

Friday 27th May 2022

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

This week we have been busy celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. On Thursday the school was visited by members of the local Diamond Club, a local resident's group who shared their memories of the coronation 70 years ago and Queen Elizabeth's reign since. There was dressing up, singing and one member told the children about her memories of being a small child stood outside the gates of Buckingham Palace in the rain on that day. She told the children how, despite the focus of the day, her clearest memory was of the Queen of Tonga, who refused to cover up to protect herself from the rain and paraded down the Mall in a horse drawn carriage wearing a striking red dress!

Children have undertaken a range of different activities and learning to find out more about Queen Elizabeth and her role. On Thursday afternoon we welcomed a great many parents into Reception for an afternoon of Jubilee themed crafts and learning. It was lovely to see so many people there, thank you to those were able to come.

This week, our Year 4 classes visited Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve and our Year 3 classes visited the Science Museum. Thank you to all the parent/carers volunteers who made this possible. Year 6 took part in another Kooth workshop on Thursday. These sessions are designed to help the children look after their mental health and wellbeing. Also, Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 welcomed their parent/carers into their classrooms to see their learning.

Please remember that as the official Jubilee bank holiday falls in the half term, schools have been given special permission to have an extra day off to ensure everyone can celebrate. For that reason, **Brindishe Green will be closed on Monday 6th June 2022**, with school resuming for all classes, the next day. Whatever you have planned for the half term and the long bank holiday weekend, I hope you are able to enjoy some time with your children.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 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
Amelia and Abner Eliza and Sona All of Cherry class	Maanhasha and Aaron Ishaan & Kaelo Arthur and Melody	All of Year 3 for their school visit to the Science Museum
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Imogen and Lilah Shems & Vivaan All of Beech class	Jibril & Esther Valerie and Melani Rose and Paddy James & Grace	Amy and Kosi Arjian and Ismail Yadiel, Hoang and Ross

Important Dates

We want to remind you of when the school will be closed to children over the next couple of months:

Half Term Holiday – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday (school) - Monday 6th June

Staff INSET Day – Monday 4th July

Last day of summer term – Friday 22nd July

Summer Holiday begins – Monday 25th July

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

From Sept 2022, Universal Infant Free School Meals will come to an end for current year 2 children. We will be holding drop in sessions on **Thursday 23rd June at 9.30am and 4pm** for anyone who may be eligible to claim for Free School Meals and who may need support with the application process. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please do pop along and we can help and advise.

These drop in sessions are not limited to year 2 families, everybody is welcome!

For every successful FSM application, we will issue a **£5 book voucher**, a **stationary set**, and a **school jumper** for your child.

A successful application will also attract more funding for the school up to **£1,345**, which can be used towards Educational trips and visits, School activities, School equipment, Additional teaching and support staff, Extra-curricular clubs and School counsellors.

It's worth coming along!

Parent workshop – Emotion Coaching Tuesday 14th June

We are looking forward to running our second inclusion workshop for parents, this time in person! Please join us in person on Tuesday 14th June shortly after the gate closes at around 9am to learn all about Emotion Coaching with our Educational Psychologist. Emotion Coaching is a strategy to support behaviour, the key message in Emotion Coaching is that all feelings are acceptable, all behaviours are not. We hope lots of you are able to join us for what should be a really informative and useful session, with tea and biscuits! Please do let Miss Dee know if you'd like to come. Due to space restrictions we currently need to limit numbers to 25, if demand exceeds this we will look at using an alternative space so it's really important to please email Miss Dee to let her know you'd like to come jdee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk.

Music News

We would like to say a special well done and thank you to Willow in Elm class who performed her cello beautifully to years 3, 4 and nursery last week.

We are still on the lookout for other accomplished musicians within our school community, so if any parent/carers are interested in sharing their musical talents please do contact the office at info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Year 5 have recently had vocal workshops with music tutors from Trinity Laban and are currently learning songs composed to celebrate Lewisham Borough of Culture events.

This week we received some new instruments which our children and staff are very excited about. We now have new class sets of xylophones, glockenspiels, hand bells and ukuleles!



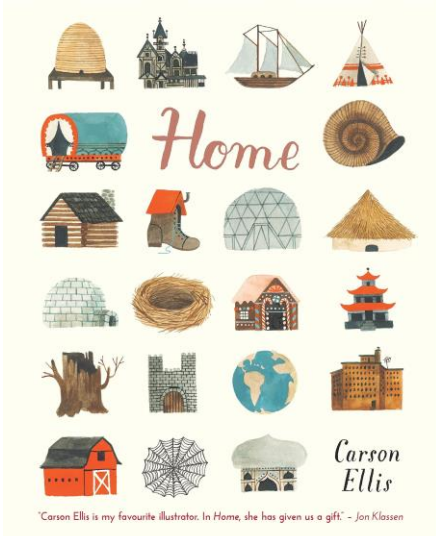
Sportacus Half Term Holiday Club



This May half term Sportacus have **3 action packed days** for your children to enjoy. They will be based at Brindishe Manor, Darrick Wood Junior & Heronsgate Primary Schools and we will be offering Dance, Football and Multisports (Football at Darrick Wood Only), all set in an environment your child will flourish in.

As its the Queens Jubilee a full week booking is 3 days this time round. You can book all three days and save money or pick and choose individual days to suit you. To book your child's place or to find out more about half term programme please visit our website or click on this link – [Book Now](#).

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School



This week our focus is Article 2 (non discrimination), Article 8 (protection and preservation of identity) and article 30 (the right to learn and the customs, religions and languages of their family)

Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. Through celebration, education and raising awareness, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month helps tackle prejudice, challenge myths and amplify the voices of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in wider society. 'What Makes a Home?'

Read 'Home' by Carson Ellis or watch it by clicking [here](#). Why not create a picture of what home means to you?

Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin. Discord. What is it What are the Facts?

One thing children love about being online, is the connection they feel to other players both online and off. DISCORD - CHAT FOR GAMERS is an app designed to help players talk to each other in real time. While playing a game on their device, users can log in to Discord and enter a group chat with one or more other gamers so that they can talk while they play.

The app is rated 13+. This is because it enables children to talk instantly with others. Navigating this space requires maturity; to know when they are safe and to respond appropriately when things in their game go wrong. The app is aimed at adult gamers, so often the content of conversation features topics not appropriate for younger players.



Young Climate Warriors

'If we change our perceptions and see the dandelion flower for what it is – an absolute lifeline to our bees in early spring – we might learn to love them more.' More than Weeds, Founder – Sophie Leguil

Our half-term challenge is about wildflowers. Over 20 million wildflower seeds have been planted in the Tower of London's moat, as part of the 'Superbloom' display to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. Young Climate Warriors are encouraged to identify some of their local wildflowers, and plant a 'wildflower meadow in a pot'.

Wildflowers that have grown and evolved here in the UK for hundreds of years are struggling to adapt quickly enough to the impacts of climate change. Our wildflowers are beautiful, they provide a vital food source for pollinators, and provide habitats that buzz with life.



Wildflowers — a vital source of food and shelter for our pollinators

Time to play, to relax, to let your mind wander, and time to notice the wild flowers?

They brighten the pavement, cheer up the brickwork, provide a splash of colour to the verges.

Half-term challenge: 27th May

How many can you spot, what colours are they, how many petals do they have, do they smell nice? Take a photo, find out their names?

Can you grow a wildflower meadow in a pot at home?

When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!

A message from Brindishe Friends Group

IMPACT OF COST OF LIVING CRISIS - Over the past 2 years we have been raising money to fund over 100 food parcels for each school holiday over 2 weeks. The number of families in need is rising. A £30 donation means we can afford an extra item for every parcel - a bottle of shampoo, or a bag of pasta and tin of tomatoes. If you are, or know of, a local business willing to donate please get in touch: bfgsocials@gmail.com. We also have a fundraising account where individuals can donate direct: PayPal [bfgsocials@gmail.com](https://paypal.me/bfgsocials) / paypal.me/bfgsocials

PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA - You can also donate by ordering a 'make at home' pizza. **You need to place your orders by Saturday 18th June** for collection from school on Friday 24 June. You can do that via this link: <https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green> Payment will be taken when the order is placed - a basic pizza kit is £6.50, the cookie kits are £4.50. Brindishe Friends Group (BFG) receive a portion of proceeds from the sale of the pizza and cookie packs, all of which goes towards providing food parcels. If you have any questions please email: bfgsocials@gmail.com

CAKE BAKE UPDATE - This raised a whopping **£343.50** which will go to buying equipment for the school for your children to enjoy. Thanks again to everyone who took part. There was obviously a lot of pent-up demand!!

PENNY DRIVE UPDATE - The final total was **£633.03** which will go towards providing Jubilee afternoon teas for elderly people in the community. Well done to Chestnut 1 who managed to raise the most money (£123.66). They win a £25 WHSmith gift voucher for the class. Due to the incredible work the children had put in, it was decided that the next 4 classes would receive a £10 voucher for their efforts. So well done to Cedar (£55.87), Palm (£44.21), Redwood (£41.40) and Beech (£34.32).

NEW TREASURER NEEDED - Our current treasurer - the fabulous Louise Barclay - has taken the decision to step down later this year. If you would be interested in taking on this role, please let us know: bfgsocials@gmail.com.