

Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe Green,

Brindishe Green Polling Station



Polling went very smoothly at Brindishe Green yesterday. We want to thank our premises team, Andy Eva and Sergio Soares, who fenced off and set up the polling space so that there was no access at all between the polling station and the rest of the school site. Andy and Sergio also provided security for the school at the entrance to the polling station for the entire day from 6am – 10.30pm. We are very grateful to them for their commitment to safeguarding our children.

Thanks also go to all the staff who helped to clear the nursery classroom on Wednesday evening and then put it all back together early this morning so that Nursery children could carry on with their learning as usual today.

Parents, carers and staff have commented on how smoothly the whole event was run, not impacting on learning or on the school day in any way.

This week at Brindishe Green

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support the children from Years 1 to 4 in their festive concerts. We thought all the children sparkled and their singing was wonderful. Many thanks to the classroom staff who helped prepare the children so well, to Jonnette Bowen and Clair Taylor who put the performances together and to Aleks Piatkowski for the sound and lighting.

Year 4 have visited The Museum of London and were all able to show the 'Roman soldier' (an actor) just how much they know about life in Roman Britain. Thank you to all the adults who came to support on the visit.

On Thursday Ms Sullivan's father, Jerry, visited the children in Year 6 to tell them about life growing up in the shadow of World War 2. He was able to teach them many things and he was very impressed with their sensitive and thought provoking questions.

Today our Reception classes held their 'Family Festival' in the afternoon. So many of you came along to support your children and enjoy a range of festive arts and crafts with them - thank you for coming and thank you to Reception staff for putting on such a lovely event. Nursery hold their celebration next week.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Monday the children in Years 5 and 6 will perform at their carol concert in St. Swithun's church and we are confident they will put on a wonderful performance. We are collecting for 'Crisis at Christmas' again this year. Please look out for the buckets to put your loose



change into at the end of the performances and help us to make a difference to people who have no home or shelter at this difficult time of year.

Festive Jumper Day for 'Crisis at Christmas'

On Wednesday 18 December, we encourage all the children and staff to come to school wearing a festive/winter/Christmas jumper. If possible, we would like the children to donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) on this day towards our 'Crisis at Christmas' collection. 'Crisis' is a charity which supports people who are homeless. Thousands of people will be without a home this winter and are in urgent need of the unique package of support that Crisis offers. For every £28.87 that we raise, someone will receive a hot meal and shelter and be introduced to the education, training and support they need to help end their homelessness for good.

Foodbank



Action For Refugees In Lewisham

Next week our foodbank collection will be collected by AFRIL and therefore if you would like to donate any non-perishable breakfast goods before the holiday, please bring them in on Monday.

Edible Playgrounds at Brindishe Green

You will all have seen our new garden which is now ready for us to use. We will be getting busy with propagating seeds and planting early in the new year and every child in the school will be taking part. Tom Williamson and members of his edible playgrounds team would like to show parents and carers around the garden next Wednesday 18 December from 3.25pm, once children have been collected. If you would like to take part, please meet Mr Williamson by the new garden at 3.25pm.

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

Article 27 (adequate standard of living): Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



Road safety around our school

You may be aware that Lewisham is launching a Healthy Neighbourhoods Programme. The aim of the programme is to make Lewisham communities 'greener, healthier, and more attractive places to live, work, play and do business'. One key priority is to reduce traffic in the borough, through a number of traffic management measures including road closures. There is due to be a 6-month trial starting in January 2020 within an area to the west of Hither Green station (this does not include Beacon Road). This will include blocking off Ennersdale Road at the railway bridge and so it will not be possible to turn right onto Ennersdale Road from Nightingale Grove. Vehicles would need to drive via Lewisham or the South Circular to get to the other side of the station. You can find more information, including the map of the trial area, here:

<https://streetbuilder.io/lewishamandleegreen>

At Brindishe Green, we have not been consulted about this scheme, and have only recently found out about the trial. Although we support measures taken to reduce traffic and improve air quality, we are concerned about what the impact will be on the roads local to our school, particularly Beacon Road. We plan to invite local councillors into school to discuss the proposal and the implications it may have for Brindishe Green.

BFG Christmas Fair Raffle

Please see the end of the newsletter for the prizes

Diary dates

13 Dec Reception Family Festival *from 1.45pm*

16 Dec Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at St. Swithun's Church, 6-7pm

17 Dec Nursery Family Winter Celebration **9 -11am and 1.15 – 3.15pm**

18 Dec Christmas Lunch

19 Dec End of term

6 Jan INSET day – staff only

7 Jan Children back to school

We have 4 more days of school next week and our last day is Thursday 19 December.

Best wishes to you all,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

BFG Raffle Prizewinners

RAFFLE

- Amazon Fire HD tablet from Byran & Keegan - Atala in Ash
- £50 bar tab at The Lord Northbrook - Maya in Elm
- Cocktail making course for 4 at Drink at Bobs - Amirah in Walnut
- Good Hope brunch for 2 adults and 2 children - Ivan in Walnut
- 2 x 5 class pass worth £50 from Base 13 (Henry Pinkrah) - Miss Debbie and Said in Lilac
- £50 Forries Forest School voucher - Gabriella in Banyan
- £50 theatre voucher (waiting for voucher) - Anton in Oak
- Voucher from R&M Barbers £15 - Milo in Chestnut 2
- Ninth Life 2 x tickets Immersive experience 'The Viewing' – Mr Soares
- Catford Mews 2 x movie tix - Lilianna in Cherry
- Yoga House 5 x classes as package - Alex in Walnut
- Dinner for 2 (3 course meal at The Station and bottle of house wine) - Arthur in Rowan
- 2 movie tickets East Dulwich Theatre - Anna in Elm
- Indian head massage and reiki session with Priyia Ferreria - Ayden in Maple
- 2 tickets for Air Thrill (including adults for both tickets) - Anna in Elm
- 4 movie tickets for Eltham cinema - Scarlett Lee in Magnolia
- £15 voucher for The Hairdresser - tbc
- food hamper - Seth in Beech
- £15 Thai food voucher - Dorothy in Walnut
- Seven Shades key ring, bag and £15 voucher – Ms Murphy
- £15 La Delice voucher - Siouxghan in Elm

CAKE WEIGHT

Blake - Chesnut 2

CONKERS

Smiggle notebook packs - Harrison in Elm and Maya in Magnolia

Smiggle pen packs - Kaine in Beech and Zara in Walnut