

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

Our school week began with assemblies which introduced LGBTQ History Month, which runs throughout February. The children learnt about how all families are made differently and that showing kindness and caring for each other is the most important thing. As a diverse community we are proud to celebrate and learn about inspiring LGBTQ+ people both in our school, the community and across the world.

Also this week, Year 1 were visited by the History Man as part of their learning about how toys have changed over time. The children enjoyed this hands on experience and discussing the similarities and differences.

Next week we have more visits and visitors coming to school, including Year 6 who will be going to The Tate and Year 4 who will visit St Paul's Cathedral. Also, Year 3 will be visited by a production company who will be kick-starting their new learning about The Ancient Egyptians.

Also next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week and on Tuesday the children will be learning about Safer Internet Day (www.saferinternetday.org). We look forward to sharing more information about this next Friday.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy weekend.

Best Wishes

The Senior Leadership Team

Communication with Staff

As you know, good communication between home and school is very important. We value the strong relationships that we build and maintain with you, and we hope that you feel that the school are here to listen and work closely with you.

Although there are different lines of communication available (phone calls, emails, informal chats in the playground or face to face in school meetings), please note that it may take several days for a teacher to be able to respond. Teachers and Senior Leaders have meetings after school, are preparing for the following day, and of course are working with children from 8.45-3.30, or later. Please note that teachers are unlikely to read and respond to any emails during the school day or in the evening, and that it may take a couple of days for them to be able to respond. If you need to relay a message to the school which requires an immediate response, we recommend that you call or email the school office team, and they can decide if it is urgent and ensure that the right person receives the message. After a couple of days, if you feel your email has been missed, please forward it again.

Please note that all communication with class teachers should be emailed to the school email address. Thank you for your understanding.

School email – info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

School phone number – 02088527245

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
Jessica & Davi Siyana & Francis D Maya & Malik	Ayub & Isabella Oscar and Zac Nevaeh & Alex	Ben & Tias Kellia and Zara Ernes & Kaelo
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Averie & Talia Zekia & George Josias & Taizeen	Albioni + Jazmin Ryan & senthan Liam & jean David	Josiah & Amelia M Muhalel & Esther Ali & Bethany

Lewisham Sumdog Maths Contest Results

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Sumdog competition this past week. What an amazing effort! We are proud to announce that four classes placed in the top 5 and that several children placed in the top 10 on the leader boards. Here are the results:

Class Leader board:

2nd place - Kingfisher Class

3rd place - Heron Class

4th place - Shoebill Class

5th place - Puffin Class

Pupil Leader board:

4th place - Vivaan (Heron class)

5th place - Valerie (Shoebill class)

6th place - Kelvina (Cormorant class)

8th place - Samuel (Heron class)

9th place - Abidah (Puffin class)

Great work, as always,
everyone!

We are so proud of the
commitment and confidence
you have all shown.

Keep it up!

Nursery Open Day – Wednesday 22nd February

Do you (or someone you know) have a small child who is already, or will be turning 3 or 4 years old very soon? If so, please come and visit our fantastic Nursery on **22nd February from 10-10.30** to see what opportunities your child could be experiencing if they joined. Our teachers and SLT will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about the high quality learning and routines, and how to apply for a place. Please email the office at info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk to book.

Important Dates

Tuesday 7th February – Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 10th February – Last day of term

Tuesday 21st February – Year 1, 3 and 5 Open Classroom

Wednesday 22nd February – Nursery Open Day

Tuesday 28th February – Year 2, 4 and 6 Open Classroom

Half-term Creative Writing Workshop

Want the children to do something creative for this February half-term? Have them join local author & photographer Amelia B. Kyazze for a fun creative writing workshop, using her methodology 'Writing the 7 Senses'.

With music, photography, observation of nature and humour, she creates a free and creative space that allows children to improve their skills and exercise their imagination. With an emphasis on inclusion and diversity, the children will explore different perspectives, character building, creating suspense, and writing about different cultures and settings around the world, as well as across London. For children especially, this helps to build skills, empathy and self-confidence. And it's a lot of fun!

Amelia B. Kyazze is a Brindishe parent and the author of two novels, *Into the Mouth of the Lion* (2021) and *Ahead of the Shadows* (2022), as well as a creative writing workbook, *Writing the 7 Senses*. In the Autumn of 2022 she delivered a grant from the London Borough of Culture to run 15 workshops in Brindishe Schools and Lewisham libraries. For any children who experienced those workshops in school, this half-term session is a chance to continue the learning with new ways to have fun. For anyone who hasn't yet had the opportunity, the W7S approach is flexible and inclusive, so anyone can join and get something unique out of the experience.

For more information and to book please see this Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/3Y9XSak>

There is an early bird discount if you apply before 4 February!

A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

DATES - Please update your diary with these upcoming fundraising events:

- W/c 20th March - 'Guess how many eggs?' competition
- 23rd March - Cake bake
- 31st March - Make at Home Pizza Night
- We also hope to confirm a date for the summer fair soon

WEBSITE - We are still looking for someone to volunteer to update our website. Let us know if you fancy helping out: bfgsocials@gmail.com

KEEP IN TOUCH - Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com so we can add you to our distribution list, and follow us on Socials: Twitter: @bfgghithergreen and Facebook (search ' Brindishe Friends Group').

Head of School: Katie Matthews Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy
In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor