

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors, and Friends,

We have had a very busy week at Brindishe Green. Year 5 visited The Science Museum in South Kensington and Reverend Juliet from our local church led two lovely assemblies for our children in Years 1-4. Year 6 took part in a mental health workshop led by [Kooth](#), The children responded well to the activities and questions and were sent home with information on ways they can look after their mental health.

Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families that are celebrating!

On Monday, Carly Riddell led an assembly for our Year 5 and 6 children on Ramadan and Eid. This Monday and Tuesday our Muslim families and staff will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr and we hope they have a wonderful time. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday.

As we are sure you know, **school will be closed on Monday 2nd May** as it is a national Bank Holiday. We hope you have relaxing time with your family and are able to spend some time outside in the sunshine. School will open again on Tuesday as usual.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy long weekend
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Wonderful Work!

This week the children across the school have impressed the adults with their focus and dedication to their learning. The children listed below have really shone throughout the week and will be bringing a praise card home:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Khalid & Malakai Gabriella & Kiran Mila & Shady	Martin & Charlie Marley & Johannes Alia & Milo	Lulu & Laderra Lars & Talia Maurice & Ase
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Omar & Jacob Aaliyah & Amelka Shyanne & Carmelo	All of the children for their wonderful behaviour and learning during their visit to The Science Museum	Jayden & Kaine Gustas & P.J Tamaira & Georgina

Thursday 5th May – Polling Day

On Thursday 5th May our Nursery will be closed as the room is being used as a Polling Station in the local elections. Members of the community will be accessing the room via the back gate and the area will be cordoned off in order to keep the public away from the rest of the school.

On this day, Year 1 – 6 Parents and Carers will enter and leave the school via the main gates on Beacon Road, at the start and the end of the day. As a result, we will extend the beginning and the end of the school day, on this day only, so that there is less congestion.

Start of the school day - 8:40 – 9:05am – If your child is confident and old enough, please encourage them to come through the gate in the morning on their own.

End of day/collection - 3:05 – 3:30pm – Please come between these times to collect your child from the playground. If the walk way appears busy, please wait outside the gate until it is a little quieter.

Reception classes – On this day, Reception children are to be dropped off at the main door and will wait in the hall before departing on their educational visit. The children should then be collected at the main hall at 3.30pm. Please do not come onsite until this time.

Open Classrooms Years 1-6

This week we held the first of our Open Classrooms for our **Year 4, 6 and 1 families**. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers from **Years 2, 3 and 5 next week**. Please sign up for a slot on Weduc if you have not already done so. Before your visit, please read the letter on Weduc so that you know how the sessions will run and what to expect. Please note that toddlers/babies must stay with their adult at all times, and that you should not come into school if you are feeling unwell. We really look forward to seeing you!

Year 2 SATs

During the month of May our Year 2 children will complete their end of key stage assessment tests. These tests go towards the final teacher assessment that is made and submitted to Lewisham before the end of the school year. The children have been practising papers in class and are enjoying the challenge and being able to show what they can do. We always ensure that the children do not feel any pressure and that they are done with their class teacher in their normal setting. Parents and carers from Year 2 can watch a video on their Weduc page which gives more information on what the children will be doing and how they can help at home.

Year 6 SATs Week

As the parents and carers of our Year 6 classes know, the children will be sitting their end of key stage tests from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May. These tests are done in their classrooms, under test conditions. The children have been working very hard all year and are ready to shine! After a very successful MOCKs week, we are confident that they will be able to show what they have learnt, as well as showing how resilient, determined, focused and confident they are. During this week, we ask that the children come to school at 8.15am to enjoy a healthy breakfast with their friends and teachers – a letter will be sent to Year 6 parents next week. Parents and carers from Year 6 can watch a video on their Weduc page which gives more information on what tests the children will be sitting and how they can be supported at home.

School lunch survey

As you aware, since September, Radish have been our new catering company. We are interested to find out what your views are about school dinners and encourage completing a short survey.

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SURVEY**

Please follow the link below and thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3PVTXMQ>

Benefits and Finance Workshop

We have been sent information about a **Benefits and Finance workshop organised by Lewisham Parents and Carer's Forum**. If you require information or support to complete/understand the current benefits process, you can click on the link below to book. They will cover Universal Credits, Personal Independent Payments (PIP) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA). They will also give information on the process, work capability assessments, how to apply and how to prepare appeals.

The session is on Wednesday 4th May 2022 from 1-2pm. The session is free. To book a place, please [click here](#).



Covid vaccinations for children aged between 5 and 11

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations to 5-11 years old from this April 2022 following the government announcement. This means that children within this age with no other underlying health conditions, will be offered two pediatric (child) doses vaccine with at least 12 weeks between doses. A letter from the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust is attached to this newsletter with full details about how to book and further information about the vaccines.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

With the Bank Holiday on Monday, we thought this would be an appropriate time to share Article 31.

Article 31 (the right to leisure, play and culture) - every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.

