

Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

This week, the children in Puffin Class (Year 4), visited The Dulwich Picture Gallery - Hornbill and Red Kite will visit in a couple of weeks. The purpose of this visit was to explore the theme of 'Identity'. This artist-led workshop looked at a small, themed selection of paintings and then back in the studio, the children were supported to experiment with a variety of materials, processes and skills.

Also this week, many children across the school received their flu sniff/jab. If your child missed this, we will publish dates and clinics you can take your child to, once they are sent to us. On Thursday, our Scholastic Book Fair began. This will run until next Wednesday. With every book you buy, the school receives rewards which we can use to purchase new books for our reading areas. We are grateful for all your support.



What is happening next week?

Next week, Cassowary will begin their 2 week swimming programme. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have already agreed to accompany them to the leisure centre.

On Thursday, Year 1 will visit Mountsfield Park as part of their Art and Geography learning. The teachers have a fun packed morning planned where the children will create small pieces of art using natural materials.

All Change - Goodbye to Greg

From Tuesday next week there will be some changes made to the Brindishe Federation Premises Team. It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to Greg Levina, as he moves across to Brindishe Manor. Although we are very sad to see him leave, we know this is a wonderful opportunity for him. We send Greg our warmest best wishes and thank him for all he has done at Brindishe Green. We will all really miss him!

Andy Eva and Vic Supple, will be joined by Rob Johnson from next week. Rob has worked across Brindishe Lee and Manor for many years and we are delighted that he is joining the team. He brings with him many skills and lots of knowledge on how to keep schools safe.

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!

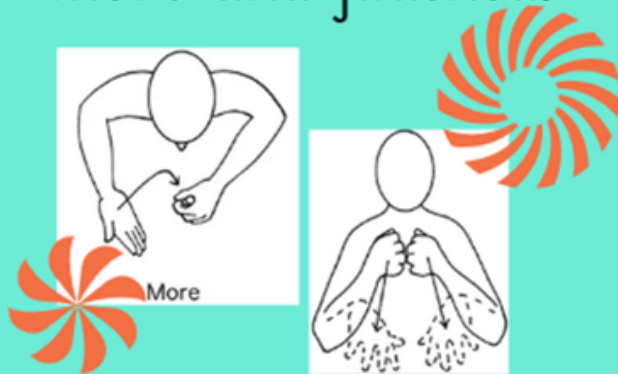
We are encouraging families to book a place and come along together to **Hilly Fields Junior Parkrun on Sunday mornings**.

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 sign is ... 'more' and 'finished.'



More - Place your flat hand on the closed fist like a lid.
Finished - Bring your closed fists together in front on your chest. Flick you hands down and away whilst opening your fingers.

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.

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. 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	Manil & Zahra
Cormorant	Marley & Tias
Shoebill	Cuba & Abigail
Macaw	Emilia & Thomas
Heron	Joshua & Chloe
Cassowary	Kevwe & Sophie
Hornbill	Davi & Anastasia
Red Kite	Farhane & Momoka
Puffin	Baxter & Felix
Magpie	Ethan & Kashai
Hawk	Summer & Hawk Class
Kingfisher	Maddie & Johanna
Woodpecker	Freya and Dante
Parakeet	Lola & Emmanuel
Kestrel	Oliver & Finn
Swift	Rume & Tristan
Little Owl	Vivienne & Yuto
Goldfinch	Marla & Frank
Robin	Piper & Yordan
Wren	King & Luciana
Sparrow	Zaynah & Ava



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	94.4%	
Best Attendance 98% & Above Well Done Hornbill and Parakeet	Hornbill Parakeet Woodpecker Heron	99.6% 99.6% 98.5% 98.2%
Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Wren, Swift, Shoebill & Hornbill 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	Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 13th Oct – Year 1 Tuesday 14th Oct – Year 3 Thursday 16th Oct – Year 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		Thurs 2nd Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6
Thurs 25th Sept 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day	Tues 14th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day
		Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct	Half Term

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Wall Planners - Order Deadline This Sunday!

For the first time ever, we're offering BFG Wall Planners! These poster planners cover the 2025–26 academic year, from October 2025 to the end of the Summer holidays 2026.

Holiday days, weekends, bank holidays, and non-school days are all shaded so children and families can clearly see the year ahead. The A1-sized planner (59.4cm x 84cm) is printed on heavy weight matt paper, making it easy to write on. Each planner also comes with over 60 stickers to mark parties, birthdays, sports day, and more.

Calendars will be printed after the order deadline on 5 October and delivered to school for collection about a week later. Thank you to everyone who has already ordered — you've helped raise over £200 for the school!

Order your Wall Planner here: <https://www.peoplespress.co.uk/bg-shop>

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated books and toys – we now have loads for our sale later in October! Watch this space.

Gift a Book to the Library!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to our "Gift a Book" campaign. We've had over £100 of new books purchased for the library! Every book donated helps bring more fun and a brilliant range of diverse and interesting books into the new library for all our children to enjoy.

Just browse the list, choose a book, pay securely online, and the book will be delivered straight to school.

[Gift a Book – Scholastic Wish List](#)



AGM – Tuesday 7 October

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 7 October at 4.30pm at school. This is your chance to hear what we've been up to, share your ideas, and find out how you can get involved. We're always looking for extra help, whether that's taking on a committee role, supporting with communications and social media, helping at one event, or even leading a new idea. We'd love to see you there! [Find out more - click here!](#)

Easyfundraising

Sign up to Easyfundraising in October and we get £2! One of the easiest ways to raise money for our school (at no cost to you) is shopping via Easyfundraising! This month only, with their Free £2 App-eal, registering via the app gives us £2, plus additional bonus funding if 10+ people register. All you need to do is download the Easyfundraising App and select Brindishe Friends Group as your cause. [Click here to download the app.](#)

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