

Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026



Brindishe
Green



What has been happening this week?

What a week! We kicked off on Monday by introducing **Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme this year is 'This is My Place' and we talked to children about the importance of BELONGING. We looked at what we can do to develop a sense of belonging, as well as how we can make others feel like they belong. The children were able to see the link between this and their mental health. Author Kevin Carroll put it beautifully in his children's book - [A Kid's Book About Belonging](#). Click here to share with your children.

In addition, it was **Safer Internet Week**. Children across the school developed their understanding on how to be safe when using a computer. We welcomed visitors from the Breck Foundation who spoke to Years 3-6 about staying safe online. Classes worked together to create their own short picture books with a message about internet safety.

This week we welcomed the remaining parents/carers of children in **Years 2, 4, 5 and Reception** into school for their Open Classroom. A group of **Year 6 writers** took part in a workshop at Brindishe Manor. On Monday, **Hawk class** visited Tate Modern, and on Tuesday **Nursery** went to Manor House Library with their teachers and families.

Also this week, our **Year 5** classes went to Deptford Creekside Discovery Centre. They walked through the creek, wearing special waders, as part of their geography learning on the importance of rivers. One child said, 'This was my favourite trip ever! I learnt about tides and how they are controlled by the moon. I found the river walking a cool experience.'



What is happening next week?

Next week is half term, so school will be closed to all children.

On Tuesday 17th it is **Lunar New Year**. We wish all our families and staff who celebrate, happiness, health, and prosperity in the new year.

Straight after half term, Woodpecker class will visit Lewisham Market as part of their learning on spending money and where our food comes from. They will bring their purchases back to school and use it to cook something tasty (the 2nd two classes will go in the coming weeks).

Year 5 will take part in a Born Free workshop called 'Should Animals Have the Same Rights?' We are very grateful to the BFG for covering the costs of all the Born Free workshops.



Young Artists' Summer Show

Over half term, if your child produces a piece of art for the Royal Academy of Arts, Young Artists' Summer Show, you can upload it on to the website. It can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme. Submission date closes on 4th March 2026 at 5pm. [Click here](#) for more information, including guidance on what and how to submit.



Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding is **EVERYONE’S** responsibility. If you are worried about a child, a family member, a neighbour, or a friend, at any time during the year, you should contact the Lewisham Safeguarding Team by email (mashagency@lewisham.gov.uk) or telephone (02083146660). [Click here for more information](#)

In school, **all staff** have a duty to protect every child and report anything they are worried about. If you are worried about a child, we have dedicated members of staff called **Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)**, who you can speak to - these include all members of the senior leadership team. **Debbie Hughes is our main DSL**, and Michele Barrett is also on hand as well.

Debbie Hughes
 Deputy Head and DSL
 

Michele Barrett
 Family Support and DSL
 


Something Wonderful to Celebrate
 These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour.

E Penguin	Reo & Roshan	
Cormorant	Ariana, Marley & Elsa	
Shoebill	Alessandro & Arthur	
Macaw	Cali & Emilia	
Heron	Mishal, Iris & Albie	
Cassowary	Cassowary Class	
Hornbill	Bertie & Rahim	
Red Kite	Kamye & Harper	
Puffin	Puffin Class	
Magpie	CJ & Abisola	
Hawk	Summer, Edward, Sofia & Alfred	
Kingfisher	Kingfisher class	
Woodpecker	Jacob & Miral	
Parakeet	Mary & Leo	
Kestrel	Phoebe & Sophie	
Swift	Freya & Teddy	
Little Owl	Seung-Ho & Moses	
Goldfinch	Ethan & Indie	
Robin	Izaiah & Freya	
Wren	Seline & Kow-Kian	
Sparrow	Cassian & Sofia	

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858
 Mind - 03001233393
 No Panic - 08449678488
 Bereavement - 08088081677
 PAPYRUS - 08000684141
 Samaritans - 116 123
 SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
 Abuse - 0808 2000 247
 Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe and take care.



Parent workshop Tuesday 3rd March - Supporting your child's emotional well being

Our next Inclusion parent workshop will be about supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and/or anxiety, on Tuesday 3rd March at 9am. Join Ms Dee and our Inclusion advisor Anne to learn about emotional wellbeing. We will pay special attention to anxiety in children. The session will last around an hour. Please do let us know if you're planning to attend, as we will need to cap numbers at 25. If demand exceeds this, we will run the workshop again. Please drop Ms Dee an email (BGinclusion@brindisheschools.org) or see her on the gate to book your space.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	94.4%	
Best Attendance 97.5% & Above	Little Owl	98.7%
Well Done Little Owl 😊	Shoebill	98.2%
	Cormorant	97.9%
	Parakeet	97.5%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Swift, Wren & Red Kite A huge well done to Everyone! 😊	

Important Dates - Spring 2

March 2026		April 2026	
Wk beg 23 rd March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Mon 30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays
		Mon 13 th April	Start of Summer term

Go All In -

FOR WORLD BOOK DAY!!

IF YOU'RE INTO IT,
READ INTO IT!



FRIDAY 6TH
MARCH

This World Book Day, we are inviting you
to dress in a way that shows something
you are passionate about!

Love Maths? Into animals? Obsessed
with space?
Show us what you're into!



CELEBRATE
WORLD
BOOK DAY!



You can go as big or as small as
you like – wear an accessory, a
hat, a t-shirt or even your
favourite colour.

On 6th March, bring in your
favourite reading material linked
to your passion too – a comic book,
a non-fiction magazine, even Lego
building instructions!



A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Thank you!

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale this week, especially our fab BFG volunteers. Together we raised **£142.45!** Brilliant work for a very busy afternoon!

Thank you as always for your support this term, we hope you have a restful and fun half term break. See you after the holidays!

Spring Discos!

We're looking forward to our **Flower Power** themed discos on **Friday 13th March** for Years 1-5. Tickets will go on sale after half term. Keep an eye out for details.

We're also looking for some parent volunteers to help make the discos happen, in particular help with:

- 🌐 2-4pm: **Set-up & decorating**
- 🌐 3.30-7pm: **During the disco** (admission, refreshments)
- 🌐 6.30-7pm: **Clear up**

If you can help, please email bfgsocials@gmail.com.



Easyfundraising February £2 App-eal

We've just received **£154.03** in free donations and already had **5 new supporters** this month. For February only, every new signup via the app raises an **extra £2** for the BFG, even if you don't shop straight away.

Sign up now