

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Message from the Head

This week there can be only one message from all of us at Brindishe Green which is a **HUGE good luck to our amazing Miss Shirin**, who takes to the road on Sunday morning for the London Marathon! As you will all know Miss Shirin has been training hard all year for Sunday's event and has put herself through hours and hours of training to raise money for our school. **We would all like to thank her so much for what she is doing and to every one of you who has donated in her name.** If there are any parents or family members out there also running on Sunday then we wish you all a good run and successful fundraising for your chosen cause too.

We wish you all a lovely weekend,
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Wonderful Work!

Well done to all the children for returning to school so well this week. Your teachers will be on the lookout in the next few days to see which children have really gone the extra mile and next week's winners will be listed here



Year 1 Keziah & Kiran, Sophia & Joseph, Rosalind & Rahman
Year 2 Hareem & Brayden, Ishaan & Kaylin, Milo & Josiah
Year 3 Shia & Arthur, Joseph & Nia, Salih & Chloe
Year 4 Kuzi & Aiden, Charvi & Kevin, Maya & Galliani
Year 5 Melissa & Justin, Wesley & Aby, Camilo, Amelia & Praise, Aisha & Juan
Year 6 Neveah & Mareks, Nini & Tiago, Maya & Junior



Brindishe Green is now a 'Music Mark School'

We were recently nominated by 'Lewisham Music' in recognition of our broad and balanced music curriculum. As a school we are committed to providing enriching opportunities so all children can experience the joy of performing and music appreciation. Being a Music Mark school means we will have access to even more resources and training.

With restrictions gradually easing, we hope to welcome back the KS1/2 choir and wind band very soon, as well as introducing some new and exciting music opportunities for all of our learners.



Sumdog Competition – The Results Are In!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the latest Sumdog competition – over 81,000 maths questions were answered by students across Lewisham. There were many outstanding performances both collectively and individually and we can be very proud of all our 'Math-letes'!

There were many classes that finished in the top 10 but a special well done to Palm Class (2nd), Oak (4th) and Lilac (5th) for their outstanding work. Very well done to **Poppy, Pavarshan and Ana** who all finished in the top 10 and an even bigger well done to **Rayhan, Alexander, Yaqing and Ankana** for finishing in the top 5 individual students across Lewisham.

A fantastic achievement! Thank you once again to everyone who took part. Mr Phipps



Dinner Money Payments

All children from Yr 3 to Yr 6 must pay for school dinners, unless they are entitled to Free School Meals. School Dinners cost £2.45 per day and should be paid for weekly or monthly **in advance**. Payment can be made through Arbor. If you need a new username for Arbor please contact the office. You can check if you are eligible for **Free School Meals** by using the following link - <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> If you are eligible, please see the attached information on how to apply.

Marathon Update



Marathon weekend is finally here! What a journey it has been. I have absolutely enjoyed training for this although more of a type 2 fun when it is not fun at the time but it feels amazing afterwards plus you can eat a lot of cake 😊

My goals for the day are:

- 1) Enjoy the race and the crowd
- 2) Finish the race
- 3) Smile all the way
- 4) Finish without an injury. I don't have a specific time in mind.



I will be going at the pace I have trained on my long runs which means I will probably finish in 5hrs and if I go faster then it's a bonus! This is because it is my first road marathon and a month after this, I have my first Ultra (50km) so I need to save my legs for that 😊

It will be a long wait if you fancy a bit of dot watching and have nothing more fun to do, which you can do on the official app using my race bib no. **48048**. The download link is below but at the moment I am experiencing a technical glitch which might mean I may not be able to enable my tracker's GPS and you may not see me moving. Don't worry, I will be on that start line and do my absolute best.

There is also a little video on Weduc you can watch with your children this weekend!

Wish me luck and hopefully see you on the other side of the weekend! And do not forget this is all to raise money for our lovely playground.

<https://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/the-event/the-official-app>

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

At Brindishe Green we teach 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.

As we enter the Black History Month, we are focusing on **Article 2 – non-discrimination, and Article 30 minority culture, language and religion.**

This year's theme is 'Proud to Be' and aims to make Black History Month 2021 personal and unique to individuals, families and communities, focusing on how we're all making history all the time in our own ways, as well as the contributions and achievements of Black people throughout history.



Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin

When learning online at school, we remind the children they need to be **SMART**.

It's an easy way to reinforce all the ways they have learnt to keep safe online. Are you being SMART online?

Take a few minutes to read the SMART guide: [Click here](#)



Young Climate Warriors

We are now less than a month away from COP 26 and the UK's first presidency of the UN Climate Change Conference. This week, we are challenging our Young Climate Warriors to eat as many local and seasonal fruits and vegetables as they can. Have you noticed that despite it being October, there are very few UK grown apples in the shops? This year the apple harvest in the UK has been very poor due to extreme frosts and heavy rain. You may like to take this opportunity to explore how our climate is changing with your children and how that is affecting the food we eat. These Met Office Infographics could be helpful.



<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/maps-and-data/about/state-of-climate>

Wet Weather

If your child wears wellington boots to school, please send them in with another pair of shoes/trainers to change into. This is because children find them uncomfortable to wear when sitting on the carpet, playing in the playground or climbing on the equipment.

Please remember to label all your child's clothing to ensure they are easily identifiable and can be reunited with your child when misplaced.

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

Meet the Teacher Booking Open – 4th Oct 2021

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

Census Day Menu – please sign up – 7th Oct 2021

Meet the Teacher Meetings Year 1-6 – Wk 11th Oct 2021

Wear Red Day – Give Racism the Red Card – 22nd Oct 2021

Half Term 25th - 29th Oct 2021

Flu Vaccination - 12th Nov 2021

Winter Break 20th December – 3rd Jan 2022

Remember children must be in school by 9am every day and be collected at 3.15pm

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

At home pizza night - BFG is organising an at home 'Pizza and Cookie night' to take place on Friday 15 October. To be part of it, you will need to order your make-your-own pizza kit (and cookie kit!) using this link -

<https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green>. **Orders need to be made by Friday 8 October.** Payment will be taken when the order is placed - a basic pizza kit is £6.50, the cookie kits are £4.50. You will receive your pizza and/or cookie pack at **pick up on Friday 15 October.** Brindishe Friends Group (BFG) will receive £2 from pizza packs sold, and £1 from every cookie pack sold to raise funds for the BFG food parcel fund. If you need any information - please email bfgsocials@gmail.com

ENJOY!

BFG meeting - the first BFG meeting of the new school year will take place on **Wednesday 13th October at 6pm** in person at school. Please let us know if you would like to attend. Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com. Follow us on Twitter: @bfghithergreen and connect via Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') for all our latest news.

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 	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Obtain a PCR test Self-isolate until results are known Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so	After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend Children can return after 10 days even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks
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	Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same 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. 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.	
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NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	Obtain a PCR test for your child If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has	

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<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>