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Friday 11th December 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This Week at Brindishe Green

This week in school the corridors and classrooms have been filled with beautiful singing as our children have been preparing to record their special winter songs for you. Performances *should* be available on Itslearning on Thursday 17th December.

There has also been an excited buzz around school as the children and staff have been preparing to take part in the **BFG'S Festive Trail this weekend (12th/13th December)**. Thank you to everyone who supported the school by buying packs, and thank you to the BFG for organising this lovely event in the lead up to Christmas.

Today, the children in Year 6 were visited by 2 of our local community police officers who spoke to the children about keeping themselves safe online, on social media and when travelling home alone.

Also this week the children learnt about the Jewish festival of **Hanukkah** in assembly. The children learnt about why this is such a special time of year and the ways in which Jewish families might celebrate. "Hanukkah Sameach!" to all our Jewish families.

Thursday's Covid Bulletin

On Thursday 11th December, you will have received our **Covid Bulletin** via email. In this week's bulletin we shared important information about the **last day of term, how to contact the school if your child tests positive for Covid 19 and what to do if you are travelling abroad over the Christmas break**. We also shared government guidance on Christmas Bubbles. If you haven't done so already, please read through the bulletin over the next couple of days.

Next Week at Brindishe Green – Christmas is Here!

We have a very busy time ahead next week and we are all very excited!

On **Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December** we will be collecting donations of boxes of cereal for the **AFRIL foodbank**. AFRIL is a local charity which supports refugees in Lewisham.



On **Wednesday 16th** it is our **Festive Jumper Day** to raise money for JumpersforJimmy (The Mizen Foundation). There is no need to buy a new jumper! Reuse one you already have or create your own using decorations from your home. On **Wednesday**, many of us will also enjoy a **Christmas dinner**, prepared by Chartwells. During the day, the children will also have the opportunity to enjoy the **pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk and popcorn**, kindly provided by the BFG (Brindishe Friends Group).

On **Thursday 17th**, the children will have the opportunity to watch other classes perform their **winter/Christmas songs in an online/virtual concert**. These performances will also be available for you to watch at home with your family on Itslearning. Please can we kindly remind you that these performances are for your **own personal viewing and must not be shared via email or on social media for safeguarding and GDPR reasons**.



Friday 18th December – Early Closure

School will be closing early on the last day of term. Please make sure that you know what time your child must be collected from school on this day. All children must be collected from school by 2pm at the latest. We thank everyone for their support.

Surnames A-G 1.30 – 1.40	Surnames H-P 1.40 – 1.50	Surnames Q-Z 1.50 – 2.00
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Sumdog Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in **Sumdog's National Maths** competition this week. Across the nation 18,796 students took part from 2,195 classes, answering an amazing 3 1/2 million questions correctly between them all! A special mention to **Olive Class (32nd)** and **Maple Class (84th)** who both finished in the top 100 classes nationwide.

However, three students from Brindishe Green finished in the **top 50** out of the 18,796 students who took part - huge congratulations to **Arthur in Cedar Class (34th place)**, **Neveah in Oak Class (21st Place)**, and **Ankana in Maple Class (8th place)**. I am sure you will agree, a most impressive achievement!

Thanks again everyone and keep up the fantastic maths!

Mr Phipps

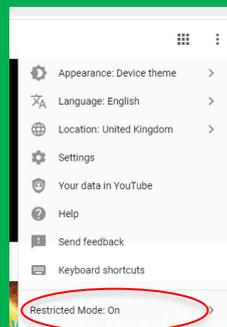


Online Safety Bulletin - Setting Filters on YouTube

YouTube's safety mode allows parents to restrict the content their children see. When you opt into **YouTube Restricted Mode**, mature content and age-restricted videos won't show up in a search, related videos, playlists, shows and movies.

Here's how to do it:

1. Open YouTube
2. Click on the avatar or three dots on the top right corner.
3. At the very bottom it says restricted mode.
4. Click to turn it on!



Gold Rights Respecting –

This week's article for you to talk about with your family is...

Article 14: Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights of parents to give their children information about this right.

At Brindishe Schools we teach our children that everyone has the right to their own religion, faith or belief and we respect this.

Cards for children and tokens of appreciation for staff

This year, we kindly ask that children **do not** bring cards or gifts into school for children in their class/bubble. This is because we want to reduce the amount of paper coming into school and going home again. If children bring cards into school they will gently be asked to take them home again and to exchange them outside of school.

We have been asked this week by a few parents and carers about whether they can bring in a token of appreciation to a staff member towards the end of this Autumn term. Whilst we certainly do not expect any gifts from our families, should you wish to send a staff member in school a card or small token of appreciation then this would need to be given by **Monday 14th December**, so that the necessary precautions can be taken before staff take them home on Friday 18th December. Many thanks.

Weduc – our new communication system

We will now be using Weduc as our way of communicating all key messages, dates, newsletters and information on the exciting events that are going on in school. Over the next term we will be introducing different features of the app but for now we will be focusing on the **newsfeed and calendar**.



We hope you have a lovely weekend...and hope that everyone who is taking part in the festive trail has a fantastic time!

Best wishes,
The BG Senior Leadership Team

Important Dates

Afril Foodbank Collection (Cereals) – Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December

Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day – Wednesday 16th December (more information to follow)

Christmas Performances available online – Thursday 17th December

End of term – Friday 18th December – early finish

INSET Day (no children in school) – Monday 4th January

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5th January

And finally....

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Thank you to everyone who bought Festive Trail packs, raffle tickets, or even had a go at guessing the number of baubles this week. **Your support is much appreciated.** We hope to have made lots of money so that the school can buy new equipment for your children to benefit from!

- To be in with a chance of winning a prize, you will need to complete the **Festive Trail THIS WEEKEND.**
- In the pack is a **map** which you need to use to find the **shops and houses taking part.**
- **Look for the hidden letter at every location.**
- When you have finished the trail, **arrange the letters to make a wintery word or phrase.**
- Please return your completed answer sheets to the playground by morning of **Tuesday 15th December.**
- The winners of this, the raffle, and the bauble guessing will be drawn on **Tuesday afternoon**, and then announced in next week's newsletter.

Important note - the Festive Trail packs contain a voucher for a free child's hot chocolate from the Good Hope on Hither Green Lane. These can be used on Saturday and Sunday between midday and 4pm ONLY.

If you have a great fundraising idea or want to get involved we'd love to hear from you. Please email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can also message us on Facebook – search for 'Brindishe Friends Group' - or via twitter [@bfghithergreen](https://twitter.com/bfghithergreen).