

**See you on Monday 11th September between
8.35 - 8.45am.**



Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

And in the blink of an eye the summer holidays are over and we have started a new and exciting academic year. It was wonderful to see all the children waiting patiently for the gate to be opened on the first day, watch them eagerly make their way round to their new classrooms and observe them quickly settle into their new routines. The staff have done a great job creating safe and exciting classrooms and learning spaces around the school. They have already started to assess what knowledge and skills their children have remembered and begun to plan lessons and learning opportunities for the term ahead.

This week we have welcomed our Nursery and Reception families, and other new children into different year groups across the school – you are all very welcome and we hope you feel part of our school community very soon.

Well done to all our families, and staff, who have adjusted to our new opening times. We appreciate that getting up and to school earlier in the mornings isn't easy but it is vital that our children come to school promptly so that they do not miss a minute of learning time. All children must be in school by 8.45am at the latest.

If you have questions about payments, the school day, term dates, safeguarding, Wrap Around Care, the curriculum, school meals etc, most of this information can be found on our new website (<https://green.brindisheschools.org/brindishegreen>). If you need to get a message to our staff or have a specific question please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk or telephone the office on 0208 852 7245. Please note the office is open from 8.30am-4.30pm.

Finally, a huge thank you from the school to the families who ran The Big Half on Sunday to raise money for Brindishe Green. It was such a very warm day and we are grateful to you all!

Have a lovely weekend. We hope you can enjoy some sunshine, without feeling too hot.

Best wishes,

Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Office Team

Over the summer, Janet who worked in the school office, took on a new role as part of our Breakfast and Tea Clubs. We are so pleased that she has joined our new Wrap Around Care as she knows the children and school already.

From Monday 18th, we welcome **Nekema** to the Brindishe Green. Over the coming weeks, she will be learning about our school, families and routines from Fulya (who has worked across the Brindishe Federation for many years), and the rest of the team. We hope that you will make her feel very welcome.

Educational Visits

Over the coming weeks the teachers will be informing you of up and coming educational visits and visitors. Over the past two years we have asked for a one off voluntary contribution at the beginning of the year to pay for these. This year we have reverted back to families paying for individual visits/visitors when they sign the consent form. This will be done on Weduc.

As always, we rely on parent/carer volunteers to accompany and support on visits in order for them to be a success. We hope that you will all be able to go on one or more visits with your child during the year, if possible.

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

New Message Board

We are sure by now you will have noticed our new message board above the school gate. We will regularly update it in the morning and/or at the end of the day with important messages for the whole school or individual year groups. Please take a moment every day to look at it so that you don't miss something important. Messages will continue to be sent via Weduc for families who do not collect or drop off their children.

Important Dates

Over the summer we have worked very hard to plan the year ahead. We have produced a document which includes some of the main dates that you will need to know. Please note that some of these dates may be subject to change if something out of our control arises, but we will do our very best not to move them.

Meet the Team – Year Group Meetings

We have been listening to your survey responses and want to make sure that we communicate as much as possible about what your child/ren are learning in class. From next week we will be inviting parents and carers to come in to school and meet with the year group teaching staff and hear about the year ahead. This will include what the academic year looks like for each subject and what you can do to support your child at home. The dates are as follows:

Year Group	Date of year group meeting	Time
Year 1	Monday 11 th September	9am in Main Hall
Year 2	Tuesday 12 th September	
Year 3	Wednesday 13 th September	
Year 4	Thursday 14 th September	
Year 5	Monday 18 th September	
Year 6	Tuesday 19 th September	

A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

WELCOME: NEW TERM, NEW MEMBER? - BFG is made up of people who are part of the Brindishe Green Community. We help arrange events and raise money for the school. We are planning to hold our AGM later this month. New members would be welcome. Keep your eyes peeled for details ☺☺ or email us to be the first to know: bfgsocials@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS - To everyone who ran The Big Half on Sunday! Twenty runners took part on behalf of Brindishe Green and have raised a ginormous **£1350** 🏆 for the school.


Hayley who led the training said:

"It was a very hot day, tough run for many but we all completed it! A wonderful, wonderful team this year of dedication and support. A lot of our runners have already popped their name down for next year! "

QUICK WIN FUNDRAISING - We're now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can help raise money for the BFG for FREE. Over 7,000 shops will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them (eBay, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, John Lewis, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and loads more) – at no extra cost to you! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising when you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at: <https://bit.ly/3p17zLZ>



Brindishe Green School – Important Dates 2023/24

September 2023		October 2023		November 2023		December 2023	
Mon 4 th and Tue 5 th Sep	Inset Days	Black History Month		Tues 14 th Nov 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nurs/Rec families	Wk beg 4 th Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wed 6 th Sep	Start of Autumn term Y1-6	Tue 17 th Oct - 10:00am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nurs/Rec families	Thurs 16 th November @ 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6	Winter performances/events – 2.00pm 12 th Dec - Year 1 & 2 13 th Dec - Year 3 & 4 14 th Dec - Year 5 & 6 5 th Dec - Reception 19 th Dec - Nursery	
Thurs 28 th Sep - 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nurs/Rec families	Thurs 19 th Oct 3:15-3:45pm	Open classroom Years 1, 3, 5	13 - 17 th November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying Week		
Year Group meetings – 9am Monday 11 th – Year 1 Tuesday 12 th – Year 2 Wednesday 13 th – Year 3 Thursday 14 th – Year 4 Monday 18 th – Year 5 Tuesday 19 th – Year 6		Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term	Fri 17 th Nov	Flu immunisations R-Y6	Date TBC	Christmas lunch and jumper day
				Fri 24 th Nov	Inset Day No school	Thurs 21 st – Fri 5 th January 2024 (8 th Jan – INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays –
January 2024		February 2024		March 2024		April 2024	
Mon 8 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Tues 6 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5	Dates TBC	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Mon 15 th April	Start of Summer term
Tues 9 th Jan	Start of Spring term	Thurs 8 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6	Thurs 28 th Mar	Last day of term		
		Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term	Fri 29 th March – Fri 12 th April	Easter Holidays		
May 2024		June 2024		July 2024		INSET Days	
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday	Wk beg 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics check	1 st July	INSET Day	Monday 4 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023 Friday 24 th November 2023 Monday 8 th January 2024 Monday 1 st July 2024 	
Wk beg – 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week	June	Year 4 Multiplication check	Year Group Performance - 9.10am Year 1 – Tues 16 th Year 2 – Wed 17 th Year 3 – Tues 9 th Year 4 – Thurs 18 th Year 5 – Wed 10 th			
May	Year 2 assessment month	Sports Days 17 th June - Rec – Playground 18 th June - Year 1 – Playground 19 th June - Year 2 – Playground 20 th June - Year 3 – Venue TBC 6 th June - Year 4/ 5 / 6 – Ladywell Arena		Year 6 transition events Performance – Tues 23 rd July Festival – Wed 24 th July			
Date TBC	School photographs			Thurs 26 th July	Summer holidays begin		
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May	Half Term						