

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Message from the Head

Dare we say it but at the end of the second full week, life in school is feeling more normal than it has for a very long time! It is currently that time when everyone in school is busy planning for all the exciting things that will enrich the children's year. Keep your eyes peeled for information coming soon about new clubs, the return of school trips and an exciting project to refresh our library.

This week staff undertook training in our new Early Reading Program and information will be coming to you soon on how you can access e-books at home that are matched to your child's reading ability. There will also be brand new books coming home with your child regularly as well. I am confident that this will be a real improvement to the fantastic work that is already done at Brindishe Green to ensure all our children become happy and fluent readers.

Wonderful Work!

The following children earned Praise Cards this week for going above and beyond in their work and attitude this week. Very well done to you all, keep up the hard work.



Year 1 Harvey & Albie, Lily & Denny, Rapheal & Thomas
Year 2 Ethan & Roshan, Zahra & Margo, Andrew & Kaelo
Year 3 George & Aaron, Azaria & Taizeen, Kamari & Basmat
Year 4 Arian & Khaleb, Nathaniel & Ellen, Lois & Ramzi
Year 5 Traevonne & India, Kelvina & Luca, Mya & Taye, Asiyah & Rayhan
Year 6 Adam & Annie, Wiktor & Hoang, Olivia & Cheryl



Free Lunch for ALL Children on 7th October

Our new catering partner Raddish have generously offered to give a **free lunch to every child in school on Thursday 7th October**. The menu for this day is attached to this newsletter. This is a great opportunity for your child to try the food served in school. If your child normally has packed lunch and you would like them to try a **free lunch on Thursday 7th October**, then you will be able to sign up with a simple Weduc form in the coming days.

Farewell to Mrs Buchanan

Next Wednesday we will be saying farewell to Mrs Buchanan who leaves Brindishe Green after two and a half years, and who has worked across the Brindishe Schools for 16 years. Mrs Buchanan has been a hugely important figure in the life of BG in recent times and on behalf of the whole school, and especially those children who she has supported so tirelessly, I would like to thank her for everything she has done for the children and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

You may recall from last week's newsletter that Ms Dee has already taken over the Inclusion role which was previously shared by Mrs Caller and Mrs Buchanan.

Height & Weight Measurements – Reception and Yr 6 Only

The Nursing team will be coming into school on **7th October** to carry out height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Yr6. Further information can be found on Weduc, including a form to complete if you do not wish your child to be included in this programme.

Flu Jab

Information has been posted on Weduc regarding the Flu immunisation programme which will take place at Brindishe Green on **Friday 12th November for all children from Reception to Yr6**. You will need to give your consent by clicking on the link in the letters provided on Weduc.

Applying for Secondary School 2022

All applications for Secondary Schools must be made through Lewisham Council Admissions. The deadline for applications is 31st October. Many schools are now advertising their open days so look at the school websites to find out the days and times that you can visit in person or virtually. Remember, you must apply to the Borough in which you live, regardless of which school's you wish to apply to.

Free School Meal Eligibility Checker

You can check if you are eligible for free school meals by using the step by step guide in the link below -
<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If you are eligible you can apply to Lewisham Council using the link below -
www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You will need to create an account and submit an online application. If your application is successful, you will receive free school meals, half price for clubs, trips and music lessons.

Lewisham Air Quality Survey

Lewisham council are seeking the views of parents across the borough on their clean air strategy for 2022-2027. Click below to have your say on the future of the air our children breathe in the borough
[Lewisham Council - Consultation on our draft Air Quality Action Plan 2022–2027](#)

Wellington boots

If your child(ren) wear wellington boots to school, please ensure they bring a pair of shoes to change into once they arrive at school.

School Meals Email Address

The school has now set up a dedicated email address for all enquiries relating to school meals. If you have any questions about school meals, need to discuss your child's dietary needs or anything else connected with school lunches, please email schoolmeals@brindisheschools.org

Marathon Training Update from Ms Shirin

Just over two weeks to go and one more long run! Last weekend I found myself in Royal Tunbridge Wells for my long run! Who knew Tunbridge is so hilly! I was a bit nervous as the two shorter runs before that hadn't gone well. I had to stop running after 2 or 3km on Thursday and Friday as my body was just too tired and even a slow jog felt hard but luckily I felt good on my long run and did the 30km (18 miles) which I had planned including a faster 10km in the middle. But hills mean good views and fast downhill both of which I love. This weekend I will be doing 35 km (21 miles) along Thames path and then taper so wish me luck!

Early next week I will be doing an assembly on London Marathon for the children. It will be nice for them to learn about the history of Marathon and what doing London Marathon looks like and means. Have you done a marathon or know anyone who has? Perhaps you can talk to your children about it as I will be quizzing the children for some Marathon facts :)

Finally, I am doing all this to raise money for our lovely playground! After all these lockdowns, we know how important it is to spend time outside! Every little donation counts to please do help me raise some money for our school.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shirin-shabestari>

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

At Brindishe Green we teach the children about their Rights and about how these Rights are for all children all over the world.

Each week we will share an article for you to discuss with your children at home. This week we are exploring pupil voice and democracy, linked to

**Articles 12 - Respect for the Views of the Child and
Article 13 - Freedom of Expression.**

As we approach COP26 we will be supporting UNICEF (UK)'s campaign to have the voices of 100,000 children heard on the subject of how climate change affects them through their 'Votes for Schools' program.



Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin

TikTok became hugely popular during lockdown with its users, including celebrities and influencers, creating and sharing 60 second videos.



But it is important to remember, this app has an official age rating of 13.

Take a few minutes to look at the [National Online Safety guide's top tips](#) on how to ensure that you understand the risks. Net-aware.org explain it is high risk for exposing children to inappropriate content. To find out more [click here](#)

Important Dates

Please look on the Weduc Calendar for key dates and information regarding your child's class

Banyan Class Swimming 27th Sept – 8th Oct 2021

Census Day Menu 7th October

Height & Weight Measurements – 7th Oct 2021 Chestnut 1,2 & 3 and Yr6

Half Term 25th - 29th Oct 2021

Flu Immunisation 12th November 2021 Reception to Yr6

Winter Break 20th December – 3rd Jan 2022

INSET Day – 4th Jan 2022 – No children in school

Finally...

A huge well done and thank you to all our families and staff who wore their jeans today and contributed to our Jeans for Genes Day collection. We raised £338.47 for this very important and worthwhile charity.

We wish you all a lovely weekend,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Ideas? - We need your help to come up with some amazing ideas to help raise funds for the school. to spend on equipment and activities for the students. Last year we held an ice pole sale, organised a Festive Letter trail around Hither Green, ran a raffle, even organised our own BFG Big Half marathon which parents, carers and teachers took part in....plus many, many other things.

We raised an amazing amount of money but this year we want to do even better. So, do you have any thoughts for what we could do? We will consider anything so please let us know!

Get in touch - Drop us an email: bfgsocials@gmail.com. And to find out more about what we've been doing, follow us on Twitter @bfghithergreen and connect with us via Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').

COVID UPDATES

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of your household is exposed to Covid-19 in the coming weeks.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better or 48 hours if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Contact school to inform us</p> <p>Obtain a PCR test</p> <p>Self-isolate until results are known</p> <p>Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school</p>	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return</p> <p>Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace</p> <p>Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so</p>	<p>After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend</p> <p>Children can return after 10 days even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks</p>
My child tests negative for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	

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<p>NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19</p>	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
<p>Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
<p>We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	<p>...the quarantine period has been completed</p>

