

# Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023



Brindishe  
Green

## What has been happening this week?

Welcome back to all our families after the half term break. We hope you had a relaxing week. This week our **Year 2 children visited a Hindu Temple** in Forest Hill as part of their RE learning. Children visit a range of places of worship during their time at Brindishe Green and we believe it forms a vital part of our RE, Rights Respecting and Equalities work.

**Year 3 were visited by musicians from The Laban** who performed beautiful pieces and led workshops which allowed the children to learn about music and a range of instruments.

## What is happening next week?

Next week our **Year 6 children** travel to Swanage for their School Journey. They will leave on Monday morning and return to school on Friday. We would like to thank Ms Supple for organising such a wonderful experience and thank the members of staff who are spending the week away from their families to be with the children - Ms Supple, Ms Harris, Mr Campbell- Warner, Mr Chris, Mr Andy and Ms Pearce.

On Tuesday, our **Reception teachers** will be running Phonics/Reading workshops for parents/carers in the main hall from 9am. Please come in via the main school door.

On Wednesday, the school will be thrilled to host top **athlete Courtney Orange**. Courtney will lead a sponsored fitness circuit for all pupils. Thank you to everyone who has started to gather their sponsorship money. **Please return this to school on Wednesday.**

**If you or your child would like to make a donation to the British Royal Legion and purchase a Remembrance poppy, wrist band or bracelet, they will be available outside the school office next week.**



## Wet and Stormy Weather

As we all know, the British Isles has experienced very wet and blustery weather over the past couple of weeks, and this is due to continue. We have no other option than for Year 1-6 children to be collected from the playground at the the end of the day as it would be impossible to provide shelter for over 500 children and staff. When it is raining, we do our best to dismiss the children as quickly and as safely as we can.

Please can we remind all families that every child should come to school with a **waterproof coat with a hood** to keep them dry. Also, there are times when the children will play outside if it is raining lightly and we want them to be dry when they return to the classroom. Thank you for your support.



## Bags in School

Our cloakrooms are getting very full as more big coats and scarves etc are brought in. As a result, please can we ask that children **do not bring in a big bag/rucksack** that takes up a lot of space - lots of rucksacks are very hard to store in the classroom or cloakroom. Children only need a bag to hold their water bottle, hat/scarf/gloves and reading books. School bookbags are a perfect size and can be purchased on My Clothing website for £6.50. Thank you.

## Ofsted Report

Ofsted are now writing their report which then must go through a moderation and checking process, before the school gets to see a draft copy.

Their timeline suggests that we will have the final report to share with you by the end of November.

## Applying for Primary School

All parents/carers must submit their Reception primary school application by Monday 15th January 2024, at the very latest!

If you know someone who has a child that is due to start primary school in September 2024, please let them know of this important date.

## Celebrating Diversity Week 2023

This year our Celebrating Diversity Week will take place from **13th to 17th November**. The theme will be **Kicking Out Stereotypes**. The week will start with assemblies led by Ms Matthews and Ms Campbell. The children will learn about inspirational people who have achieved great things by overcoming adversity and challenging stereotypes. They will also share what they have learnt and what makes them special with other children in the school.

**The beginning of the week will kick off with World Kindness Day**, which will be marked in classes - there is also a ME Book activity on kindness.

**On Friday 17th it is Children in Need and we will 'Wear You!'**

Children and staff will be encouraged to come to school in something special (a sparkly top, traditional outfit from your country, as many colours as you can, their favourite dress up costume, their teams sports kit) and we will collect donations for Children in Need.



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

E Penguin	Willow & Anita	★
Cormorant	Ramzi & Ryan	★
Shoebill	Ankana & Jacob	★
Macaw	Joseph & Rihannat	★
Heron	Lars & Carter	★
Cassowary	Rita & Alex	★
Hornbill	Aisha & Charlie	★
Red Kite	Alex & Elsa	★
Puffin	Henry, Kellis & Poppy	★
Magpie	Baye & Iris	★
Hawk	Thomas & Alia	★
Kingfisher	Kingfisher Class	★
Woodpecker	Agnes & Sofii	★
Parakeet	Deshay & Haseenah	★
Kestrel	Kestrel Class	★
Swift	Aissatou & Edward	★
Little Owl	Sharon & Kashai	★
Goldfinch	Gabriel & Aycee	★

## Attendance This Week:

Overall school attendance this week:	<b>95.08%</b>	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Nursery & Heron	<b>100%</b>
	Shoebill	<b>99.03%</b>
	Sparrow	<b>98.52%</b>
	Emperor Penguin & Goldfinch	<b>98.15%</b>
	Hawk	<b>97.45%</b>
A huge well done to Heron & Nursery classes who had 100% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	No classes had all children in on time this week	

## Important Key Dates - Oct and Nov

November 2023		December 2023	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families	Week beg 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> November @ 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6	Winter performances/events – 2.00pm 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 1 & 2 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 3 & 4 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 5 & 6 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Reception 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Nursery	
13 - 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebrating Diversity Week		
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisations R-Y6		
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Inset Day No school</b>	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day
		Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day
		Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (8 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays –



## A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

**PRE-LOVED WINTER CLOTHES** - Thank you for all the kind donations of coats, jackets, jumpers and shoes. **These will be on offer during morning drop-off and afternoon collection in the school playground (weather permitting) on Wednesday 8th November.** We got a brilliant selection of items and anyone is welcome to help themselves.



**RAFFLE PRIZES PLEA** - We are trying to build up the number of prizes for the raffle and would like your help. Maybe you work somewhere that might be happy to offer something? Do you play an instrument? Would you consider offering a lesson as a prize? Could you gift a supermarket voucher/a plant/a coffee etc?! If you can help in anyway we'd love to hear from you: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**REMINDER: WINTER FAIR MEETING** - The next BFG Committee meeting is scheduled for **14th November 4:30pm - 6pm at the school.** This will focus on Winter Fair preparation and planning. Please come if you can - we need as many volunteers as possible! Do let us know by emailing: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**WINTER POSTER COMPETITION** - Thank you for all the amazing entries to our winter poster! There are obviously some very talented artists at Brindishe Green. We will let you know very soon who has won. Winning pictures will feature on Winter Fair posters, signs and on our Facebook page.