

7 December 2018

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

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

What a superb performance the children gave at our choral concert last night! Choirs from all 3 Brindishe Schools came together to sing for their families and it was a very magical event. Many thanks to Daisy Johnson (BG), Mark Maguire (BM) and Amy Smith (BL) for organising the event and preparing the children to give such high quality performances.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have accompanied the children on a school visit this week: Y1 Rowan class on their visit to The London Transport Museum, Y4 at the Horniman Museum and Y3 at Chislehurst Caves on Thursday. We really appreciate your support.

Also this week we have welcomed Florence Nightingale to Y2 – she told us all about her very important work during the Crimean War...

Rev Juliet from St Swithun's Church came to talk to Y4 this week about how reflection and prayer help her in her Christian faith. She also talked to Y6 Oak class about the similarities between some of the major faiths. She was very impressed with the questions the children asked her and is delighted to welcome Ys 5 and 6 and their families to St Swithun's for their Christmas performance next Thursday.

### **Festive cake sale**

We have all enjoyed your cakes and bakes on sale this afternoon at our festive cake sale! Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to help set up the

sale, to those of you who brought cake treats into school to sell and to everyone who came to buy them! We will let you know next week exactly how much the cake sale raised for the school. Parents and carers who are keen to help organise future events like this are invited to email [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) to register their interest.

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

Next week is a very busy week with Christmas performances/workshops for each year group – please see the diary dates below for details of dates and times.

**Please ensure you arrive in good time for your child's performance as latecomers may not be admitted.**

We will be collecting for **Crisis at Christmas** at the end of our performances so please bring any loose change you might have to donate to this very worthwhile charity for homeless people.

Christmas lunch day is Tuesday 18 Dec. This is also the day when your child can wear a Christmas jumper to school and make a donation to **Crisis at Christmas** - we suggest £1.

### **'Shine' at Blackheath High School**

Over the past couple of months, 15 children from year 5 have been involved in some fun and exciting learning on Saturday mornings at Blackheath High School. This project is called SHINE and over a number of years Brindishe Schools have been working closely with Blackheath High School to provide this exciting opportunity.

This term the children have been involved in a range of activities, from print making

their own T-shirts, through to making pizzas! Last Saturday we had a graduation ceremony at Blackheath High School where some of their fantastic work was on display for parents and carers to look at.

Mr Baguley would like to thank Emily Gunton from Blackheath High School for setting up the project, our very own Mr Lewis for accompanying the children, and last (but not least) our parents and carers for getting the children to school on time every Saturday morning!

### **Safeguarding our community: cars with idling engines outside school**

If you drive to school, please do not sit in your car outside school with your engine running. The pollution caused by idling engines is very bad for our children's health as well as for that of our neighbours. Please turn it off!

### **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.

### **Rights Respecting School**

This week we are looking at Article 5: (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities) Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.



### **National Online Safety**

National Online Safety (NOS) have teamed up with Dan and Sam from 'Musicalalternative' to create this fun online safety jingle for parents and carers at Christmas time. They thought you might

need a little help in keeping your children safe when using their new digital devices...

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>

NOS have asked over 500 parents how they'd prefer to learn about online dangers and app-specific risks. Over 90% told them that they preferred an e-learning course that they could do in the comfort of their own home.

**The link to the NOS** online safety video course for parents and carers is here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/online-safety-course-for-parents-and-carers-demo/>

For more information, please call National Online Safety on 0800 368 8061.

### **Fantastic Attendance!**

- Best attendance this week from Ash, Cherry, Rowan and Chestnut 2
- Best punctuality from Walnut, Magnolia and Chestnut 1

Very well done to these classes.

### **Diary dates**

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

**11 Dec** Y3 and 4 'Christmas Around the World' performances **9.30\*** and **2.20\***

**12 Dec** Y1 and 2 'Winter Wonderland' performances **9.30\*** and **2.20\***

**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 and Christmas Jumper Day!

**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...**

We are very excited to let you know that, from January, we will be taking part in a whole school dance project in conjunction with Trinity Laban in Greenwich. Dance-artists will be coming to work with school staff to plan for and deliver high quality dance lessons for all children. We look forward to sharing some performances with you at the end of the spring term!

With best wishes for the weekend,

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Headteacher