

## Brindishe Green School

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**Week ending 28 June 2019**

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

### **Curriculum Review**

Following recent changes to Ofsted's Education Inspection Framework which will come into force in September 2019, the staff across the federation are reviewing the Brindishe Schools' Curriculum. We would also like to hear your views.

We are setting up a survey for parents and carers to complete. It should only take 5 minutes of your time and it is your chance to provide your child's school with feedback, comments and constructive criticism in order to help all Brindishe Schools move forward. The survey will be open for two weeks from the date it opens and we will email the link out to you as soon as it becomes available.

### **Last week at Brindishe Green**

Healthy Living Week was a great success! Tom Williamson, our PE and Healthy Living Lead reports, "Every class from Y1 to Y6 took part and deserve immense credit for their energy and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers come along to support the children and volunteer to be put through their paces on the playground! On 3rd July, we welcome GB athlete, Peter Bakare, for more fun and fitness." Many thanks to Tom for organising so many fun, sporting and healthy living events for the whole school community this half term.

### **Sports Success**

Brindishe Green is becoming well known at the London Youth Games and last Tuesday our cricket team, representing the borough of Lewisham, came 5<sup>th</sup> overall from teams right across London. This is the highest placing we have ever had at the Youth Games and is a huge success! Very well done to our talented cricketers.



Next week Mr Lewis takes our athletics team to Crystal Palace Sports Centre for the final of the Athletics Youth Games for London. Once again we are representing Lewisham borough. We wish the team every success!

### **Coming up at Brindishe Green**

#### **Art Exhibition inspired by Van Gogh – 3 July**

Classrooms and learning spaces around school are buzzing in preparation for our very own Art Showcase, exhibiting children's art, music and dance inspired by the work of Vincent Van Gogh. The exhibition is taking place on Wednesday 3 July from 3.30 – 5pm and you are all invited to attend. You will have received a flyer home with your child, and there is one attached. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please let your friends and family know.

On Tuesday 2 July, choirs and soloists from all three Brindishe Schools will come together to perform at Brindishe Green in a Choral Concert. It promises to be a very special event and a lovely way to end the musical year at Brindishe.

Also on Tuesday we will be visited by two teachers studying for higher degrees at Maryland University in the USA. They are visiting Brindishe to see how we combine high standards with a rich, creative curriculum to include, excite and engage our young learners.

Headteacher: Gerlinde Achenbach Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Lindsay Dale

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor Schools

## BBQ lunch – now planned for next term

I'm afraid the BBQ we had planned for 12 July is now postponed until September. Chartwells, our school meals provider who offer the annual BBQ lunch, found themselves double-booked on this date so we have decided to move it to the start of the new school year instead. We will keep you posted on exactly when it will be.

## The Summer Cake and Ice Lolly Sale – 12 July

Luckily, the fabulous parents and carers who help organise our cake sales have stepped in and will be running a cake and ice lolly sale after school on Friday 12 July in the playground. Your cakes and bakes (home-made or shop bought) are all very welcome – the more we get, the more we will be able to sell! Please bring them into school from first thing on the Friday morning. We need to have them by 2.15pm at the latest.

We are raising money for our outdoor spaces at Brindishe Green. The money you have raised so far this year through cake sales is going towards new outdoor tables and benches where children can eat their packed lunches. Thank you so much for all your contributions – every penny is going towards improving the children's outdoor experience at school.

We are planning to set up a friends association at Brindishe Green in the autumn term. The association will be for all parents, carers, staff and friends of the school. If you think you might be interested in helping to get the group off the ground, please let me know at [headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk), and I will put you in touch with other parents and carers keen to do the same.

## Edible Gardens Project at Brindishe Green

Thanks to hard work from Tom Williamson, Y5 class teacher and Healthy Living Lead, we are delighted to have secured a grant with a charity called 'Trees for Cities'. The charity is working with us to look at our outdoor spaces so that we can improve them both for learning and for play. It will involve creating an 'edible garden' as well as bringing more natural shade and planting into our playground and developing our 'Forest School' area. There will be opportunities for keen parents and carers to get involved in this project over the autumn term so look out for more details to come.

## Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

**Article 29 (goals of education):** Education must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, **and the environment.**



3<sup>rd</sup> July is **International Plastic Bag Free Day**. This is a unique opportunity to spread the word that a plastic bag free world is possible and that sound environmental alternatives to single use plastics are available. We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage children to **bring into school a reusable bottle to fill with water**, instead of a disposable plastic one. 'Water bottles now make up around half of all plastic bottles. To reduce the **7.7 billion plastic water bottles** used each year in the UK, a culture of carrying a reusable bottle should be embedded through the provision of public water fountains and access to free tap water' (Environmental Audit Committee). All classrooms in Brindishe Green have access to drinking water (taps), water is available at lunchtime and there are a number of water fountains in the playground.



**Diary dates**

**2 July** Brindishe Schools' Choral Concert 5.30pm

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

**3 July** Visiting athlete, Pater Bakare, to work with classes across the school

**5 July** 2.30pm Beech class samba performance

**5 July** Reception Sponsored Walk – Manor House Gardens

**11 July** Y2 to London Zoo

**12 July** Reception classes sports morning

**12 July** Nursery 'Big Toddler' and picnic at Manor House Gardens

**12 July** 3.15pm Cake and ice lolly sale after school in the playground – please bring your cakes for selling into school by 2.15pm on the day.

**15 - 17 July** Learning Outside The Classroom days (Mountsfield Park)

**15 July** Y6 matinee performance 2pm

**16 July** Y6 evening performance 6.30pm

**17 July** Y6 Prom 6 – 7.30pm

**18 July** End of term for children

**19 July** INSET day for staff only

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher