

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors and Friends,

Last Friday we were joined by two local authority reviewers from Lewisham who came to look at the quality of education at Brindishe Green. Our visitors popped into classes from Nursery to Year 6, spoke to children about their learning and talked to teachers and leaders from around the school. They were both extremely impressed by the strong culture of ambition, positive energy, motivation, sense of purpose and commitment that they observed at all levels. They said that the behaviour was exemplary, the children were learning everywhere they looked and that lessons were exciting and engaging. They said teamwork was a strength and that staff were nurturing and wanted the very best for their children. They said they could see that this culture was embedded in our everyday practice. We would like to thank all our staff for the hard work, dedication and energy that they bring to school every day, in order to provide the very best education for all our children.

This week we were visited by some very special feathered friends, when the children in Years 1-6 met a number of beautiful birds of prey. The children learnt about where they originated, their diet and observed them fly above their heads in the hall. The children all behaved very well and were in awe of these wonderful creatures. Thank you to the BFG for funding this event.



Best wishes,

*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 – Thisani & Grace, Danae & Kiran, Nera & Navroop
- Year 2 – Naomi & Maanhasha, Cuba & Johannes, Isabella & Melody,
- Year 3 – Maurice & Arthur, Och & Dvir, Jasmine & Salih
- Year 4 – Ankana & Sara, Oliver & Gniewko, Pavarshan & Mylo
- Year 5 – Kasey & Joao, Lucas & Amaia, Malo & Isis, Sienna & Ayden
- Year 6 – Elena & Martin, Abena & Ross, Christ, Arjian & Ana



### **Flu Catchup Clinic**

The School Health Immunisation Team is planning a Saturday mop-up session to catch up children who may have missed the flu vaccine in school due to absence, sickness, isolation or not consented at the time. Please see the attached poster from the team. They will be offering a clinic on;

**Date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

**Venue: Kaleidosope, 32 Rushey Green, London. SE6 4JF**

**Time: 9am-4.30pm.**

**No appointment needed, just simply walk-in.**

### **Reception – Hearing and Vision Check**

The school Nursing Team will be at Brindishe Green on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** to administer a **hearing and vision check for Reception children**. All Reception children will take part, unless parents/carers return the 'opt-out slip' to our school office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February (please post in the black box by the front door). This slip can be found on the letter from the nursing team, which has been uploaded on to Weduc.

### **Collecting children from the playground**

Please can we remind parents/carers and those collecting children from the playground that we are still using a one-way system by entering the premises on Beacon Road and leaving through the carpark/back gates. If someone different is collecting your child/children please can you let them know this.

Also, please can we remind parents and carers that we ask children to push their bikes/scooters when they are on the school site and that they are mindful of other people when riding them on the footpath outside.

### **Covid 19 Guidance**

The rules for C19 isolation changed on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please see the attached flowchart for the latest information.

### **Important Dates**

*Please look on the Weduc Calendar for key dates and information regarding your child's class.*

Remember children must be in school by 9am every day and be collected at 3.15pm

### **Weekly Online Safety Message from Miss Chin - Do you know your child's favourite YouTuber?**

So many children love the mini-series, vlogs and updates available on YouTube, but it is recommended by YouTube that children access its content through **YouTube Kids**. The suggested age restriction for accessing media on this site is 4+. The site uses algorithms to filter content from its mother site, however, as this is done digitally rather than manually, sometimes inappropriate content and targeted adverts can still sometimes slip through. The app also gives you the option to limit search functions and restrict it to videos and channels you would like them to see. Please take a few minutes to read the National Online Safety's guide about how to keep children safe on YouTube.



### **We are a Gold Rights Respecting School**

#### **Article 42 (knowledge of rights) Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention**

In school this week we have been reminding the children of the importance of knowing about their Rights and putting them into practice. We have asked children in Years 3-6 if they would like to be a Brindishe Green Rights Respecting Ambassador and how to apply for the role. The children know that every child in the world is a 'Rights Holder' and that all adults are 'Duty Bearers', which means it is every adult's job to ensure that children are receiving their Rights. There we have attached to our newsletter all the Articles for you to look at and to talk about with your children.

