

Newsletter



Friday 15th December 2023



Brindishe
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What has been happening this week?

We wanted to say a **massive thank you** to the staff, children and all the families who helped make our Winter Fair on Friday such a success. It was wonderful to see so many children playing games, decorating biscuits, winning prizes, making badges, wrapping gifts, creating cards, visiting Santa Claus and...eating cakes! It is a real school community event and everyone appeared to have lots of fun. A very special thank you goes to the BFG as without them, none of it would have been possible! It ran like clockwork and was so well organised. Thank you to everyone on the team! Please scroll to the bottom to find out how much money was raised!

Also this week, we hope that you were able to see your child sing at their end of term performance. So much work went into ensuring that all the children knew their words and felt confident to perform on stage. Thank you to the children for filling our school with beautiful music...and thank you to the staff who made it possible.



What is happening next week?

Next week, school finishes at the normal time of 3.15pm on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Raddish will be serving a special **Christmas lunch**. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please complete the Weduc form by the end of Friday 15th. Also on Tuesday, the children will enjoy an **online pantomime and popcorn**, which has been paid for by the BFG and estate agents, Bryan & Keegan. Thank you to you both!

Finally, on Tuesday it is our **festive/winter jumper day!** Please do not go out to buy a jumper if your child does not have one. We love to see children coming in in jumpers decorated with tinsel and baubles, or second hand jumpers. We will be collecting any loose change you might have for **Save the Children - Gaza Appeal**. This money will be counted along with the kind donations given during the performances and we will let you know how much we have collected. We would also like to make a donation to **Jumpers for Jimmy (Found Hope)**, who support the school in many different ways and who have had to cancel their fundraising event unexpectedly.

Happy Retirement

It is with mixed emotions that we share with you the news that our colleague and friend, **Ms Bianca Felix**, will be leaving us on Wednesday next week as she begins her retirement.

Ms Bianca has worked in the school for over 23 years and has supported families, children and staff in more ways than you could possibly imagine. Working mostly with our very youngest children in Nursery and Reception, she has helped to ensure that they have a smooth and successful start to their time in school.

We can honestly say that we don't know what we will do without her and will miss her smile, infectious laugh and enthusiasm every day.

Ms Bianca...thank you for everything you have done for us and the children over the years. It is now time for you to look after yourself and take a very, very well deserved break! Congratulations on your retirement!



Applying for Primary School

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2024? If so, please note that all applications must be submitted to Lewisham by **Monday 15th January, at the latest.**

We understand that it can be a complicated process so please email the school office if you have any questions.

Alternatively, the Lewisham website has all the information that you will need.

[Click here!](#)

Children who have a Packed Lunch

If your child has a packed lunch and would like a school dinner, it is important that you email the school office on info-bg@brindisheschools.org so that it can be put on the system.

If this is not done in advance, Raddish do not know how many children to make meals for.



Happy Holiday!

We would like to wish you all a very happy holiday. To everyone who celebrates Christmas, we hope you have a magical time with your friends and family.

We know for many people, this can be a difficult and busy time of year, so we hope that you are able to find some time to relax and be kind to yourself.

Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 9th January 2024!**



"Being kind to yourself is one of the greatest kindnesses" said the mole.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour in school.



E Penguin	Hayley, Lewis, Eliana
Cormorant	Aiden, Sarah & Anu
Shoebill	Emilio & Zara
Macaw	Adam & Josias
Heron	Natalie & Cindy
Cassowary	Aaron & Kyran
Hornbill	Janan, Arina and Aaron
Red Kite	Red Kite Class
Puffin	Lucas, Blake and Alexandra
Magpie	Reuben & Janat
Hawk	Imisi & Bolu
Kingfisher	Imani & Ava
Woodpecker	Ishmael & Baxter
Parakeet	Parakeet Class
Kestrel	Kestrel Class
Swift	Swift Class
Little Owl	Little Owl Class
Goldfinch	Goldfinch Class



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.28%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Hummingbird (all day)	100%
	Macaw	99.11%
	Puffin	98.89%
	Magpie	98.15%
	Hummingbird (am)	97.83%
A huge well done to Hummingbird (all day) class who had 100% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	All children were in on time in Hummingbird (all day) class	

Important Dates in Jan and Feb

January 2024		February 2024	
Mon 8 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Tues 6 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Tues 9 th Jan	Start of Spring term	Thurs 8 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
		Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

THANK YOU! - Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and came to the Winter Fair last Friday. It was fantastic to see so many Brindishe families having so much fun! From the fair alone **we raised an incredible £2890.19!!!!** See below for the grand total raised this term and how we intend to spend it on projects for the school. We can't thank you enough for all the support you've shown us!

NEW YEAR, NEW FACES? - Every event that the BFG arranges has a small but dedicated team of people behind it, making it happen. But we need more help! We'd love more people to get involved - there is no need to be shy about putting yourself forward! We are a very friendly bunch with children spread across all school years. We are really open to new ideas and would love to welcome anyone interested. Please email us to find out more: bfgsocials@gmail.com. We will be holding a meeting in the first few weeks back after the Christmas holidays.

EASYFUNDRAISING - If you have any last minute Christmas shopping left to do please give easyfundraising a try. Over 7,000 shops will donate to BFG when you use easyfundraising to shop with them for free! You can download it onto a desktop computer or laptop and there is also an app. More information here: <https://bit.ly/3p17zLZ>

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How much have we raised this term?

Big Half 2023	£1,350.00
Bake Sale	£243.30
Pizza & Cookies Night	£202.00
Easyfundraising	£102.58
Cash donations	£150.00
Panto popcorn sponsor	£200.00
Winter Fair & Raffle	£2,890.19

An incredible total of
£5,138.07
which has helped to support...

Panto
afternoon &
popcorn
£450

Playground
Reading Shed
(estimated)
£1,000

120 Winter
Food Parcels
£507.09

Thank you to everyone who came to, supported and helped at our events this term. Have a fabulous Winter break. See you in January!



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the BFG!!!