

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## Message from the Head

And so, we arrive at the end of our first half term this academic year. It has been so wonderful to see children back in school and enjoying something approaching normality. They have worked so hard and can feel very proud of all they have achieved this term. We are aware of the rising Covid-19 numbers, both locally and nationally, and will be keeping a close eye on things over the half term break to ensure that we are ready for our return next Tuesday.

I hope that you will have the opportunity to spend some time with your children next week, and that you too are able to rest and recuperate with them. Whatever you have planned, I hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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

## Wonderful Work!

Well done to all the children for trying their best this week with their learning. Your teachers have chosen the following children to praise this week for their efforts in going the extra mile.



Year 1 Iris & Hugo, Shinead & Gabriellus, Abner & Lema  
Year 2 Emin & Malaak, Anja & Aaron, Reo & Abdul,  
Year 3 Adam & Arlo, Lars & Ismail, Alex & Navie-Mae  
Year 4 Lilah & Hayley, Emilia & Willow, Florence & Christian  
Year 5 Amari & Jibril, Ali & Hamzah, Poppy & Rose,  
Year 6 David & Tamaira, Florence & Jazai, Lucas & Christ



## Remembering Ms Wallace

On Thursday we came together virtually as a school to remember and celebrate the life of Ms Nathleen Wallace. Children and staff from across the school shared their memories of her and how she made such a positive difference to their lives. The Year 5 children were joined in the hall by some of Ms Wallace's family who were very touched to hear how much Ms Wallace meant to our school community. The family also received a special memories book that had been created using heartfelt messages from staff, children and parents/carers. A big thank you to everyone who contributed.

## Give Racism the Red Card Day

On Monday, our children were reminded about the importance of treating everyone with respect and not treating people differently because of their nationality, religion or race. They learnt about what they should do if they feel someone is being racist: stand by the victim, explain what has been said/done that is wrong, stand with those who are getting it right, and seek help from an adult.

Today we have come together as a school by wearing red, as part of the Give Racism the Red Card Day. We have collected £126.82 for this wonderful charity that educates others on how we must all stand together to put an end to racism - [www.theredcard.org](http://www.theredcard.org)

## Contacting Class Teachers

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please can we remind you to email [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk). This is so we can be sure that the message is received by the teacher, so we can flag it if needs to be dealt with quickly or so it can be passed to another member of staff such as a senior leader if appropriate.

### Medication in School

If your child has medication in school, such as an asthma pump or epi-pen, please can we remind you to make sure that it has not reached its expiry date. Parents are responsible for ensuring that medication in school is in date and replaced as required. Please contact the school office if you are unsure when your child's medication expires. Thank you.

### Online Safety Workshops

Lewisham council are running a series of online workshops designed to enable parents/carers to support their child when using technology, and what to do if they have concerns. Please see the attached flyer for more information and how to book a place.

### Year 6 School Journey

Thank you to all the parents & carers who attended the Zoom meeting on Wednesday about the Year 6 Residential Trip to Grosvenor House, Ashford in May. The information from the meeting and the deposit slip have been uploaded to WEDUC and if you have any other questions at all about school journey, please contact me via [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) or feel free to speak with me in the playground after school. Thank you to all those families who have already signed up and I look forward to welcoming many more for what will be a fabulous experience for the children! Mr Phipps

### Healthy Packed Lunches

We all know that eating a well-balanced diet is very important. Children need to eat well every day, to give them the nutrients they need to grow, develop, be healthy and be active. A nutritious, enjoyable breakfast and lunch gives children the energy they need to learn and play at school. [Click here](#) to see our guide and practical tips on creating a healthy packed lunch. Alternatively, you may want to consider giving our new catering contractor Raddish a try. School meals are carefully planned for and prepared so that children are able to make healthy choices from a tasty selection. If you would like your child to try school meals, please contact a member of the school office team.