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

The banner features a gold medal icon on the right. Below the text is a row of seven icons: a lightbulb, a globe, a megaphone, hands holding a heart, a pencil, an open book, and a first aid kit. To the right of the icons is the UNICEF logo, which includes the text "RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS", "unicef", "UNITED KINGDOM", and "GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING".

## Young Climate Warriors

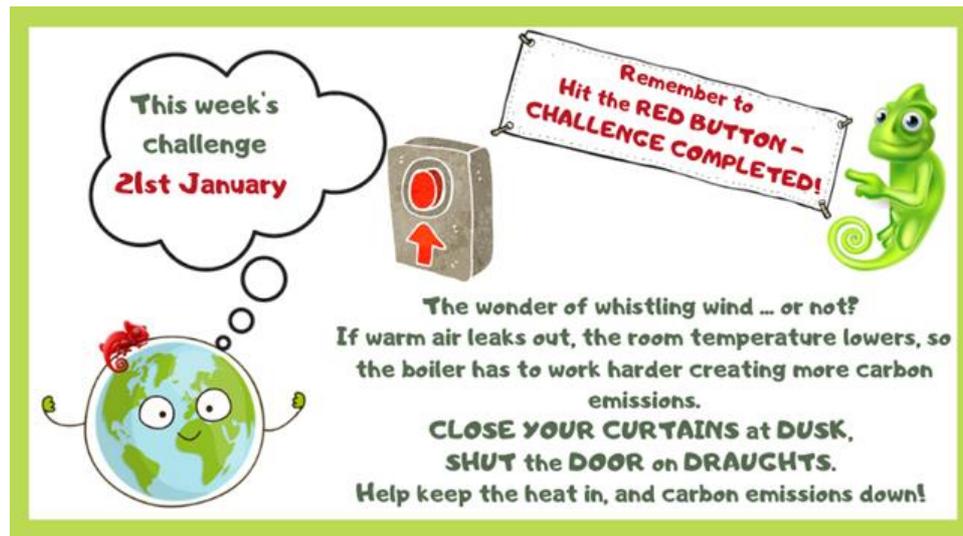
'What keeps me optimistic is that so many of us want this change to happen, and I think together we can win this'.

Elizabeth Wathuti. UN Young Champion of the Earth.



Elizabeth Wathuti witnesses the front line impact of climate change on a daily basis - 'Africa is not waiting for the crisis to come, it is impacting us right now'. Combatting climate change and reducing our carbon emissions requires everyone's help – changes need to happen at every level – individual, community, business, government - together we can win this.

Young Climate Warriors are challenged each week to be part of the solution. This week's challenge encourages families to reduce their household carbon emissions by drawing their curtains and shutting the door on draughts.



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

**Street Trees** - You may have noticed that a number of new trees have gone in alongside the school on Beacon Road. This is something that the BFG funded through the school via your support. The trees will need lots of watering and we hope as many children as possible will be involved in looking after them. We can't wait to see them grow!

**Pizza Night** - We are hoping to hold another Pizza Night on Thursday 10th March. As soon as that date is confirmed we will send round information on how to buy a 'make your own Pizza' (and cookies!) kit. These were a huge hit last time and everything raised went to pay for food parcels for families in the Brindishe Green community during the school holidays.

**The Birdman finally lands!** - We hope your children in the older classes enjoyed their encounter with the Birdman on Wednesday. This was an event we funded that was rearranged from the summer (when the younger classes enjoyed a visit from some circus performers). We are so pleased it finally happened.

**Keep in touch!** - We hope to have our first meeting just after half term to discuss many more fund raising plans (Easter Trail, Big Half Marathon charity places, etc). Let us know if you want to be there - we love new faces: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com). You can also connect with us on Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') and follow us on twitter: @bfghithergreen. We didn't quite make 100 followers last week - but we are now up to 60. Go on - give us a follow!