

Brindishe Green School

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

This week at Brindishe Green

This week at Brindishe Green the children in Key Stage 2 have been learning about the importance of going to bed early and getting the right amount of sleep. The children in Key Stage 1 learnt about the importance of crossing the road safely.

On Tuesday Florence Nightingale visited the children in Year 2 and told them about the important work she did during the Crimean War and how she changed the face of nursing. We are delighted to see the Edible Garden really taking shape and this week staff have received training on how they will be able to use this new space effectively with their children when it is complete.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Next week, Year 4 will be visited by the History Man on Thursday, who will help them to develop their understanding of the Romans. Also on Thursday, Year 3 will visit Chislehurst Caves to learn more about the Stone Age and rocks.

Online Safety Week 25 – 29 November: parent/carer workshop, Wed 27 Nov 9.15am

**ONLINE
SAFETY**



It's Online Safety week next week and children right across the school will be learning about staying safe when using the internet.

On Wednesday 27 November Sabera Ahsan ('Prevent' Officer for Lewisham borough), will lead a workshop for parents and carers about the ways in which we can help children stay safe online at home. The workshop is for parents and carers of children in Ys 4 – 6 and is designed to raise awareness of the risks children face online and how to deal with them. Please let us know if you plan to be there.

Christmas Fair – Friday 29 November 3.30 - 5pm

Our Christmas Fair is next Friday and is going to be a very exciting event for all families and we really hope you will all pop in with your children after school.

The BFG (Brindishe Friends Group) are looking for donations – see the notice at the end of the newsletter. You can bring your donations to the entrance foyer at the beginning and end of each day between now and next Friday. If you can offer help on the day please email bfgsocials@gmail.com

All help is welcome and much appreciated.

Don't forget to visit the Online Safety pop-up stall where our IT technicians will be available to give tips to families on online safety including privacy settings. The stall will be situated in the main library.

All the money raised is going towards our outdoor spaces at Brindishe Green which will support children's learning and their playtimes. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Headteacher: Gerlinde Achenbach Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Lindsay Dale

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor Schools

Brindishe Green is a 'Gold' Rights Respecting School

At Brindishe Green we are helping our children to understand the importance of looking after the environment and climate change. This links to **Article 29 (goals of education)** which says:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, **and the environment.**

Young Climate Warriors

"Without immediate action from all countries climate change will come to define the health of an entire generation". Nick Watts, Lancet Countdown Report on Health and Climate Change 2019.

If you and your family would like to learn more about how we as individuals can play our part in tackling climate change, you may want to visit www.youngclimatewarriors.org. Every week this charitable initiative sets a new challenge to try at home – something fun and informative that suggests ways to reduce our climate impact. For a refreshing change, this week's challenge involves making a cup of tea ... **and younger children will need your help to complete it.**

Please remind children to **'HIT THE RED BUTTON'** when they have completed this challenge – it enables us to count up the carbon emissions saved!



General Election December 12 – Nursery closed for the day

As you know Brindishe Green is being used as a polling station for the General Election on Thursday 12 December.

The polling station will be set up in the nursery classroom, with access via the staff car park on Ardmere Cottages, **not** via the main entrance to the school on Beacon Road.



Nursery will be closed to children for the day but the main school will be open for children in year R to 6. Children in these classes should come to school as usual on Polling Day.

We will ensure that the general public (voters) are ONLY able to access the nursery classroom. There will be no access for the general public (voters) to any part of the school, dining hall, playgrounds, classrooms, toilets or entrances whilst the school is open and children are on site. The nursery area (polling station) and the entrance to and from it will be fenced off and secure and there will be **no access** into any other area of the school either externally or internally.

Our staff will be supervising the area throughout the school day and officers from the Electoral Commission will organise supervision and security at the polling station itself.

We are an allergy-aware school

Please remember that we have children and staff with nut allergies at Brindishe Green and we do our best to be a nut-free school. Please help us by making sure that children's packed lunches do not contain nuts. It is worth noting that chocolate spreads do contain nuts and should be avoided. Thank you for your help in keeping all of our children and adults in school safe.

Diary dates

25 – 29 Nov Online Safety Week at Brindishe Green

27 Nov Year 4-6 Parent/Carer Online Safety Workshop 9.15-10.15.

28 Nov 'Early Reading' workshop for EYFS parents and carers, 5-6pm. This workshop is for adults only

29 Nov 3.30 – 5pm BFG Christmas Fair straight after school

2 Dec Turning of the Year concert (Y2 Cedar class) at Blackheath Concert Halls

4 Dec Reception/Year 6 annual height and weight check

10 Dec Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance 9.30 and 2.15

11 Dec Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30 and 2.15

12 Dec General Election - Nursery will be closed for polling. The main school will be open.

12 Dec 6pm Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Lee – please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you

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

Have a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

BFG notice:



The PTA needs your help to make the School Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November a success.

What you can do:

Donate your NEW unwanted gifts for our ‘present wrapping’ room.

Our ‘present wrapping’ room is always really popular – children can come in and spend a small amount of money on a gift for their grown-ups that is wrapped for them by adult volunteers. We need donations of new things you have been given that are lovely but ‘not quite right’ for you.

Donate a Tombola or Raffle Prize

We are seeking prizes from individuals and businesses. Could you or your company donate a prize or voucher in return for free community advertising? It can be a company email with a voucher, or an actual prize.

We also need Tombola prizes like wine, gift sets and children’s gifts.

We’ve been so impressed with the effort from Brindishe Green grown-ups, but we need you too.

Please bring your donations to the collection boxes in the foyer at drop-off and pick up times.

