

30 November 2018

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

### **More sporting success!**

I am delighted to let you know that our intrepid 'Brindishe Bolts' – athletics team from Ys 4, 5 and 6 – competed earlier this week against other Lewisham schools. Once again Brindishe Green were the winning team! This success means that the team will go on to represent Lewisham at the London Youth Games in February 2019!

Congratulations to all these children for their success and dedication and many thanks go again to Mr Lewis and Mr Danny for their amazing coaching.

### **Y1 visit the London Transport Museum**

Thank you to the parents and carers in Cherry and Bamboo classes who helped Year 1 on their visits this week to The London Transport Museum. Museum staff commented on how focused and well behaved our Brindishe Green children were, compared to visitors from other schools!

Rowan class are looking forward to their visit next week.

### **Full Governing Body meeting**

On 22 November the full governing body met at Brindishe Lee. We heard from the Brindishe Lee 'Cultural Leaders' children's team about the art, music, dance and drama they have enjoyed over the past year. We also met our new parent governors, had a briefing on school budgets and talked about whole school achievement and policy development, including our recently updated tri-school Achievement Policy. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these meetings as observers – please let

us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you. Our next meeting is on 6 February 2019 at Brindishe Manor.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

Next week is a very busy week with Year 4 visiting The Horniman Museum and Year 3 visiting Chislehurst Caves. On Monday, Florence Nightingale will be visiting Year 2 and, as part of their learning about Christianity, Rev Juliet from St. Swithun's Church will be talking to Year 4 about how reflection and prayer help her as a Christian.

### **Tri-school choir first performance!**

On Thursday 6 December, the KS2 choir will be performing at The Good Shepherd Church in Lee with the choirs from Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Lee. The children should be brought to the church for 6.15pm. The performance will start at 6.45pm and is expected to last about 45 minutes.

This is a ticketed event and tickets can be requested from Y6 teacher Daisy Johnson via the school office.

### **Your donations**

A gentle reminder that if you would like to donate a tin of fish to the Helping Hands Foodbank the box is in the main foyer.

### **Festive Cake Bake, 7 December**

Many thanks to those parents and carers who have offered to support the festive cake bake on 7 December straight after school. Cakes will be sold in the school hall from 3.15pm and there will be singing from some of our children in the entrance lobby.

We need your help to make this a success. Please get baking your cakes, bakes and treats! You will need to bring

them to school on Friday 7 December. Shop-bought cakes are also accepted. Please label your cakes with their ingredients in order to help families where children have allergies. Gluten/dairy/egg free cakes most welcome.

If you bring them first thing in the morning we will ask you to bring them to the library area on the ground floor for safe-keeping.

Parents and carers who can help to set up the hall from 2.15pm and prepare the cakes for selling are asked to email [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com).

### Fantastic Attendance!

- Best attendance this week from Cherry (100%), Chestnut 2 and Redwood
- Best punctuality from Chestnut 2 Magnolia and Acer – all 100% - and Redwood class

Very well done to these classes.

### 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 focusing on:*  
Article 35 (abduction, sale and trafficking)  
Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December is International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. According to the **International Labour Organisation** (ILO) more than 40 million

people worldwide are victims of modern slavery. Although modern slavery is not defined in law, it is used as an umbrella term covering practices such as forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking. Essentially, it refers to situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power. **1 in 4 victims** of modern slavery are **children**. For more information or to report a case of modern slavery you can call the helpline 0800 0121 700 or report it online on: [www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report](http://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report).

### Diary dates

**6 Dec** Tri-school Chamber Choir performs at the Good Shepherd Church, Lee 6.45pm

**7 Dec** Festive Cake Bake from 3.15pm in the school hall – please collect your children from the playground first

**11 Dec** Y3 and 4 'Christmas Around the World' performances **9.30\* and 2.30\***

**12 Dec** Y1 and 2 'Winter Wonderland' performances **9.30\* and 2.30\***

**13 Dec** Y5 and 6 Carol Concert at St Swithuns Church, 6pm

**14 Dec** Reception festive family learning session 1.45 – 3.15pm

**14 Dec** Nursery festive family learning sessions 9 – 11am, 12.45 – 2.45pm

**18 December** Christmas lunch for children

**\*Please note the start times for the Y1/2 and Y3/4 performances.**

**15 Jan 2019** Deadline for applications to reception class 2019 for children born between 01.09.2014 – 31.08.2015: [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

**And finally...**



Over the past couple of weeks each class have been participating in a sponsored daily mile to raise money for the NSPCC. With your help and support, Brindishe Green has raised an amazing

**£1632.40!!**

A 'big' thank you to all the children, parents and carers, who have supported this sponsored event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Have a lovely weekend everyone – do pop along to the Hither Green Christmas Fair on 1 December (see below)  
Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

**Free local event: Hither Green  
Christmas Fair**

It's that time of year again- fun and  
good cheer for everyone!

**The FUSS at Hither Green  
Christmas Fair  
This Saturday, 1 December,  
from 12-5pm  
Along Staplehurst Road.**