

Brindishe Green School

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

We are almost at the end of term, with one more newsletter due next week. End of year reports have been distributed to all families (Year 2 reports are being distributed today). Please note, we are only able to hand them to parents and carers. If you do not have your child's report yet, please call into the school office where it is waiting to be collected.

Our Year 6 children have this week received the results of their SATs tests and can be very proud of their hard work and focus across the year – well done children.

We have held two very successful transition sessions this week to allow every class to meet their new teacher in their new classroom. The children are ready to move up a year group and are excited for what the new school year will bring!

Events this week

Year 2 visited the zoo yesterday and had an absolutely fantastic time on their final visit of the school year. Thank you to the parents and carers who accompanied them, and thank you to everyone who has helped out on all our school visits across the year – without your support they could not take place and we are very grateful to you.



Elm and Rowan classes held their class assemblies this week and wowed us with their talents.

It's been a busy end to the week for our early years classes too. Reception Sports Day this morning was lovely and we had a great turnout of families.



The Nursery have been to Manor House Gardens today for the 'Big Toddle' around the park followed by a family picnic. A great time was had by all. Thank you to the staff for organising both events for our youngest children.

School Counselling Provision

As part of our commitment to the well-being of all of our children and families, we have been reviewing the provision we offer across the Brindishe Schools and from next year we will be enhancing our schools' skill-set by training up key staff as ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and moving to a new specialist counselling provider.

We have been lucky to work with Place2Be within the Brindishe Federation, however it is important for us to further build our capacity within each school to ensure the children have continued access to trained staff throughout the week. Our Inclusion Team and Mental Health Leads are putting together an information pack for children, parents and carers to explain the different levels of support your child will be able to access, to ensure we meet their emotional well-being needs. We will share this with you in September.

Sports Success

You will remember that our Y5/6 athletics team went to the London Youth Games last week, representing Team Lewisham, and had an amazing day demonstrating their athletic

skill. Although the team were not placed in the top 15, they gave their absolute all and were commended for individual performances. Well done to the three teams that made it through to the London Youth Games finals this year. We want to thank Mr Lewis and Mr Gray for all their hard work preparing the children for competitive sport across the year.



Staff news

Ms O'Brien has had a beautiful baby boy, Oscar, born at the end of June! We send her and her new family our best wishes.

Sarah Hall, teaching assistant in Year 4, is leaving us to join another school in September. Sarah has been with Brindishe Green for 10 years and is almost part of the furniture! We will all miss her very much... Mabel Jalloh, teaching assistant in Year 4 since last October, has been offered and accepted the very exciting chance to teach in Sierra Leone from August. We wish both Sarah and Mabel all the very best for their new challenges.

Chris Coker, Year 5 teaching assistant and graphic designer, has now joined our team, as has Kyriakoula Kokavesi, a science specialist and early years teaching assistant. We are very pleased to have them both on board.

A message from Ms Callow

Thanks to all families who have donated to the Helping Hands Foodbank / AFRIL this year. We are asking for one final push for donations of nappies and sanitary towels for refugees in Lewisham. Donations will be collected next week.



Summer Reading Challenge – a message from Ms Dunn

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way and it's **FREE** to take part! This year's challenge is called *Space Chase* to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the moon landing.

Be sure to showcase your summer reading with your new teacher in September by sharing your reading photos, a book review or a design of your ideal reading area.

Diary dates

TODAY! Cake and ice lolly sale 3.15pm in the playground

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

15 July Y6 matinee performance 2pm

16 July Y6 evening performance 6pm

17 July Y6 Prom 6 – 7.30pm

18 July End of term for children

19 July INSET day for staff only

2 and 3 Sept INSET days for staff only

4 Sept Children back to school

And finally...

Don't forget the cake and ice lolly sale today after school at 3.15pm in the playground. Thank you for all your cake contributions – all money raised is going towards improving the children's outdoor experience at school.



Next week is the final week of term and school for children finishes on Thursday 18 July. Children come back on Wednesday 4 September.

Have a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

BRINDISHE GREEN

Summer Cake & Ice Lolly Sale

FRIDAY 12 JULY

3.15PM IN THE PLAYGROUND
please collect your children first

WE NEED YOUR CAKES!

Faked or Baked, please drop off with a
list of ingredients (allergy alert!)
at the school office 8.45am - 9.15am
and from 2pm on the day