

12 October 2018

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

This week at Brindishe Green

Fantastic Attendance!

- Best attendance this week from Oak, Olive (100%!) and Acer (100%!)
- Best punctuality from Acer, Olive and Rowan

Very well done to these classes.

Bikeability

A huge well done to our Y5 and 6 children who took part in the cycling training programme, Bikeability, this week.

The session coach remarked on how mature and confident all the children were and said he was very pleased with their progress over the week.

'Meet the Teacher' individual meetings

Arbor's Parent Portal booking has now closed. Appointment letters have been sent home this week for those who missed booking online. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange your meeting.

Rights Respecting School

Each week in the newsletter we 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 22 (refugee children). If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

Brindishe Community to support the Helping Hands Foodbank!

The 'Helping Hands Foodbank' is a new joint project between the Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter (in Lee) and Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL).

AFRIL is a small, locally run charity based in Lewisham. They work to relieve poverty and social isolation amongst refugees and asylum seekers, by providing education, family support services, and access to emergency supplies. Each week they currently help an average of 120 people in our local community.



Many of the families that AFRIL helps are living on as little as £36.50 a week. The Helping Hands Foodbank aims to provide these families with much needed food. Families are assessed by AFRIL, then referred to the foodbank where they can receive a weekly supply of fresh, dried and tinned foods, as well tea and toast when they pop in.

At Brindishe Green we will be talking to the children about the importance of sharing what we have, and helping those in our community that are less fortunate than ourselves. After the half term holiday, some visitors from The Good Shepherd and St Peters Church will be coming to talk to the children about the Foodbank and how it helps refugee families.

At school we will be collecting donations of a different item each half term, starting with TINNED FISH. Please donate what you can to this excellent cause! Collecting boxes will be in the office from after half term, so please give generously. Thank you!

Safeguarding in school

The playground is a very busy place at the end of the school day. Please make sure you keep a very close eye on any younger children you have with you as they can easily slip away from you and get lost in the crowd.

Driving to and from school

Thank you to all those parents and carers who park safely outside school. Please do not double park or wait in the middle of the road. It is dangerous for families and children trying to cross the road safely if a car is double parked outside school. The zigzag line area is there for safety reasons.

Please also remember that this section of Beacon Road is ONE WAY and nobody should reverse their car up it.

Finally thank you to the many parents and carers who remember to turn off their engines once they are parked safely – you are being mindful of our young children's health.

And finally...

Thank you to all parents and carers who have cast their votes in the Parent Governor election this week. Voting closes at 4pm this evening and the ballot box is just inside our entrance hall.

Best wishes to you all,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

Diary dates

15 Oct Fire Safety workshops for Y5 and Y2 with the London Fire Brigade

15 – 19 Oct 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents and carers of children in Y1 – 5

15 - 19 Oct Y6 School Journey

17 Oct The History Man visits Y4 - workshop on 'The Romans'

31 Oct Deadline for applications to secondary schools for 2019