### Lego

We have recently had a huge donation of Lego in the school for which we are enormously grateful. Lego is an extraordinary learning resource which we use in school to support creativity, design, problem solving and we can even use it therapeutically. We are, however, very short of baseplates. If you have any old Lego that you no longer require, and in particular any baseplates you can spare, we would be very pleased to give them a new home at school. Thank you!

### We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

At Brindishe Green we teach our 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 considering **Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)**: Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they now live.



### Our Weekly online safety message from Ms Chin.....

We live in a world where we are constantly being bombarded with content. When you access the vast majority of websites on the internet, you'll find a tonne of advertisement content everywhere you go, whether it's in the banner at the top, within the content itself, or hidden in the sidebar.

While you can't **block the advertisements** you see in real life, you can control the ads you see whether you're browsing the internet. Have a look at the website below, there is lots of information and links about **ad blockers** for your iPhone and android devices.

<https://famisafe.wondershare.com/block/best-ad-blocker-android-iphone.html>



## Young Climate Warriors

'Trees are the ultimate multi-taskers in the fight against climate change'. Woodland Trust

Trees not only store carbon, they provide flood protection, urban cooling, pollution reduction, soil nutrient retention. This half-term challenge encourages children to have fun exploring in the woods – checking out fungi, soil, seeds, leaves, bark... Young Climate Warriors has collaborated on a '[Primary-aged' Climate Change playlist](#) with the Educational Recording Agency ([www.era.org.uk](http://www.era.org.uk)). The Royal Institution video clip – 'Peat and Carbon' explains how trees and soil 'store' carbon.

Young Climate Warriors is a contributing partner for the UN Climate Conference (COP26) Schools Pack '[Our Climate, Our Future](#)' – curated by WWF, and produced by Twinkl. The pack provides all the resources that teachers need to hold a Mini Climate Summit, or a Climate Action Workshop. It also links to the [Forest of Promises campaign](#), explained in this short film. Young people all around the world are encouraged to write a #promisetotheplanet on one side of a leaf, and a promise they want world leaders to make on the other. The virtual forest of promises will be shared with world leaders at the UN Climate Conference (COP26) on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



### Important Dates

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

Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

INSET Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2021 – No children in school

Start of term – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2021

Flu Vaccination - 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

INSET Day – 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 – No children in school

Winter Break 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022

INSET Day – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

Start of Spring term – 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

**BFG AGM** - Join us on Wednesday 3rd November at 6pm for our AGM. It's being held in the art room off the library at Brindishe Green school. We'd love to welcome new members!

**Time to sort your wardrobes?** - The second week back after half term (w/c 8th Nov) we will be collecting clothes for our next clothes swap. We're looking for donations of pre-loved school appropriate items - all in a good

condition. These will be available for people to take from w/c 15th Nov before school. More details will follow after half term.

**Pizza Night follow-up** - Thank you again for your all the support for our Pizza Night last week. We had some amazing feedback from the majority of people and hope to do it again soon. We're sorry if you were one of the very few that weren't happy. This is a 100% voluntary group, working to create a lovely community for our school and our children. Most of the time we get it right but sometimes things go wrong. We are always delighted to receive feedback - positive or negative - but please keep it kind.

**Get in touch** - Email: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com). Follow us on Twitter: @bfgithergreen and connect via Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') for more of 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 you 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: <b>Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea</b>	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better <b>or 48 hours</b> if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back</li> <li>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours</li> <li>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual</li> </ul>	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL  Contact school to inform us  Obtain a PCR test  Self-isolate until results are known  Siblings <b>who have no symptoms</b> should continue to attend school	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests <b>positive</b> 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 <b>negative</b> 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 <b>and</b> are <b>not</b> double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate <b>unless</b> they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.	
Someone in my house tests positive for Covid-19	Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same	

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<p>NHS Test &amp; 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 <b>and</b> are <b>not</b> double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate <b>unless</b> 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 <b>and</b> are <b>not</b> double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate <b>unless</b> 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>