

Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week we have seen it all... the blazing sun, gale force winds, downpours, rainbows, thunder and lightning! However, no matter what the weather has thrown at us, it is safe to say that it has been a fantastic start to the new school year. From our youngest children starting the beginning of their education in Nursery and Reception, right up to our oldest children starting their final year in primary school, we have been delighted to see classrooms buzzing with conversations, questions, activity, music, independence and laughter. The staff have been forming relationships with their new classes and the children have been showing them that they are excited and ready to learn.

In lessons across the school, the children have started to learn about our 5 Big Cs that form part of our federation values and Rights Respecting Charter: *Curious, Compassionate, Confident, Collaborative, Committed*. During their assembly, the children and staff in Key Stage 2 focused on the word *Committed*, and discussed how they were dedicated and devoted to being the best they could be.

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
Leo & Jasmine Lilly & Ray Jibran & Honour	Christian & Cali Daniel & Soraya Brandon & Weiyi	Chloe & Harrison Lucas & Zara Anaya & Isaac
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jacob & Kamari Kyran & Rita Moni & Josias	Allan & Emmanuel Jean-David & Leona Willow & Ra'Kai	Ellie, Luca & Kyleigh Victoria & Thanushan Justin & Lucas Sidi & Eliza

End of the School Day

Now that we have had our first full week back at school there are a number of ways, we think will make the end of the day run more smoothly:

- The gate opens at 3.15 and closes at 3.25. This means there is a ten-minute window to come and collect your children. Please do not all feel that you need to be here at 3.15 on the dot.
- Please keep the ramp down to the office free when you arrive so that our home alone children can leave safely and quickly.

- When leaving school, if you are able to, please try and walk down the steps and up the ramp (home alone children will have left at this point) in order to make sure that fewer people are walking in different directions.

Home Alone Children

If you would like your child in Year 5 or 6 to walk home alone, please can you remind them to:

- Walk straight home
- Not to talk to strangers
- Keep their mobile phones in their pocket and not on show
- Stick to the busier, well-lit roads such as Hither Green Lane or Beacon Road. They should avoid Ardmere Cottages or quieter streets

We will only allow your child to walk home alone if you have given permission by emailing the office (info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk). Please note that it is not possible for the staff to track different arrangements on different days and therefore if you would like your child to walk home alone, we will presume this is every day. If you would like to collect your child, we recommend you arrange this with them before school and meet them on Beacon Road.

We avoid letting younger children walk home with older siblings. They need to be collected by a known adult.

Clothing and Jewellery

Please can we remind all our families and children that although we do not have a compulsory uniform, there are a couple of requirements that form part of our school policy:

- Children should come to school **prepared for the whole day ahead**. Please check the weather to see if they will need a raincoat, a sunhat, a warm jumper etc.
- Children should **not** come to school in a onesie, sleeveless tops with shoulders exposed or tops that show the child's middle.
- Children should wear **trainers, shoes or boots**. They should not wear wellington boots, clogs, backless shoes, crocs, shoes with a heel or shoes with toes exposed.
- Children are allowed to wear a **watch or stud earrings only**. They should not wear a bracelet or necklace unless it is for religious purposes such as a Sikh bangle.
- On days your child has PE, they should wear **suitable clothing to move freely in**, including trainers, shorts/jogging bottoms, a t-shirt and a sweatshirt. Children cannot do PE well or safely in jeans or a skirt/dress. Even if it is very cold, children will still do PE outside.

It is unfortunate but sometimes losses occur within school. We take every effort to teach the children how to look after their belongings but you can help us by **labelling all items of clothing and footwear**. Thank you.

Communication

Urgent messages need to be communicated by email or phone to the school office. If you would like to contact the class teacher, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk your message will be passed onto the teacher.

Year 6 – Absence from School

Over the next couple of weeks parents of children in Year 6 might be arranging for their children to attend Open Days at potential secondary schools. We understand that these visits are important for you and your child in order to make the right choice when applying for schools. The absence for these

visits will be authorised but we do ask that you email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk in advance to let us know so we can update the class registers accordingly.

Inset days

This year's inset days have been confirmed and the schools website has been updated:

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Friday 25th November 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Monday 3rd July 2023

Contact Details

If your contact details or your emergency contact details have changed, please email the office as soon as possible. If your child is going to be absent for any reason at the start of term (travel, isolation, illness), please email the office info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Medicines and Allergies

All medication must come directly to the school office. Children must not carry any medication in their book bag. Staff at Brindishe Green School are unable to give your child medicine unless you complete and sign the 'Request for medication to be administered form' and the Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher agrees that staff may administer the medication.

Please note that only adults with full Parental Responsibility can give permission and sign this form. If you are not sure if you do have Parental Responsibility please do not sign the slip but seek advice from the school office or <http://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/parental-responsibility/>

Educational Visits - Payment

Once you have logged into the new parent portal, you will be able to make the **£20 trip payment** (£10 for FSM families). This is the payment we ask parents/carers to pay at the start of the year to support all the trips and experiences that the staff are planning to enhance your child's learning. Please ensure this is paid before half term. Over the coming weeks the teachers will begin to tell you about some of the visits they are organising to support the children with their learning.

School Meals with RADISH

Please note there is a slight increase on school dinners. The new price will be £2.51 per day. £12.55 a week. You will be able to access your dinner money payments through the new parent portal.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can use the following link to check your eligibility <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

Eligibility for FSM is not backdated so apply as soon as possible.

Cashless School

Don't forget, we are now a cashless school. All payments must be made using the news MIS system, HORIZONS.

And Finally...

Last night, at 6.30pm, Buckingham Palace announced that HM Queen Elizabeth had died peacefully at Balmoral. A beautiful rainbow appeared over Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle as the flags were lowered.

Many people across our country and school community will be deeply saddened by this news, if it be because she was admired and cherished as the Queen we have known all our lives, or because she may have reminded us of our own mother, grandmother or great grandmother.

She was the Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms for 70 years, and loved by countless people around the world. We remember a life of duty, dedication and service.

See you on Monday morning, at 8.45am.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

A message from Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

WELCOME!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who is new to Brindishe Green and a big hello to returners. The Brindishe Friends Group is a parent/carer/teacher association open to all who walk through the school gates. We like to think everyone is a member. Participation doesn't have to mean attending meetings or helping running events: it can be being part of a class WhatsApp group - passing on information about events, or making a donation, or leading on a fundraising idea. Together, the school community can achieve so much! If you'd like to know more, feel free to drop us a line: bfgsocials@gmail.com

BIG HALF NEWS

On Sunday 4th September an amazing group of parents and teachers ran The Big Half marathon. They raised a fantastic £1354 for the school!!! Here's a message from Hayley, running Team Captain:

"Race day was great, from meeting at the station to congratulating each other at the end. The team trained so hard and their efforts paid off. For some it was their first half marathon and others it was one to add to experience. The atmosphere was great, London never disappoints! Thanks you to everyone that donated - we couldn't do it without our BFG community!"

GET IN TOUCH - You can follow us on Twitter: [@bfghithergreen](https://twitter.com/bfghithergreen) and Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') as well as email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com We look forward to hearing from you!

