

Friday 17th March 2022

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors, and Friends,

Spring has certainly arrived at Brindishe Green! Along with warmer playtimes and brighter evenings, work to bring our Edible Playground back to life is well underway. Pumpkins, chives, carrots, and sunflower seeds are in the ground and we cannot wait to see what grows later in the summer. If you have any spare seeds at home that you do not need and would like to donate them, they would be very gratefully received by Mr Chris, Ms Berat and the Gardening Club.

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Kerry Smith, has taught at Brindishe Green for three and a half years. Ms Smith is moving to a school closer to her new home. We wish her all the very best in her new role and thank her for all her hard work and dedication during her time with us.

After the Easter break, we will be welcoming Tyra Senior to Brindishe Green, who will be new class teacher in Lilac Class. Ms Senior will be coming into school on Tuesday to meet with the children and work alongside the Year 3 team. We hope you will join us in making her feel very welcome.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy weekend,
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: Kyle and Karine, Harvey & Weiyi, Gabrieli & Grace
Year 2: Margo and Jordan, Anja & Chloe, Eabha and Alessandro
Year 3: Bethel and Natalie Joseph & Uswa, Alex and Joseph
Year 4: Gniewko and Alexis, The whole of Beech class for school visit
Year 5: Ariella & Abigail, Callum and Aimuanmwonsa, Josiah & Wesley
Year 6: Jazai and Shakijah, The whole of Ash class and Wiktor and Erin



Holiday Meal Vouchers

We are pleased to inform you that once again Lewisham will be funding meal vouchers for families with children entitled to the pupil premium. If your children are in receipt of the pupil premium, keep an eye out for an email containing your voucher for over the Easter holiday. Lewisham have advised us that this may be the final holiday where vouchers will be provided, but remember that free meals can be accessed by eligible families using the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF).

Radish- lunch changes

We have been informed by Radish that at the moment there are times when Ilboudo and his team in the kitchen will need to make slight changes to the menu, although still ensuring that children with allergies and dietary requirements are catered for. Radish have informed us that sometimes their suppliers are 'experiencing significant and sustained uplift in demand...and unfortunately, they are also experiencing high levels of staff absence due to sickness, particularly in the south.'

Radish have apologised for the changes and are doing their very best to make sure the menu is accurate as often as possible, but this has been beyond their control.

Report from Athletics Competition

On the 22nd March, the Year 5 and 6 athletics team represented Brindishe Green and Lewisham in the Athletics London Youth Games. They were determined, they were focussed and they were absolutely magnificent; hop, skip and jumping into 9th place. This means our athletes beat 18 other schools and are now one of the top ten, elite teams from across London. We are immensely proud of their achievement and look forward to competing next year. Bring it on!

Year 6 Mock SATs

Congratulations to Year 6 who, as I write, have just finished their mock SATs weeks. With exams returning for the first time in 2 years, children have worked incredibly hard to prepare and have and shown off the best of their learning this week. It has been a long and challenging week for them but they have all, without exception, done themselves proud. Well done Y6!

If you are a parent or carer in Year 6 you can view a video on Itslearning, in which Ms Campbell gives more information on what end of KS2 SATs are and what the SATs week in May will look like (9-12th May).

Lost Property

Please make sure that you take a look on the lost property stands at the end of the school day next week. As we approach the Easter holidays, we will be bagging up unclaimed items and donating them to charity after the break.

Please make sure that you label items and clothing that children bring to school to help us get things back to children as often as possible. Thank you!

Dinner Money Reminder

If your child is having school dinners it is a requirement that these are **paid for in advance** so that arrears do not build up on your account. Non-payment has an impact on the school finances as a whole and therefore can impact on the children's learning.

School dinners cost £2.45 per day or £12.45 per week, and can be paid by logging into Arbor. If you need a log in for Arbor please contact the school office.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

This week we are celebrating the role of parents in the rights of the child. In addition to rights that belong to children, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child also talks about rights for parents and carers. These include Article 5 (parental guidance) and Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance).

Article 5 says that governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up.

Article 18 states that parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. It also talks about government support for children and parents.

**A SUMMARY OF THE UN CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

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Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin.... Using Smart Speakers Safely

6 in 10 children in the UK used a smart speaker in 2020. Do you have one in your home and do you know how to keep children safe while using one? The UK Safer Internet Centre has published some really helpful guidance online about how to do just that, including understanding the risks and what you can do to manage them in your home. The guide can be found here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers>



Young Climate Warriors

'Let's shape our future. Together we can build a brighter and more prosperous future. Protect our one shared home. We are in this together' Earth Hour 2022.



It's Earth Hour this Saturday @ 8.30pm (local time). Earth Hour is a global event organised every year by WWF. **It is the world's biggest switch-off event** – when millions of people come together and switch off their lights for sixty minutes to raise awareness about climate change; over 7,000 cities are involved this year. An opportunity for a candle-lit supper, a torch-lit story or maybe some star gazing?

Taking action together helps show children that there are many others around the world who care about the same things that they care about. Being actively involved in movements for change can help children feel a sense of positive engagement and help ease climate-related anxiety.

If you'd like to follow Earth Hour action around the world – these are the social media links: Facebook - @earthhour. Instagram - @earthhourofficial, #shapeourfuture, #earthhourUK.

A promotional poster for Earth Hour 2022. At the top, it says 'EARTH HOUR 2022 - Saturday 26th March - 8.30pm'. Below this, it says 'SHOW YOU CARE ABOUT OUR PLANET' and 'Switch off your lights with many millions worldwide'. There are icons for recycling, energy, and nature. A globe is on the right. A lightbulb icon is next to the text. Below, it lists activities: 'What will you do this Earth Hour while your lights are off? Candle-lit supper? Play Climate Change Snakes and Ladders? Listen to music? Kitchen disco? Reading by torchlight? Star-gazing?'. A speech bubble says 'This week's challenge: 25th March'. Below that, it says 'Shout, sing, discuss, play games, tell stories, make pictures ... how do you explain to others the things you care about and make your voice be heard?'. At the bottom, it says 'Together we can shape our future.' and 'Completed the Earth Hour 2022 challenge? Remember to hit the red button!'. The Young Climate Warriors logo is in the bottom right.

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

WANTED: more volunteers for our Spring Trail! - Do you have a street-facing window you could decorate for our trail over Easter? Think bunnies, eggs, rainbows and more. Please let us know by Monday 28th March if you'd like to volunteer. A map showing the locations of the windows will be given out on the last day of term - the more windows, the more fun to be had...but we need more volunteers for this to happen! bfgsocials@gmail.com

Food parcel latest - We are just finalising our food parcels for Brindishe families for the upcoming Easter holidays. If you would like to make a last minute donation you can do that here: paypal.me/bfgsocials (or via PayPal with the bfgsocials@gmail.com email address).

Summer term - We're planning some amazing events to take place throughout the summer term... including the return of the cake bake (fingers crossed!). If you have any other ideas for fundraising that we can help support you with please let us know: bfgsocials@gmail.com