessor spent two whole days with us talking with children, teachers, classroom teaching assistants, inclusion team teaching assistants, governors, parents and carers. They visited every classroom and saw interventions such as 'mindfulness', 'wake and shake', 'resilience' and lego therapy. The assessor described being 'blown away' by the quality of the inclusive work going on at Brindishe Green and told us that, in her view, our staff team is second to none! We look forward to receiving the report in a few weeks time and will share it with you as soon as we get it.



In other news, our Y3 and 4 athletes came first in their Lewisham tournament on Tuesday, bringing back yet another trophy and gold medals! Not only this but they also won the best sporting boy and girl taking part in the tournament – congratulations to everyone who took part. We are very proud of you.

On Monday we were visited by a group of Y7 dancers from St Matthew Academy who performed for our children in Y4, 5 and 6. These dancers first performed at Lewisham Live Dance at Catford Broadway in March and were really inspirational for our young ambitious dancers at BG.

### **Visits and visitors this week**

Y4 visited Kew Gardens yesterday and had a fabulous time. The rain (mostly) held off and didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm or enjoyment. Y5 Mangrove visited the International Academy of Greenwich this week for a science lesson and enjoyed exploring the science equipment including bunsen burners. Thank you to all our parents and carers who accompanied the classes – we are very grateful for your support.

Children in N – Y3 have enjoyed Drama4All workshops this week. Y6 continued their workshops with the Jimmy Mizen Trust and Ash class were visited by poet Joshua Seigalon on Thursday.

## Art Exhibition at Brindishe Green

We are delighted to let you know about our 2019 Art Exhibition taking place on 3 July from 3.30 – 5pm. The exhibition will feature children's art inspired by the work and styles of Vincent Van Gogh. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see the poster attached.

## School Photos

You should, by now, have received a pack with your child's school photos inside. If you want to buy the photos please note that the deadline for returning your order to the school office is **Tuesday 18 June**. Please include cash - exact payment only please, no change can be given – or arrange to make a card payment.

## May Day 2020

The Government has recently announced that the early May Bank Holiday (May Day) scheduled for Monday 4 May 2020 has now been moved to **Friday 8 May 2020** to commemorate VE Day. Next year's term dates have been amended on our website to reflect this.

## Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

Following on from our successful Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) visit this week, we wanted to share **Article 6 (life, survival and development)**: *Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.*

At Brindishe Green, we do all we can to ensure that every child in our school is given the opportunity to achieve their best, feel confident, know they are valued and feel proud of their achievements.



## Fantastic attendance this week!

*Best attendance from Chestnut 1, Rowan and Mangrove.*

*Best punctuality from Chestnut 2, Acer and Oak.*

Very well done to you all.

## Online Safety

A recent report by the UK Chief Medical Officers has concluded that although technology can be a wonderful thing, sitting down or using mobile devices can get in the way of important, healthy activities.

Here are some suggested tips for balancing screen use with healthy living.



- **Sleep matters:** Getting enough quality sleep is crucial. Leave phones outside the bedroom!!
- **Safety when out and about:** Advise children to put their phones away whilst crossing the road. Be road smart!
- **Family time together:** Screen-free meal times are a good idea! Enjoy face-to-face conversations with your child.
- **Sharing sensibly:** Talk about sharing photos and information online and how photos and words are manipulated. Parents and carers should never assume that children are happy for their photos to be shared. For everyone – when in doubt - don't upload.

**Diary dates**

**18 June** Y1+2 sports day

**18 June** 5 - 6pm Meeting for new Reception parents and carers (Sep 2019)

**19 June** Y3+4 sports day

**20 June** 6pm Full Governing Body meeting. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you.

**24 June** Healthy Living Week at Brindishe Green – more information to follow

**2 July** Brindishe Schools' Choral Concert

**3 July** Brindishe Green Van Gogh Art Exhibition 3.30 – 5pm

**18 July** End of term for children

**19 July** INSET day for staff only

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach

Headteacher