

Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025



What has been happening this week?

This week we launched **Black History Month** with a number of special assemblies, introducing the theme **Standing Firm in Power and Pride**. Although we celebrate and educate all our children on the contributions made by Black people throughout the year, we believe it is important to acknowledge this important month.

Thank you to all the families who supported the school this week by purchasing a book/s from **The Scholastic Book Fair**. Also, thank you to all the staff and Year 6 children who organised and ran the fair.

On Thursday this week, our **Year 1** children visited Mountsfield Park as part of their art and science learning. Thank you to the parents and carers who accompanied.

Today, as part of Hello Yellow Day, all the children from **Years 1-6** took part in a whole school song and dance in the playground. They performed **'In Me I Trust'** - they looked and sounded wonderful. Thank you to Ms Cliftlands and Ms Eve for organising.



What is happening next week?

Next week we will welcome families from Years 1, 3 and 6 to their child's **Open Classroom**. Please wait with your child's teacher in the playground after collection and they will accompany you to the classroom. Open Classroom finishes at 3.45pm

On Wednesday, **Reception and Year 6** children will be weighed and measured by the nursing team. This is part of their routine check.

On Tuesday and Friday, some of our **gifted Year 6 writers** will be taking part in a special workshop at Brindishe Manor.

On Thursday, **Red Kite and Hornbill** will visit the Dulwich Picture Gallery.



Please Check!

It is very important that every parent checks their child's Emergency Contact List on Arbor to ensure that it is up to date with the correct names and phone numbers. If your child is collected by a child minder or after school club (not linked to Brindishe Green), that their details are on the system.

Junior Parkrun - Sign Up Today

Junior Parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Junior Parkrun is 2k, dedicated to 4-14 year olds and their families. It is positive, welcoming and inclusive - there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along!

We are encouraging families to book a place and come along together to **Hilly Fields Junior Parkrun on Sunday mornings**.

Miss Adams will be able to keep track of your times and give a special shout out to all those involved! The event takes place in Hilly Fields Park, off Adelaide Avenue, Ladywell / Brockley, London, SE4 1LD.

You can register for parkrun for free here - www.parkrun.org.uk/register/



This week's signs are...

'hurt' and 'sorry.'



Pain/hurt- Shake your dominant hand over the appropriate area of pain.
Sorry- Rub your closed fist in a circular motion on your chest.

Happy signing everyone!

Makaton - Sign of the Week

Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. We use Makaton in school in the Early Years and KS1, and teach older children the signs as well.

Every week we will share with you the sign the children have learnt, so that you can use them at home too.

Speaking to Teachers at Collection

At the end of the school day, the staff's priority is dismissing the children to their adults quickly and safely. This can be a very difficult and demanding time. **Please can we ask parents/carers to wait until all children have been dismissed before speaking to staff.**

If you think your conversation needs longer than a couple of minutes, please check that the teacher has the time or if you should arrange a further meeting. Thank you.

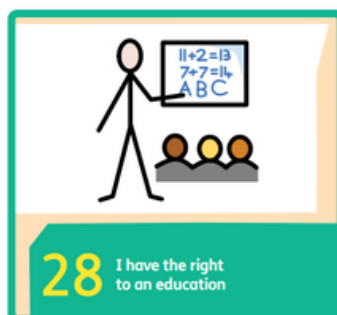
Brindishe Green Surgery

Your Hither Green Labour Councillors, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Cllr Kim Powell and Cllr Yemisi Anifowose and The Lewisham Cabinet Member for Better Homes, Neighbourhoods and Homelessness, Cllr Will Cooper, are hosting an after-school surgery on **Thursday 16th October 2025, 3.30pm-4.30pm at Brindishe Green**. This special surgery is for Brindishe Green parents/carers to speak to their local representatives about any housing or local issues. No registration is required.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour in school.

E Penguin	Lex & Brayden
Cormorant	Nailah, Ousmane & Afia
Shoebill	Ben & Cara
Macaw	Cali & Imisi
Heron	Brandon & Keziah
Cassowary	Cassowary class
Hornbill	Corin & Shenari
Red Kite	Tommy & Amelie
Puffin	Ishmael & Malak
Magpie	Olivia & Luca L
Hawk	Nico & Alfred
Kingfisher	Amber & Eliza
Woodpecker	Elenora & Hobie
Parakeet	Romona & Mary
Kestrel	Amelie & Avesta
Swift	Dillon & Kirusikan
Little Owl	Maia & Ihlam
Goldfinch	Zayan & Gabi
Robin	Arlo & Saoirse
Wren	Aniyla-Rose & Isaac
Sparrow	Indigo & Theo



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	96.8%	
Attendance 97% & Above	Hornbill	99.07%
Amazing Hornbill, Well Done! 🎉	Heron	98.48%
	Macaw	97.67%
	Little Owl	97.01%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality:	Woodpecker, Wren, & Macaw A huge well done to Everyone! 😊	

Some Important Dates - Autumn Term

September 2025		October 2025	
Mon 1st and Tue 2nd Sep	Inset Days - No school for children	Black History Month	
Wed 3rd Sep	Start of Autumn term Y1-6		
Year Group meetings – 9.00am Friday 5th Sept – Year 6 Monday 8th Sept – Year 1 Tuesday 9th Sept – Year 2 Wednesday 10th Sept – Year 3 Thursday 11th Sept – Year 4 Friday 12th Sept – Year 5 Wednesday 17th Sept – Reception		Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 13th Oct – Year 1 Tuesday 14th Oct – Year 3 Thursday 16th Oct – Year 6	
		Thurs 2nd Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6
		Tues 14th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day
		Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct	Half Term
Thurs 25th Sept 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day		



A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Coming Up!

Wednesday 15th October Reception Book & Toy Sale

Join us in the Reception playground at pickup (3.10pm) & find a pre-loved bargain at our book and toy sale. All items 50p each.

Friday 5th December Winter Fair!

More details coming soon.



All Change at the BFG!

Thanks to everyone who came along to our **AGM** this week, it was great to see so many familiar and new faces. We shared exciting plans for the year as well as saying goodbye to some of our amazing team and welcoming some new faces. You can [read the notes here](#).

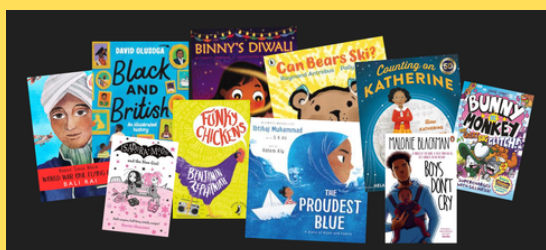
A huge thank you to outgoing committee members Kate, Hayley, Natasha, Kasia, and Lu for their time, energy and dedication over the last few years. Your efforts have made a real difference to our school, from fairs, bake sales and discos to the library refurbishment (and some record-breaking fundraising).

And we are delighted to **welcome our new committee members Clare and Barbara (Co-Chairs), and Alex (Treasurer)**. We're looking forward to some fun events this year and supporting the school team to make Brindishe Green even better for all our children.



Wall planners

Thank you to everyone who bought a Wall Planner! We sold 60 and **raised over £350** for the school! Planners will be sent home today.



Gift a Book to the new Library!

We've already **received over 40 book donations** for the new library, but there are still plenty of books left on the wish list! The list closes at the end of October, so there's still time to help bring more diverse and exciting books into the new library for all children to enjoy.

[Gift a book now](#)

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