We hope that you and your child are able to spend Monday doing something lovely such as playing in the park, watching a movie, going for a walk or playing a game together.



Young Climate Warriors

'It's now or never ... without immediate and deep emissions reductions across all sectors, it will be impossible.'
Jim Skea, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III. Sixth Assessment Report published April 2022

In order to limit warming to 1.5°C, global greenhouse gas emissions need to peak before 2025 – that's in 3 years' time. It's not only global systemic and societal changes that need to happen, but individual behavioural changes will also be required. Food systems are responsible for a whopping 40% of global emissions. This week Young Climate Warriors are encouraged to be adventurous with pulses – 'raiding the kitchen store cupboard'. Moving to 'alternative' proteins could substantially cut food-related emissions – but they need us to be brave and to embrace them, they need us to be 'adventurous'.

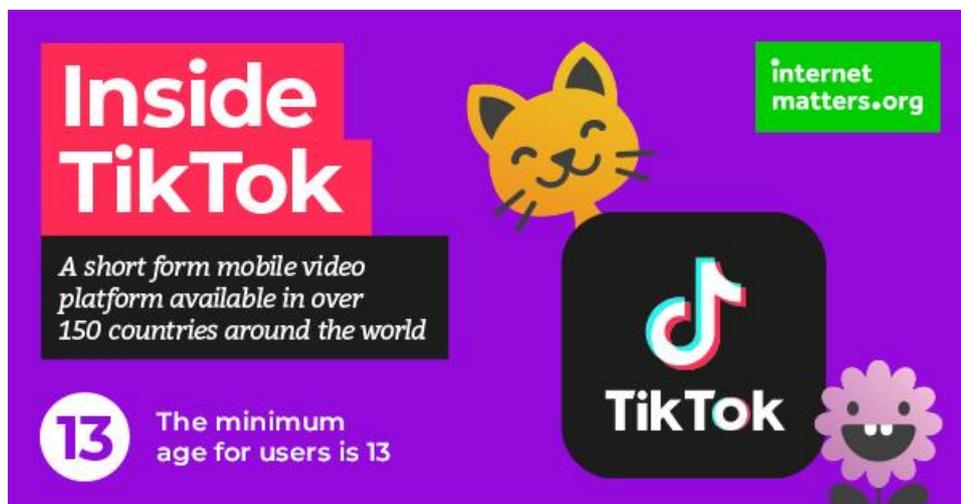
A poster for a Young Climate Warriors challenge. The top half has a green background with the text 'IT'S TIME TO RAID YOUR STORE CUPBOARD ... hunt down the pulses!' and icons of a beetle, a globe, and a leaf. The bottom half has a white background with a speech bubble saying 'This week's challenge: 29th April' and a cartoon globe character. The text includes: 'Pulses - what are they? Which pulses can you find - lentils, chickpeas, dried beans, dried peas?', 'Be adventurous ... can you make a meal out of pulses - or check out a new pulses recipe? Please check with your parent/carer first.', 'Getting our daily protein requirements from eating more pulses and wholegrain can help reduce our impact on climate change.', and 'How adventurous are you ... how about eating insects? Mealworm cookies? Red ant chutney? Roasted crickets?'. The Young Climate Warriors logo is on the right. A red button icon is at the bottom right with the text 'When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!'.

Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin – TikiTok

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.**

Internet Matters explains that there is a high risk for exposing children to inappropriate content. To find out more please look at the website below: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tiktok-safety-guide-for-parents-to-support-young-people-on-the-app/>

Take a few minutes to look at the [National Online Safety guide's top tips](#) on how to ensure that you understand the risks.



A message from Brindishe Friends Group

MORE RUNNERS NEEDED - We still have places available for the [The Big Half 2022](#) in September.

This is a community-focussed half marathon which runs through the boroughs of Lewisham, Greenwich, Southwark and Tower Hamlets. You can take part AND raise money for the school. It costs £20 to enter and you'll need to raise a minimum amount. Let us know if you would like to take part - last year this event was really popular. Email: bfgsocials@gmail.com. Don't worry if you've never run a half marathon before - we will set up a Facebook group to help get everyone race ready, full of top tips and support.



DATES FOR EVENTS - We hope to be able to let you know soon some dates for your diaries regarding BFG events this term. The Cake Bake Sale will definitely be making a welcome return (yum!) and we're planning a couple of other 'make your own' pizza nights. These all raise money to be spent on equipment for the school and the school community.

FOOD PARCELS FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS - The money raised from the pizza nights goes directly towards creating food parcels for Brindishe families so they don't go hungry over the holidays - but still won't cover the cost. You can donate here: paypal.me/bfgsocials (or via PayPal with the bfgsocials@gmail.com email address). Thank you.

Stay in touch - To find out more, search for us on Facebook - look for 'Brindishe Friends Group' - and follow us on Twitter - @bfgthiergreen. You can email us too to find out more and with any questions: bfgsocials@gmail.com.