



Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

Today our school has been full of curious and collaborative scientists who have been asking questions, designing and carrying out experiments, and discussing what they have found out. Science is a very important part of our curriculum and the children enjoy regularly learning about a range of subjects such as plants, animals, humans, materials, space, rocks, light and forces as part of their weekly timetable. However, today, as part of British Science Week, the whole school enjoyed a day full of investigations, finding things out and applying their knowledge and skills to learn even more.

Also this week, two of our Year 6 classes visited The Migration Museum in Lewisham. The last 2 classes will visit over the coming weeks. Thank you to our staff for organising this visit and for the parents/carers who accompanied them.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who purchased a book/s from the Scholastic Book Fair. We are delighted to announce that £1066.06 worth of books were bought, which means that as a school, we receive rewards to spend on new books that will support learning in our classrooms. We would also like to thank all the staff, and Year 6 children, who ran the fair in the mornings and after school.

Best Wishes  
The Senior Leadership Team

### 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
Harold & Amelia Lilly and Eva ELijah and Honour	Karine & Joseph Mishal & Londi Rhianna & Shady	Ben & Hareem Jordan and Cassidy Noelle & Ada
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jersha & Chloe Red Kite Idrees & Dvir	Elsie & Emilio Samuel & Anu Olive & Vittorio	Antonio & Mileta Thanushan & Aiman Charis & Aydin Maliah & Taye

### Year 6 SATs meeting and Secondary School Placements

If you have a child in Year 6, you will have received an offer for a secondary school place. Please can we remind all parents/carers to accept this place, even if it is not one of your top choices. You will stay on the waiting list for the schools you placed as a higher preference than the one you were offered and will be contacted when/if a place becomes available. It is essential that you **ACCEPT** the offer that has been made so that your child will definitely have a school to start in September.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm, Ms Matthews will be holding an information sharing meeting on your child's **MOCK Sats week (21st-24<sup>th</sup> March)** and **SATs week (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May)**. It is very important that all parents/carers know what is involved and how to best prepare their child. All the children in Year 6 have been working very hard this year to prepare for their tests, and to ensure they are ready for secondary school.

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, NEU Teachers' Strike NOTIFICATION OF CLASS CLOSURES

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we wrote to you regarding the upcoming strikes that have been arranged by the National Education Union, in protest of teachers' pay and conditions, and school funding. The vast majority of the teachers at Brindishe Green are members of the NEU, and therefore, **the majority of classes will be closed** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Some teachers are part of other unions that, at this time, are not striking.

I am sure that you will understand that our dedicated and hardworking teachers have not taken this decision lightly. The NEU explain: *"This is not about a pay rise but correcting historic real-terms pay cuts. Teachers have lost 23% in real-terms since 2010, and support staff 27% over the same period. The average 5% pay rise for teachers this year is some 7% behind inflation. In the midst of a cost of living crisis, that is an unsustainable situation."*

Some classes will be **OPEN** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and children should come into school:

Reception	Sparrow Class
Year 1	Goldfinch
Year 1	Swift
Year 1	Little Owl
Year 2	Kestrel
Year 5	Macaw
Year 6	Shoebill
Year 6	Sea Eagle
Year 6	Cormorant

**ALL other classes will be closed.**

If any changes occur, we will inform parents/carers as soon as we are able to do so

Year 1-6 Parent/Teacher Meetings – Bookings open 5pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding our Year 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March.

To book your 'Meet the Teacher' meeting, please click on the provided link: <https://brindishegreen.schoolcloud.co.uk>

You can also find the link under 'The Hub' section of Weduc.

- All meetings are face to face, in person. No video meetings are available.
- Please only book one meeting per child (please contact the school office if as parents, you definitely require two separate appointments).
- Please set a reminder on your phone and come to the school 10mins before your meeting.

The booking portal will close on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm.

Please find below a link to a video guide of how to book your appointment if you are doing so for the first time (relevant part of the video is from 0:00 to 4:15 minute): <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

### Important Dates

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 SATs meeting  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March– 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Mock SATs week  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1-6 Parent/Carer Meetings  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter/Spring Holidays

## A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

**VOLUNTEERS!** - We need LOTS of volunteers to help with upcoming events. Can you:

- help run our 'Guess the egg' stall any morning before school **w/c 20th March**
- help with food parcels (this involves having a food delivery to your house - we pay - and then you getting it to the school)
- volunteer to help collect and then sell cakes for our cake bake on **23rd March**
- volunteers to help distribute pizza kits on 31st March

Please let us know: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA!** - Remember to order your pizza kits here: [PIZZAPIZZAPIZZA](#) All orders need to be received by Saturday 25th March. This helps pay for the food parcels given to families who need extra help during the longer school holidays.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!**

