

**5 April 2019**

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

We're approaching the end of the spring term and this is just to remind you that there are 2 more school days next week. **The last day of term is Tuesday 9 April.**

Don't forget to bring your cake donations for the Spring Bake Sale after school today! See the poster below for more details...

**Lots to celebrate at Brindishe Green!**

### **Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review at Brindishe Green**

Last week we were visited by registered Ofsted inspector Melanie Clapton and three senior leaders at schools from across the country in order to assess the quality of teaching and learning at Brindishe Green. They spoke to the children, to the staff, to our teacher leaders and to the senior leaders and observed teaching and learning in every class.

The review team were extremely impressed with the very high quality of what they saw and heard over the three days at our school. I look forward to sharing the report with you and will let you know when it is published on our website.

### **Unicef Rights Respecting Schools assessors visit Brindishe Green**

This week we have been visited by a team from Unicef who came to assess how our Rights Respecting work is going at Brindishe Green.



Once again they spoke to lots of children including our 'ambassadors' team, teachers and classroom staff and to our senior leaders. They also met with one of

our governors and with a group of our parents/carers to find out how embedded is our community's understanding of Rights and Respect.

As your children will have told you, we are 'going for Gold' and very much hope that the assessors gathered enough information about Rights and Respect at BG to be able to award us the very top accolade – a Gold award. We will hear within the next few weeks and will let you know as soon as we do!

### **Live at Trinity Laban**

Y5 Walnut performed their fantastic music/dance piece on a professional stage at the Laban Centre for Dance in Deptford last week. The children showed incredible talent and poise and gave such a polished performance – we were all very proud. Thank you to Wendy and Jo our dance and music artists from Trinity Laban, and to Ashlene O'Brien and Ms Berat for all their hard work with the children to put the performance together.



### **Brindishe Green ranking in the top 1% of London schools for sport**

The 'Brindishe Bolts' took part in the London Youth Games athletics final in Redbridge last week. Brindishe Green was one of only 12 primary schools from right across London selected to take part, and came 10<sup>th</sup> out of this group on the day.

To put this into perspective, there are more than 2,500 primary schools across London, and this ranks Brindishe Green in the top 1% of all London primary schools for our sports ability. What an achievement!

Congratulations to all our very talented children who gave their absolute best and achieved so highly. Huge thanks go to Mr Lewis and Mr Gray for preparing and supporting the children for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

### **Musicians' Concert**

What a treat we had on Tuesday at our annual Musicians' Concert. We heard performances from our talented violin, flute, clarinet and brass instrumentalists, our singers, our resident band and KS1 and KS2 choirs. We were also lucky enough to hear a smashing electric guitar performance from 2 talented brothers.

It was clear to see just how well our young musicians are progressing and how important it is to enable children to develop their musical talent.

Many thanks to Daisy Johnson, Hollie Campbell, Rachel Callow, Esther Yeboah, Jasmine Jayham, Margaret Rawlings, Verity Thirkettle, Victoria Isaacs, Felicity Hayward and Valerie Catley for all the fantastic work they do with our children.

### **Schools visits**

In preparation for next term's creative arts project leading to a whole school art exhibition in June, classes have begun their visits to the Van Gogh exhibition at Tate Britain.

Nursery families had a very successful visit to Mudchute Farm, Y5 have visited the British Museum and Y4 have been to Eltham Palace.

We are very grateful to all our parents and carers who volunteer to support the children on these visits – without your help we would not be able to do them and we know just how valuable they are for our children's learning.

### **Fantastic attendance this week!**

*Best attendance from Mangrove, Olive and Chestnut 3.*

*Best punctuality from Mangrove, Cherry and Chestnut 2.*

Well done to these classes!

### **Rights Respecting School**

Article 42 (knowledge of rights):

Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most ratified (approved or agreed to) human rights treaty in history. As you know, at Brindishe Green, we are passionate about ensuring that our children know and understand their Rights. We hope that they come home and talk to you about the Rights they have been taught about in school and how they can respect these. Under the convention, all adults (duty bearers) must know the articles and understand what they mean. This is one of the reasons we include an article in our newsletter every week. Please click here, to view the Convention:

[https://www.unicef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/UNCRC\\_summary-1.pdf](https://www.unicef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/UNCRC_summary-1.pdf)

### **Diary dates**

**5 April** Spring Cake Sale 3.15pm

**9 April** Last day of term

**23 April** Back to school

**25 April** Open Day at Brindishe Green for prospective parents and carers. Please tell interested friends and neighbours.

**13-16 May** Y6 SATs - all Y6 children need to be in school please

***Don't forget there are 2 more days of term to go – end of term is Tuesday 9 April!***

With best wishes for a sunny and restful spring break when it comes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher



BRINDISHE GREEN

# **Spring Cake Bake & Egg Guessing**

RAISING MONEY FOR THE PLAYGROUND

**FRIDAY 5 APRIL  
3:15PM IN THE MAIN HALL PLEASE  
COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN FIRST**

**WE NEED YOUR CAKES!**

Faked or Baked, please drop off together with a list of ingredients (allergy alert!) at the school office

8.45am - 9.15am and again from 2pm on the day