

Please remember, school is **closed** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, as it is one of our 5 INSET days.

## Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week the children across the school have been marking Anti-Bullying week through assemblies and lessons in class. We have been very impressed with how the children have been able to answer a range of challenging questions and discuss how they would respond in difficult situations. We talked about the importance of 'Reaching Out' and how it was everyone's responsibility to stop unkindness and bullying. We emphasised that there is no place for bullying of any kind in Brindishe Green or our community.

Macaw and Cassowary classes (Year 5) were visited this week by local author, Amelia Kyazze, who inspired them to write about Empathy and People of the World. Examples of the writing produced will be on display in Downham Library, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and was planned as part of events linked to Lewisham, London Borough of Culture. Heron class will also take part in the writing workshop in two weeks' time.

On Thursday, Year 6 were visited by The History Man as part of their learning about World War 2. Also on Thursday, 30 Year 4 children visited the Unicorn Theatre for the press night performance of Pinocchio. These tickets were gifted to the school by the theatre. The children had a wonderful evening in London and gave the performance a 10 out of 10. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children, and to Ms Ikiz for organising the event.

Also in school this week some of our children's teams met to continue their important work in making a difference, having their voice heard and supporting other children in school. The Rights Respecting Ambassadors, Sports Leaders, Digital Leaders, Safety Comes First Team and the Young Interpreters all work hard in our school to make it a safer and happier place to learn.

Today is Children in Need and we have been delighted to see so many children, families and staff support this very important charity by coming to school dressed in their favourite clothes that make them feel happy. It has been fantastic to see so many children show that they are proud of who they are or where they come from. Thank you to everyone who donated



### Something Wonderful to Celebrate

We praise all the children in school for being **curious, committed, confident, collaborative and compassionate**.

This week, the following children have stood out for going above and beyond, and really shining!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Swift class Victoria & Francis D Malak & Felix	Sophie & Valentina Imisi & Thisani Thisani & Imisi	Lennie & Anja Margo & Nailah Manil & Lina
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Puffin Class Bethel & Kobby George & Edie	Hayley & Siddarth Zara & Stella Olive & Vittorio	Poppy & Antonio Aiman & Sharon Renee & Emmelia-Rose Jahan & Mia

## Celebrating Diversity Week

Next week is our annual Celebrating Diversity Week when we come together as a school to learn about inspirational people who have made a difference in the world. We also focus on what makes each person special and unique and how it is good to be proud of who we are no matter what your race, age, gender, sexual orientation, family background, gender identity, ability or beliefs. The children will be writing letters to other children across the school next week and making year group books about the people they have learnt about. These will be displayed and shared.



## Winter Performances

This winter, we are delighted to be able to put on an array of events for you to enjoy. Please see below the dates and times of your child's event this year. Please note that a maximum of two adults can attend for each child, due to space in the hall/playground/classroom. We will send more information regarding each event nearer the time. We really hope you can come.

### Early Years

Reception – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30 – 3.10 – Festive Art Afternoon (classroom)

Nursery – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Winter Stay and Play – AM and PM session

**Year 1-4 will have their winter performance in the Main Hall at 9.15am.**

Year 4 - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Hope and Joy

Year 3 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Hope and Joy

Year 2 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Wonderland

Year 1 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Wonderland

**Year 5 & 6 – An Outdoor Winter Wonderland in the Main Playground**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5.50pm start

Children to return to school at 5.30pm

Bring warm coats, big scarves, blankets, a torch and hot chocolate!

## Winter Fair – 9<sup>th</sup> December

The BFG (our parent association) are very busy planning and organising the school's Winter Fair which will take place after school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30-5pm. Money raised at the fair goes towards buying a range of things for the school such as resources, books, equipment and an end of year pantomime. This event relies on your support in terms of running stalls, providing prizes/resources and coming to the event. If you and a parent/carer friend are able to lend a hand by serving drinks, helping to set up or running a stall (it doesn't have to be for the whole time), then please, please, please contact the BFG (see below).

Please see the attached poster for what is needed for the fair. These should be dropped off on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you in advance.

Executive Head: Rachel Waite    Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy  
In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

### **New Brindishe Book Bags and Sweaters**

We are very excited to inform you that new Brindishe book bags will be available to order through [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com) from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – [My Clothing](#)

They will be navy blue in colour and show our logo, and they will cost £6.50 per bag.

We are also currently awaiting new branded sweaters and will keep you informed as to when these are online to purchase.

### **Important Dates**

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November Celebrating Diversity Week

25<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day (no children in school)

6<sup>th</sup> December – Governors Meeting – all welcome

9<sup>th</sup> December – BFG Christmas Fair

6-14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Performances

14<sup>th</sup> December – Festive dinner and jumper day

16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

### **And finally...Music News**

We really have hit the ground running this year with music at Brindishe Green and would like to say a huge thank you to the many teachers and teaching assistants who are providing opportunities for children to explore their talents and passions by running after school clubs.

Our KS1 and KS2 choir, as well as a separate Performing Arts Club, have begun meeting each week and are already building towards some performance opportunities. We are also pleased to be taking part in an event called Young Voices at the O2 Arena in January in which a group of dedicated singers from years 5 and 6 will be representing our school.

Lewisham Music are now delivering whole class sessions in both recorder and ukulele. Classes will take part in half termly courses starting in years 3 and 4.

Remember we are always keen to invite the talents of our parent/carer community into school to perform. If you would like to play during an assembly or perhaps simply show and discuss your instrument with a class, we would love to hear from you. Please email the school for more information:

[info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

## A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

**VOLUNTEERS FOR FESTIVE FAIR** - We are planning a fabulous Festive Fair to take place at the school on Friday 9th December from 3.30 - 5pm. We have loads of ideas for stalls (tombola, craft making, cakes, mulled wine, etc) but need volunteers to work on them to make this happen. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**FESTIVE FAIR WISHLIST** - We also need help with the following items for the stalls. If you can, please donate:

- Unopened bottles
- Chocolates/sweets
- Items suitable to be raffle prizes
- Children's games
- Good quality second hand books
- Craft supplies
- Unwanted gifts that can be re-gifted

We are planning to collect these on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 November before and after school.

**PIZZA EVENING** - The next 'Make at Home' pizza night will be held on 9th December. You can order your pizza kits here: <https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green> for collection from the Fair. A basic pizza kit is £6.50, the cookie kits are £4.50. Money raised goes towards helping us create food parcels for families at the school who appreciate the extra help over the school holidays. Any queries please email: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com).