



Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

This week at Brindishe Green we have been so impressed with the high quality learning that has been uploaded every day onto Itslearning. Children from across the school have been sharing what they have been doing at home and the teachers have been delighted to see that the children in their class have been producing some very special work. The children in school have been doing the same learning with members of staff and have been really trying their best as well. Ms Caller will share some of this learning in her Friday Praise Assembly, which you can find in the BG Shared Students page on Itslearning.

Many thanks to our Nursery parents who took the time to respond to the letter and Survey Monkey they received earlier in the week, regarding children in this year group returning to school. We will be in touch again next week with further information.

If you have any questions or queries during this time, please can we ask that you use the following email addresses so that the right person can get back to you:

info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk – queries about online learning, accessing devices, Free School Meals, login details, concerns, general questions.

support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk – if you need technical support with Itslearning or Weduc

Live Interaction Sessions – From next week, we really hope your child will be able to join their class and teacher for a live interaction session. On your child's **Announcements Page**, the teacher will write a message to remind you of the day and time of their session. They will also attach a Zoom link that will allow you to access the session. **These live sessions will be designed so they are suitable for the year group, are an opportunity for the children to see their friends and will allow the teacher to observe their class.** Although the session is optional, we feel it is important that all children attend if possible, as in some year groups the teacher will talk about the learning the children will do or have done. The sessions will not detract from the daily learning that is set and uploaded every day.

Reception – Friday at 1.30pm

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday at 1.00pm

Year 2 – Wednesday at 10am

Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday at 11am

Year 4 – Wednesday at 9.30am

Year 5 – Monday and Thursday at 9.30am

Year 6 – Monday and Friday at 9.30am

When your child attends their Zoom session we must stress the importance of **safeguarding** them and others in the group. Therefore, please ensure that your child is ready for their session at least 5 minutes before it is due to begin and talk through with them the following safeguarding measures;

- the microphone is kept on **mute** throughout the session, unless the teacher turns it off
- an **adult should always be present** in the room whilst the session takes place
- ensure that there is **no one else visible on screen** – only the child and parent/carer should be visible
- **turn off all background noise** (TV, radio, music etc), in case the teacher asks your child to speak
- **the session must not be recorded**

Assignments

This week you will have received 2 text messages reminding you to upload your child's **one main assignment** (older children may have more) **by 3pm every day**. This is so the teacher can respond to the learning before 4.30pm. The comments that the teachers make are designed to motivate the children and support them to move forward in the next piece of learning. If the teacher responds to the learning after this time, it has less impact. **The other learning that goes into the Share and Celebrate folder can be uploaded at any time.** As a school, we have been directed to ensure that all children are doing their learning at home, every day.

The BG Students Page

If your child has finished their home learning and is looking for something different and exciting to do, we encourage you to visit the **BG – Shared Students Room on Itslearning**. Here you will find assemblies by members of the Senior Leadership team (Mondays and Fridays), a project to do at home, information on e-safety, useful website links, choirs and virtual tours.

Very soon, there will be a host of learning videos created by staff from across the school with activities for children to do...watch this space!

Introducing the Virtual School Library!

Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch a [Virtual School Library](#) to keep children reading during lockdown. Every week, a popular children's author will become '[Author of the Week](#)' and provide a free book or audiobook and exclusive videos and activities aimed at primary school children, all available at library.thenational.academy.

The first [Author of the Week](#) is Dame Jacqueline Wilson DBE, who talks about how her infamous character Tracy Beaker got her name, offers exclusive activities and recommends her top reads to check out. *The Story of Tracy Beaker* is also available to read for free for a week. Happy Reading!

Teacher/Child Video Catch Up Calls

By now, many of you will have already signed up your child's **Teacher/Child Video Catch Up** call which will take place next week. The teachers really enjoyed seeing and speaking to so many of the children last time and hearing about their learning.

To book an appointment, please log into your **Weduc App** or follow the instructions which were sent to you in an email on Thursday.

On the day of the appointment, please make sure that you have **logged into School Cloud ten minutes before the call** is due to take place. The teacher will be waiting for the call to start, so if you are unable to make it, please cancel the appointment or let them know.

And Finally...on Itslearning we have set up a page for all **Brindishe Shared Parents/Carers Room**. This can be accessed using your child's log in details. We hope that you find the resources and links we have uploaded to be useful. This includes videos and resources created by Brindishe staff. If you know of any organisations, websites or resources that you think other parents/carers would benefit from accessing, please email to info@brindishegree.lewisham.sch.uk. We may not share everything at the moment, as we do not want to overwhelm people, but we might be able to in the future.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting on Tuesday. Excitingly we have secured a number of spots in the upcoming **Vitality Big Half marathon** (13 miles). Starting at Tower Bridge, it finishes in Greenwich, passing through the boroughs of Southwark, Tower Hamlets, **Lewisham** and Greenwich. The cost of taking part is £10 and requires a minimum amount to be raised. If you are keen to take part on behalf of BFG and make some money for the school please let us know. The event itself takes place on **25th April 2021** so there's plenty of time to get into training - we'll be posting tips on how to get 'race ready' on our FaceBook page (details below).

We're also **on the look out for a charismatic host ideally with advanced Zoom skills to help run a virtual quiz** in the coming weeks. If you think you fit the bill please let us know....!

We're having another meeting in a couple of weeks to firm up some fun Easter fundraising ideas which may include another trail around Hither Green, as well as a host of online activities. Let us know if you would like to attend: bfgsocials@gmail.com and we can send you a link.

As usual, to find out more about what we're up to and how money raised for the school is being spent, please follow us on FaceBook - search for '**Brindishe Friends Group**'. You can also follow us on twitter @bfghithergreen