

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors and Friends,

It has been another busy week at Brindishe Green with children from across the school taking part in science experiments, tennis lessons, art projects and improving their skills in the IT Hub. Year 3 went on a very successful visit to Chislehurst Caves on Wednesday, where they went deep under the ground to learn about rocks. Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported on this visit, as it couldn't have gone ahead without you.

Also this week we have had some additional scaffolding added to the side of the building in preparation for work to start on the roof. This work should not have an impact on the children or their learning, or on our drop-off and collection arrangements.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.

Best wishes,

*The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team*

### **Year 1-6 Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings – 8/9/10<sup>th</sup> February**

We are pleased to let you know that during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our Spring Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings. These video calls will be run through School Cloud and can be accessed through your Weduc Mobile App or browser.

Bookings can be made between Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 9.00am to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm.

*Most appointments will be on:*

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.40pm – 6pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.40pm – 6pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.40pm – 5pm

More information and guidance has been posted onto Weduc today.

Nursery and Reception teachers will continue to meet weekly with the parents/carers of their focus children, rather than run these meetings.

### **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 – Albie & Mishal, Isabella & Malakai, Matteo & Alex  
Year 2 – Caroline & Hamidah, Kaelo & Ernes, Jordan & Lucas  
Year 3 – Janushan & Kyran, Azaria & Solomon, Natalie & Basiru  
Year 4 – Lois & Ryan, Amelka & Eliana, Khaleb & Kerem  
Year 5 – India & Angel, Jibril & Tymon, Rose & Said, Emilio, Sharon & Rufus  
Year 6 – Nevaeh & Ruqia, Kosi & Roxanne, Mia & Seth

### **School dinner accounts**

A quick reminder that school dinner accounts should be **regularly topped up** in order to make sure that money is not owed to the school. **We ask that dinners are always paid for in advance to prevent debt from accumulating.** Since Radish have taken over the school meal provision the cost of a school dinner is now **£2.45 per day**.

### 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

### Flu Vaccine Catch Up Clinic

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

**Date: Saturday 29th 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 (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.

### National Changes to Covid 19 Guidance

We are sure many of you are aware, that the government guidance changed again on 27<sup>th</sup> January when Plan B measures in England were relaxed. However, as a federation we are still seeing **very high numbers** of Covid19 in **both staff and children**. As a result, we have decided to carry on with our current risk assessments. This includes:

- o Staff testing regularly and reporting any results to school and NHS
- o Staff wearing a face covering in communal areas (before/during and after school)
- o Staff and children washing their hands regularly
- o Staff and children not to attend school if they have symptoms of C19. Get a PCR test as soon as possible
- o Classrooms and offices to be kept well ventilated by keeping the windows and doors open

### We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

**Article 2 (non-discrimination): The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.**

In this week's Article of the Week, we're focusing on another timely and important awareness event related to rights – LGBT+ History Month which we celebrate every February. This year is even more special, as we see the 50th anniversary of the very first Pride March in the UK.

LGBT+ History Month is all about promoting fairness, equality and diversity. It aims to give voice to LGBT+ experiences, celebrate achievements and highlight the challenges people still face today.



## Young Climate Warriors

'Climate action failure, extreme weather and biodiversity loss are the three most-severe risks for the world over the next decade.'

World Economic Forum, Davos 2022.

'Human beings are the greatest problem-solvers our planet has ever known.'

*Sir David Attenborough, Davos 2019*



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This week's challenge focuses on our oceans – they play a central role in regulating our Earth's climate and influencing global weather patterns. Despite their immensity - covering 71% of our planet - they are struggling with the impacts of climate change, as well as overfishing and plastic pollution.

Our oceans also offer many solutions – it is estimated that they annually absorb a quarter of global carbon emissions, and 'Blue Carbon' projects – protecting, restoring and promoting seagrass meadows, mangrove swamps and salt marshes, could help it absorb even more. Entrepreneurs are turning their hands to the problem – for example – converting retrieved marine plastics into fishing equipment and kayaks, or creating biofuel out of seaweed.

Young Climate Warriors are encouraged to learn about our magnificent oceans, including some of these pioneering projects, and to help reduce their household plastic 'consumption'.



**This week's challenge**  
**28th Jan**

**Remember to**  
**Hit the RED BUTTON -**  
**CHALLENGE COMPLETED!**

**Oceans are suffering the impacts of climate change.**  
**Our oceans also offer MANY SOLUTIONS.**  
**To combat climate change we need to 'think outside the box', be problem solvers and pioneers.**  
**Learn about blue carbon and a pioneering UK seagrass project, and an entrepreneurial marine plastic project.**  
**Reduce your household plastics this week – bottles, fruit and veg packaging?**

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