

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

The last week of the half term has been packed with exciting learning opportunities, events and visits. Not only have the children been focusing on how to look after their mental health as part of national Children's Mental Health Week, but they have also been learning about the importance of staying safe online.

Also this week, Year 5 were visited by The History Man and a Zest Theatre Workshop, Year 3 experienced an Ancient Egyptian Theatre Production visit, and Year 6 visited The Tate Modern. On Tuesday, Year 3 were visited by Sister Juliet who came to find out what the children had learnt in their RE lessons about the Christian Bible. She was very impressed with what they knew and the fantastic questions they asked her. On Friday, Year 5 and 6 attended Road Safety assemblies.

This week we were delighted to welcome back Teaching Assistant Hollie Campbell who returned from Maternity Leave. We also officially welcomed new Swift Class teacher Jo Sharrock, and Keith O'Garro who has joined our Lunch Time Play Leader team. Sophie Wong has also returned to the team to teach small groups of children across the school.

Today we say goodbye to James Campbell Warner who will be returning to Brindishe Lee after spending the half term with Year 6 as part of his teacher training. We have really enjoyed having him with us and wish him all the very best for the future. After half term, we welcome back Honor Collins who will continue her training with us.

**Wishing you all a very happy and healthy half term. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

Best Wishes

The Senior Leadership Team

### Something Wonderful to Celebrate

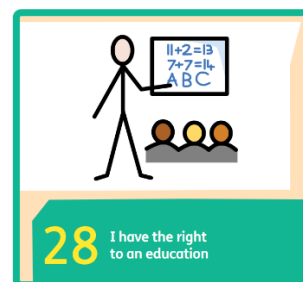
We praise all the children in school for being **curious, committed, confident, collaborative and Compassionate.**

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

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Zack & Ellie Haseenah & Frances Nolan Elena & Sompia	Malakai & Lily Brandon & Mariam Romeo & Rosalind	Theo, Remy & Alice Ainara & Poppy Cuba & Cara
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Neveah & Niko Cade & Santiago Ayla & Joseph	Leona & Tanaya Stella & Prince Anita & Jamal	Rose & Luca Said & Amelia R Kaina & Aisha Asiyah & Aimuanmwonsa

## Start of the School Day

Children should arrive in school between 8.45 – 8.55 every day, and be in their classrooms ready to start their learning 9am, when the register closes. If children are 5 minutes late every day, they lose up to 25 minutes of learning a week, miss the beginning of their lessons and do not start the day in the composed way we would all like them to. Please try to ensure your child arrives in school on time.



## Children's Asthma Pumps and Epi-Pens

If your child has an asthma pump or epi-pen in school which needs to be replaced, please bring their new medication into the school office straight after half term. Ms Eleni makes calls to parents/carers to let them know when the medication is due to expire, 2 months in advance. We will return their 'out of date' pump/epi-pen to you.

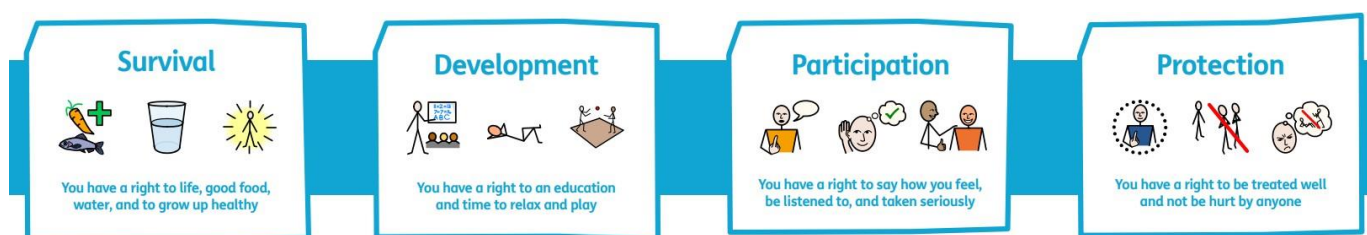


## TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND – COLLECTION – FRIDAY

We are sure the horrific news coming out of Turkey and Syria will not have passed you by. The thousands of men, women and children that have lost their lives is heart-breaking. Added to this, as more news reaches us, it is clear that the awful earthquakes that have occurred have left tens of thousands injured, and even more without the basics for living: including food, shelter and water. Across the Brindishe Federation, we feel that we must do all we can to support the families of Turkey and Syria.

Next term, we will write to you to let you know about a school-focused planned event to raise money for the earthquake relief fund. Until then, we would like to invite you to donate your spare change on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at your child's school gate**, through bucket collections. All donations received will be banked together and a donation sent on behalf of us all to the relief fund. We are all too aware how tight things are for many families right now, so please do not feel obliged to donate, but if you can spare £1.00, or some loose change, we would be very grateful.

As we head into half term, our thoughts go to all those children who are suffering in Turkey and Syria right now.



## Nursery Open Day – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) to book.

### **Important Dates**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 1, 3 and 5 Open Classroom

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Nursery Open Day

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2, 4 and 6 Open Classroom

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter/Spring Holidays

### **Further Strike Days – possible school closures will be communicated closer to the strike days**

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **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](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**KEEP IN TOUCH** - Email us: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) so we can add you to our distribution list, and follow us on Socials: Twitter: [@bfghithergreen](https://twitter.com/bfghithergreen) and Facebook (search ' Brindishe Friends Group').