

**Staff INSET Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

**School closed to all children**



**Brindishe  
Green**

## **Brindishe Green Newsletter**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week at Brindishe Green we were treated to a musical display in the playground when the choirs from across the Brindishe Federation joined together to perform on Wednesday. The singing was beautiful and it was wonderful to listen to an open air concert in the sunshine. Thank you to all the parents who attended, and to all the staff who supported the children so well. A special mention must go to Ms Amy Clifflands, our music lead, who orchestrated the event.

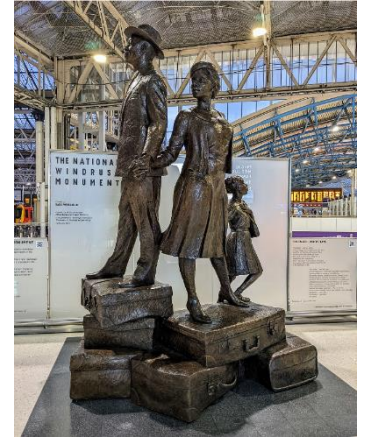
Also this week Woodpecker and Parakeet class (Year 2) visited the Bromley Synagogue as part of their RE learning. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the children on the visit. On Thursday Mr Matthew Durant and the Sports Leads from across the federation led a Year 6 friendly football competition after school. 18 girls and boys from Brindishe Green represented our school and Mr Durrant was extremely proud of the team work, camaraderie and respect that was displayed by all the federation teams.

Yesterday marked 75 years since Windrush arrived in Britain from the Caribbean. The Windrush Generation is the name given to hundreds of thousands of people who came to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War, and make it their home. Windrush Day, 22 June, is a day to remember and celebrate the Windrush generation and all they have done to enrich this country. Many of the children learnt about this yesterday in school and we know many of our families and members of staff will be marking this special event over the weekend.

Wishing you all a very happy and sunny weekend. We hope you all manage to keep as cool as possible.

Best Wishes

The Senior Leadership Team



## **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!

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
Amelia & Ellie Ziah & Thando Sophia & Aya	Ava & Khalid Weiyi & Harvey Jacob & Thomas	Magpie Class Abdul, Jordan and Melody Kingfisher Class
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Averie & Samuel Jeremiah & Sol Taizeen & Kadajah	Omar & David Joel & Samuel Carmelo & Megan	Rose and Yaqing India & Abigail Tyler & Kelvina Bethany, Mia, Taye and Aimuanmwonsa

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

## Attendance and Punctuality

It is essential that children come to school every day they are well, and on time. All children must be **in their classroom by 9am** so that they are not registered as late. Our whole school attendance should be **more than 95%** each week. Has your child's class made it into the newsletter this week?

<b>Overall school attendance this week:</b>	<b>95.52%</b>	
<b>Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:</b> A huge well done to <i>Hummingbird (am &amp; pm)</i> and <i>Heron</i> classes who had 100% attendance this week!	Hummingbird (am)	100%
	Hummingbird (pm)	100%
	Heron	100%
	Macaw	99.43%
	Magpie	98.76%
<b>Top classes with all children on time:</b>	All children in <i>Robin</i> class in on time	

## Individual, Siblings and Class Photographs

By now you should have received the preview of your child's school photographs. If you would like to make an order, this must be done by **30<sup>th</sup> June at the latest**, via the website – [www.brianmorrisphoto.co.uk](http://www.brianmorrisphoto.co.uk) so that they can be delivered to school before the end of the school year.

## Reporting Absence

If your child will be absent from school due to an illness, please can we remind all parents and carers to call the school office **before 9am and to leave a message**. Please give your **child's full name and class, as well as the reason for the absence**. If your child has a medical appointment, please email or call the school in advance, providing proof of the appointment. Many thanks.

### **Sports Days – Reception to Year 6 – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATES DUE TO TEACHER STRIKES**

As a result of industrial action planned for the first week in July, we have changed the dates of the Reception and Year 1 & 2 Sports Days. We apologise for any disruption this may cause but did not want any class to miss out.

Years 3 and 4 - Ladywell Playing Fields - Thursday 29th June

Year 5 and 6 - Ladywell Playing Fields - Thursday 6th July

**Reception – School Playground - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Year 1 and 2 – School Playground – Tuesday 11th July**

## Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property on the trollies in Reception. If your child is missing an item and their name is not on it, please come and have a look with your child before or after school. Thank you.

## Message from Ms Dee – Inclusion Lead

Our final Inclusion event for this school year will take place at 9am on Friday 14th July. This is a chance to have your say. We'll be joined by Cheriece Nelson from the Lewisham Integrated SEND services team, as she wants to hear your views on SEND services in Lewisham and provide you the opportunity to ask any questions. Our school Inclusion Team will also be there and we would also welcome your views and questions. This will be a more informal event than our previous workshops - feel free to pop in for a tea or coffee and stay as long as you like. There will be no PowerPoint, but there will be lots of biscuits! Do drop me an email if you think you'll be joining us. As always, I'd also love to hear what parent workshops you'd like to see next school year. My email is [jdee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:jdee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

## Notification of further NEU Teachers' Strike Dates

Since January, we have been in constant communication with you all regarding the strikes that were arranged by the National Education Union, in protest of teachers' pay and conditions, and school funding. The NEU (National Education Union) held a ballot on a recent Government pay offer that saw 98% of those teacher members who took part in England, reject the deal, as it was not fully funded. The NEU is now calling for negotiations with the government to begin again.

### The further strike dates that have been announced are Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

The vast majority of the teachers at Brindishe Schools are members of the NEU, and therefore, **the majority of classes will be closed.** Some teachers are part of other unions that, at this time, are not striking.

**As always, each individual Brindishe School will be in contact with you nearer the time to let you know which classes will be closed and which will be open to children. It is expected that if your child's class is open on a planned strike day, that they are in school as usual to avoid an unauthorised absence.**

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

A massive thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's summer fair such an amazing success! From the local businesses, to the year 5 and 6 helpers, to the parents, teachers and members of Brindishe Friends Group who volunteered... we could not have done it without you.

### **And of course YOU for coming!**

We raised an amazing **£2150.66** for the school.

Every bit of that will be put to good use, working in partnership with the school leadership team, to fund activities and equipment.

The raffle has been drawn and school will be notifying the prize winners.

**Thank you!**

