

## Brindishe Green School

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

We have now come to the end of our first full week back and are starting to see all the children settle in to the new year. Even our youngest children have been immersed in their exciting learning environments, enjoying the chance to make new friends and begin many new adventures. The atmosphere around each school has been buzzing with the talk of the summer holidays past, the returning back to school and the opportunities that 2019-20 will bring.

As a Federation, we met on Wednesday and celebrated coming together, reminding ourselves of who we are as a group of three schools and how we can work collaboratively to provide the best we can for the Brindishe community. Exciting times ahead for us all..

Have a lovely weekend,

Rachel Waite  
Executive Headteacher

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

#### **New children and families**

This week we have welcomed all of our new Reception children and on Monday and Wednesday next week, we will be holding our 'Stay and Play' sessions for our new Nursery children and their families.

All our new families from across the school are invited to join us for an informal get together called '**At Home**' on Thursday 26 September from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Invitations will be sent out next week.

#### **'Meet the Teacher'**

This half term, we are inviting parents and carers of children in Years 1 to 6 to make an appointment for an individual meeting with their child's class teacher. This 'meet the teacher' meeting is a chance for us get to know each other better and to help teachers find out more about your child and their interests, strengths and needs. Meetings are booked online via Arbor's Parent Portal and we will let you know shortly when the booking 'window' will open. Please see diary dates below for details of when the meetings are planned.

#### **Book Fair**

We are holding a Book Fair from Thursday 19th September - Wednesday 25th September. This is a chance for you and your child to browse and buy books and it will take place in the main hall and in the Reception outdoor area (weather depending) at the following times:

Thur 19 after school only	Fri 20 before <b>and</b> after school
Mon 23 before <b>and</b> after school	Tues 24 before <b>and</b> after school
Wed 25 before <b>and</b> after school	

A percentage of the funds raised will be given directly back to the school to spend on books for classroom reading areas and shared spaces around the school.

When you visit this book fair you will also have the opportunity to buy a beautiful cook book created by last year's Year 1 children called '**Your Yummies!**' The recipes in the book have been carefully selected by the children and their families as meals that they like to prepare and eat together at home. The recipe book is £3...a bargain!

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

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor Schools

## **Packed Lunches**

Please can we remind all our families that we **endeavour** to be a nut free school. We ask that as a school community, we do all we can to ensure that nuts and nut products (such as hazelnut chocolate spreads) are not brought into school in packed lunches, book bags and as an after school snack.

All children from Years 1-6 must leave their packed lunches on the trolleys outside first thing in the morning and collect them from the trolleys at the end of the school day.

## **The School Office/Foyer**

As you all know, the school office/foyer gets very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can we remind all our parents/carers and children that the main front door should only be used if you need to speak to a member of staff, to leave a payment in the collection box or if your child is late for school. There is a box on the wall outside to return letters and permission slips.

## **Possible General Election**

In the likelihood of a general election this year, and if we are asked to be a polling station again, we will endeavour to keep the school open for Reception to Year 6 children. We did this during the local elections in May and it proved to be very successful.

## ***We are a Gold 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 focussing on:*

Next week is London Fashion Week and this will give us the opportunity to discuss with our children many articles from the convention, from freedom of expression (Article 13), to child labour (Article 32) to non-discrimination (Article 2). It will also allow us to talk to our children about the importance of looking after the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling the clothes that we buy and wear.



## **And finally...**

If you are going into London on Sunday, please visit The Scoop on the South Bank where some of our Y6 children are singing from 1pm as part of the Thames Festival. Thanks to Daisy Johnson for making this happen...

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Lauren Campbell  
Deputy Head

## **Diary dates**

**15 Sep** Y6 children perform at the Thames Festival from 1pm: The Scoop SE1 2DB

**21 Sep** 'Shine' sessions begin (15 Y5 children)

**19-25 Sep** Scholastic Book Fair, before and after school in the main hall and EYFS area

**26 Sep** Brindishe Green 'At Home' – a welcome evening for all families who are new to our school, 5.30 – 6.30pm.

**30 Sept – 11 Oct** 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents/carers of children in Ys 1 – 6

**1 Oct** Secondary transfer meeting for parents and carers of children in Y6 5pm

**3 Oct** Open Day for prospective parents and carers: 9.30 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm

**14-18 Oct** Year 6 School Journey

**21-25 Oct** – Half Term

## Moving on after Year 6

As we start our new academic year at Brindishe Green, we send our best wishes and good luck to our old Year 6 classes who have now started their new secondary schools. Our children have moved on to 33 different schools in total, some with a group of friends and some on their own. Below is a list of the schools they are now attending, alongside the number of children who have gone there. Most of our children went to a school in Lewisham (59 out of 87), but there are also a number who are further away, either because it is close to where they now live or because they sat an additional entrance exam. Different schools have different admissions criteria and parents/carers carefully consider this when choosing a school for their child. Schools and boroughs take into consideration if a child is in care, has a medical or special educational need, has a sibling/s, and the distance between the home and school when allocating a child their new school. Some schools also require the children to sit an entrance exam, but this is not the case for Lewisham secondary schools. More information on how to apply to a Lewisham school can be found on [www.lewisham.gov.uk](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk)

\* Most recent figures at the time of publishing.

Secondary School	Number of children 2019*	Lewisham School	Number of children 2018 **
Addey & Stanhope School	1	✓	1
Beths Grammar	2	Bexley	0
Bexleyheath Academy	1	Bexley	1
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	3	✓	1
Bromley High	1	Bromley	0
Bullers Wood Boys	1	Bromley	0
Bullers Wood Girls	2	Bromley	0
Chislehurst School For Girls	1	Bromley	2
Conisborough College	3	✓	3
Dartford Grammar	2	Dartford	0
Deptford Green	1	✓	0
Ebbsfleet Academy	1	Dartford	0
Eltham Hill School	1	Greenwich	2
Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy	3	✓	3
Harris Academy South Norwood	1	Croydon	1
Harris Girls Dulwich	2	Southwark	0
International Academy Of Greenwich	2	Greenwich	2
Kingsdale Foundation	1	Southwark	0
Leigh Academy Blackheath	1	Greenwich	1
Prendergast Hillyfields	1	✓	2
Prendergast Ladywell	3	✓	7
Prendergast Vale	12	✓	12
Ravensbourne School	1	Bromley	1
Sedgehill School	2	✓	3
Stationers Crown Woods Academy	1	Greenwich	0
St Matthews Academy	6	✓	3
St Thomas the Apostle College	1	Southwark	0
Sydenham School	2	✓	1
The Archbishops School	1	Canterbury	0
Thomas Tallis	1	Greenwich	2
Townley Grammar Girls School	3	Bexley	0
Trinity School	22	✓	13
Wilson's School	1	Sutton	0

\*\* In 2018, children from this cohort went to 15 other schools which are not on this list.