

Brindishe Green School

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

A message from our Executive Head

I have had the privilege to watch a number of performances across the three schools over the past few weeks and what a pleasure it has been. From traditional to modern, Samba to Bjork, the range of songs have been amazing and the quality of singing and performing has been truly outstanding. Thank you to all those involved.

It can certainly feel such a busy time of year and I hope you all have the chance to take a moment for yourselves and your family to enjoy.

I wish you all a lovely break and look forward to welcoming you back to a new year, a new decade!



Kind regards,
Rachel Waite

This week at Brindishe Green

Our Y5 and 6 classes performed with joy and enthusiasm on Monday evening at St Swithun's church on Hither Green Lane. We are particularly proud of the children who narrated the Christmas story with such confidence as well as the fantastic singing from every single child who took part. Thanks go to Rev. Juliet from St Swithun's for allowing us to use this beautiful local church, Ian Clitheroe, organist, and every member of staff who helped prepare the children so well. In particular we want to thank Daisy Johnson, choir leader who oversaw the entire programme, along with Lauren Campbell, Deputy Head.

On Tuesday, Nursery children enjoyed lots of festive activities with their families, including arts and crafts and a sing-along! Thank you to everyone who came along.

Crisis at Christmas

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection for Crisis at Christmas over the past few weeks. Yesterday - Christmas lunch day - we held a very successful Festive Jumper Day to raise funds for Crisis and altogether we have raised the grand total of £946.74! This means we can help at least 25 homeless people enjoy rest and respite over the Christmas period.



Foodbank

The foodbank working in partnership with AFRIL have written to thank us for our donations this term:



Action For Refugees In Lewisham

“We’re incredibly grateful for the interest that you’ve shown, and the practical support that you’ve provided to support refugees and asylum seekers in our local area.

Please do pass on our thanks to all the members of your school community; their generous donations have made a difference to families in need, and will keep our food cupboard stocked for the next few months.”

Bridget Shepherd, Vicar of the Good Shepherd & St. Peter’s, Lee and Helen Mason, AFRIL Foodbank Manager

Staffing in January

In January, there will be a number of support staff changes as our trainee teachers (Chris Sinclair, Gemma Gibson, Rebecca Rice and Chloe Adams) move to one of our sister schools for a teaching practice. Trainee colleagues from Brindishe Manor (Ikram Ajami) and Brindishe Lee (Faheema Karim) as well as teaching assistants Megan Hosking-Williams and Nick Bradley will come to Brindishe Green for the half term.

We welcome Karen Campbell and Daisy Birchenough - new to our support staff team, and Ellis Frost, new to our federation mental health and wellbeing team.

Diary dates

19 Dec End of term

6 Jan INSET day – staff only

7 Jan Children back to school

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture): Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



We want to wish everyone a very happy holiday and a very Happy Christmas and Hanukkah to those of you who are celebrating over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you back again on Tuesday 7 January.

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

