

Half Term is next week! School is closed to all children.
The new term starts on Monday 31st October.



Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

On Monday, Miss Matthews and Miss Campbell kick started the week with assemblies for the children in Years 2-6 on racism and how it is everyone's job to stop it. The children explored what race is, why people move/moved around the world, and why where you or your family came/comes from is important but shouldn't be important to others. We discussed what racism is, what it looks like, how it makes people feel and how we can all stop it. Today is 'Show Racism the Red Card Day,' and we are delighted with how many people in our school community took part by wearing red.

This week, all three Year 1 classes visited Mountsfield Park where they talked about the seasons and went on a senses walk in nature, exploring the different sights, smells and sounds around them. After tasting and evaluating a range of shop bought smoothies, Year 2 visited Lewisham Market to buy their own fruits so they could design and make their own healthy drinks. The children were delighted with the variety of fruit they were able to buy and staff were very grateful to the people working on the stalls for their kindness and generosity.

Year 6 have had a very busy week. On Thursday they took part in a fantastic carousel of activities which taught them about the history and importance of The Notting Hill Carnival. On Tuesday, they welcomed some very interesting visitors...a snake, rat, giant snail, scorpion...but do not worry, as they hadn't just made their way to the top floor uninvited. They were brought into school by the company Zoo Labs, and helped the children to learn about classification of animals.

YEAR 1-6 Meet the Teacher – Parent/Teacher Meetings

We are delighted to say that most parents and carers have now booked their appointment to meet with their child's class teacher. If you have not done so already, please access the booking system on Weduc or by clicking on this school cloud link:

<https://brindishegreen.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Please do not add your name to a wish/waiting list: only book an available appointment.

The teachers have to pack a lot into each 10 minute meeting so we ask that you please ensure you come to school 10 minutes before your allocated time, so that they can run to schedule.

We look forward to welcoming you back into school again during this week.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

We praise all the children in school for being **curious, committed, confident, collaborative and compassionate**.

This week, the following children have stood out for going above and beyond, and really shining!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Noah & Corin Aiden & Abigail Malik & Agnes	Nera & Ejla Hugo & Albie Devaani & Rosalind	Ethan and Naomi Bella and Arthur Melanie & Alex
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Iyenoma and Jersha Jeremiah and Saadhvika Puffin class- for a successful first term as a class!	Lilah & Arian Aiden and Amelia Tommy & Shyanne	Melissa and Emilio Amelia R & Reece Camilo & Alice Alpha & Tymon

Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

BFG – Give a Garment/Get a Garment

Please find attached to this newsletter information on the big Give a Garment/Get a Garment which will take place straight after half term. This was very successful last year and we hope that this year we will be able to find new homes for the coats and jumpers your children have grown out of.



Governing Body Meetings

Our Federation Governors meet every half term. If you would like to come to any of the meetings as an observer, please email Rachel Waite so that she can give you more information. The dates and venues of this year's meetings are:

Autumn 2: Brindishe Manor, Tuesday 6th December 2022

Spring 1: Brindishe Lee, Tuesday 7th February 2023

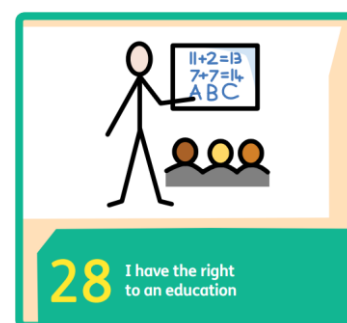
Spring 2: Brindishe Green, Thursday 23rd March 2023

Summer 1: Brindishe Manor, Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Summer 2: Brindishe Lee, Thursday 13th July 2023

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

Closing date for secondary school applications is fast approaching. All applications **MUST** be made by **Monday 31st October 2022**, however we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022. Please ensure you have applied for 6 schools and put them in order of preference.



Roots of Empathy – New Baby

Are you a proud parent with a new baby? Will your baby be 2-4 months old in November?

We're very excited to be offering Roots of Empathy this year, a program which aims to increase empathy by sharing in the development of a real life baby. We are looking for a baby who is 2-4 months old and who has one or two parents that can visit school 9 times over this school year. You will get to share your baby's development with a class of year 5 children who will cheer on every milestone, when they roll, crawl, get a tooth and so on!

We have our very own Roots of Empathy Instructor, Mr Chris, who has attended intensive training and will plan and facilitate every visit. In return you and your baby will benefit from the support and encouragement of our instructor, not to mention 30 children cheering them on. We also promise to make you very nice cups of tea!

Each visit can work around your schedule and will be about 30 minutes long. The baby does not need to belong to a school parent, so if you know someone who might be interested please do pass our details on. If you're keen to help please get in touch with Jessica Dee, either on the gate, by phone or email idee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk



And Finally...

Over the half term break, we would like to encourage the children to learn/develop a new skill that will help them to be independent both at home, and in school. These will of course differ depending on each child and their age but here are some suggestions to try practising during the week:

- Putting on their own coat and zipping/buttoning it up
- Tying their shoe laces
- Using a knife and fork properly
- Scraping their plate and putting it in the dishwasher/washing up bowl
- Packing their own book bag or PE bag
- Learn to write their whole name – first and surname
- Learn their address

See you on Monday 31st October, at 8.45am. Wishing you all a safe and happy half term.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

REMINDER: GIVE A GARMENT/Get A GARMENT - We are collecting donations for our Give a Garment/Get a Garment event on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd November after half term. COATS and JUMPERS ONLY please. These will be put on display the following week for people to take. It's open to everyone.

CAKE BAKE TOTAL - We raised a fantastic £177.55 from last week's cake bake which will go towards buying equipment for the school. Thank you again to all who took part.

GET IN TOUCH - If you would like to be put on our list to receive more detailed updates and invites to our meetings please let us know: bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Twitter: @bfgthiergreen and Facebook (search ' Brindishe Friends Group').



Brindishe Manor Parent/Carer Association

Brindishe Manor PSFA are raising money for the school by organising a Halloween Trail for families to enjoy over the coming half term. Please see the link below for further information about how the trail will take place and details of how to donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brindishemanorpsfa2022halloweentrail?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=brindishemanorpsfa2022halloweentrail&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=ed420017987d47dba14603aa42c389b0

Important Dates

October - Black History Month

21st October – Give Racism the Red Card Day

21st October - School finishes for half term

31st October – Return to school

31st October – Closing date for secondary school applications

31st – 3rd November – Year 1–6 Parent/Teacher Meetings