

Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

This week we have welcomed our Year 5 and 6 parents and carers into school to hear about what they can expect over the coming year. Thank you to those who attended. If you were not there, everything that was shared is in the presentation which you can find on Weduc.

Also this week, our Year 4 classes took part in virtual workshops led by The British Museum. This was linked to their learning on The Romans.

On Wednesday our school celebrated National Fitness Day. Classes took part in fitness activities and the older children attended an assembly. We also encouraged families to do something more active on this day as well.

**NATIONAL
FITNESS
DAY**

What is happening next week?

Next week will be our first Open Day for parents/carers who would like their children to join our Reception in September 2024.

On Wednesday, Hornbill Class are going on their first educational visit of the year to St Paul's Cathedral and the Tate. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to support.

8.35-8.45am Start

Please remember that our school gates open at 8.35 and close at 8.45am. If your child arrives in school when the gate is closed, they are late. It is essential that all children are in their classrooms on time so that they do not miss any learning time.



Snack Time

Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring a **piece of fruit or raw vegetables** into school to have as a morning snack. This is because many children find it hard to make it to lunchtime without getting hungry, which affects their concentration and learning behaviour. Only fruit and vegetables are allowed in school for snack time. This is so that it can be taken outside, eaten on the carpet or eaten at their tables while they continue their learning.



Child Flu Immunisation

Last week we posted onto Weduc a letter and information on child flu immunisation. Lewisham NHS is now inviting parents/carers to register their consent for their child so that a healthcare team can vaccinate them in school. The vaccination is free and in most cases is a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Please click on the link to register your consent -[Click Here!](#)

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them from getting the flu and prevent it spreading among more vulnerable family and friends. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.

Reading and Learning Volunteers

If you would like to be a regular volunteer in school who supports children with their learning or helps them to learn to read, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and ask for an application form. Under safer recruitment, please note that all volunteers will need to have a conversation with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, are required to provide 2 professional references, and obtain a clear DBS, which the school will organise.

Cultural Entitlement and Personal Development - Autumn 2023

Every term our staff plan a large number of events linked to national days and The Brindishe Curriculum. We add to them regularly as things arise, but so far this is what we have organised for the Autumn Term.

Cultural Entitlement and Personal Development Autumn 2023			
National Events	Whole School Events	Year Group Events	After School Clubs/Tuition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Fitness Day (20th Sept) Black History Month (October) Hello Yellow Day/World Mental Health Day (10th Oct) World Food Day (16th Oct) Anti-Bullying Week (13th Nov) Children in Need (17th Nov) Road Safety Week (19th Nov) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Group Meetings AFRIL Harvest Collection – Rev Bridget Visiting Athlete – Frederick Afrifa Reception – Year 2 Drama Workshop Celebrating Diversity Week Winter Performances Festive celebrations – Jumper Day and pantomime Crisis at Christmas Collection Turning of the Year – Blackheath Halls Cross Age Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception – Manor House Library Year 1 – Mountsfield Park Year 2 – Fire Brigade Visit. Hindu Temple Year 3 – History Man, Chislehurst Caves Year 4 – Tate Modern and St Paul’s Cathedral. British Museum Virtual Tour. Year 5 – Swimming. Mountsfield Park Year 6 - School Journey/Cinema, Imperial War Museum, Buddhist Temple, Bikeability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Choir – free KS2 Choir - free Art Club – free Gardening Club - free Sportacus - 5 days a week Breakfast Club Tea Club Guitar, Trumpet, Singing, Violin and Flute SHINE

Something Wonderful to Celebrate - Who has been praised this week?



E Penguin	Galliani & Chiraz
Cormorant	Imogen & David
Shoebill	Sirik & Jasmine
Macaw	Moni & Lulu
Heron	Samuel & Daphne
Cassowary	Edie & Arthur
Hornbill	Great Hornbill Group
Red Kite	Emin & Ismaeel
Puffin	Arthur & Abdul
Magpie	Raayith & Keziah
Hawk	Rosalind & Jacob
Kingfisher	Lily & Chadwick
Woodpecker	Yeshua & Eden
Parakeet	Jesse & Gabriele
Kestrel	Jessica & Corin
Swift	Zakary & Mikel
Little Owl	Luca & Princess
Goldfinch	Marlo & Johanna

Attendance This Week:

Overall school attendance this week:	94.19%	
Top classes with attendance over 95%:	Heron	99.59%
	Goldfinch	99.26%
	Puffin	99.23%
	Magpie	98.77%
	Hornbill	98.47%
No classes had 100% attendance this week		
Top class with all children on time:	Sparrow class had all children in on time Well Done!	

Important Key Dates - Autumn 1

September 2023		October 2023	
Mon 4 th and Tue 5 th Sep	Inset Days	Black History Month	
Wed 6 th Sep	Start of Autumn term Y1-6	Tue 17 th Oct - 10:00am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families
Thurs 28 th Sep - 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families	Thurs 19 th Oct - 3:15-3:45pm	Open classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Year Group meetings – 9am Monday 11 th – Year 1 Tuesday 12 th – Year 2 Wednesday 13 th – Year 3 Thursday 14 th – Year 4 Monday 18 th – Year 5 Tuesday 19 th – Year 6		Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

WHO ARE WE? - Many of you who will have attended the Meet the Teacher events at school across the last couple of weeks will have heard Ms Matthews mention the BFG (Brindishe Friends Group). We are the equivalent of a PTA and help arrange events and raise money for the school. We have regular meetings to plan activities. **NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.** If you would like to be involved, please email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - The first events of the school year are confirmed!

- Our ever popular **CAKE BAKE** is back on Thursday October 12th. Donate your cakes, biscuits, cookies etc in the morning at drop off (faked or baked is ok!) and the sale starts straight after school finishes in the hall.
- Then the make-at-home **PIZZA AND COOKIE NIGHT** is taking place on Friday 13th October. Order your pizzas by Saturday 7th October to collect on 13th via this link: [School Pizza Kit \(makes 1 x 12" pizza\) for Brindishe Green School | Doughies Pizza Kits.](#) A portion of the money raised goes towards creating food parcels for families in need over the longer school holidays.

CAN YOU DONATE? - To help us provide these food parcels we need your help. The money we raise from the Pizza and Cookie nights no longer covers the cost of providing them. Please let us know if you would be able to make a donation - money or food or even your time - to help support our food parcels in any other way. Please email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com

