

Friday 14th May 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

This week we have seen our first trips out of school. Year 4 have been able to take part in their swimming lessons at Glassmill in Lewisham. We have been so impressed by their energy and enthusiasm during the week and want to thank the staff and parents for making it happen.

For the past month, members of the Brindishe community both old and young have been observing Ramadan, a time of reflection, prayer and fasting between sunrise and sunset. Yesterday marked the beginning of Eid al-Fitr, three days of celebrations that include special morning prayer and feasting, celebrating the breaking of the fast, one of the most important religious duties.



Next week, we will see further restrictions lifted as we move along the 'road to recovery'. School procedures will remain in place and we ask you continue with the fantastic effort you are putting in to support us. As and when we are able to make any changes, we will ensure these are communicated clearly.

Wonderful Work!

This week, the following children have received an extra special mention as they have shown a fantastic attitude to their learning and produced some amazing learning outcomes. Look out for their 'praise card' which will come home with them today. **Well done everyone**



Year 1: Braydon & Aaron; Sophia & Ishaan; Taku & Josiah
Year 2: Moni & Lulu; Cade & Alex; Aamina & Jacob
Year 3: Leona & Jacob; Galliani & Carmelo; Eliana & Kuzi
Year 4: Grace & Kaelan; Sharon & Malo; Rose & Eliza; Hazeem & Sidi
Year 5: Maya & Martha, Nadjm & Dennis, Roxanne & Ange
Year 6: Gianni & Gabriela, Nevaeh & Michael, Michelle & Ricardo

A Message from... Ms Buchanan and Mrs Cliftlands - Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity at Brindishe Green. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a series of assemblies, activities and stories, allowing us to explore the idea that our brains are all different and how this contributes to our rich and diverse world. With KS2 we will talk about Dyslexia, Autism and ADHD. You can watch two of the videos that we'll share with our KS2 children here:

Dyslexia - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc>

ADHD - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YeamHE6Kank>

A message from Ms Chin: Online Safety Workshop for both children and adults

Just a reminder, on the evening of **Tuesday 18th May**, there will be an Online Safety Workshop for Year 3 – 6 Parents/Carers which will again be led by The Breck Foundation.

The presentation will focus on the risks of online grooming and how to empower young people to make better choices when interacting with others online.

This is a virtual presentation (Via Zoom) and will begin at **7pm**. It is really important for children and their Parents/Carers to have a good understanding of how to stay safe online as it is a big part of their life and development. The link for the Zoom session is below. We hope to see as many as possible of you there.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97245955062?pwd=d2ZRaDcvTIU1TVExQ0ZPMFhkVnYrZz09>

Meeting ID: **972 4595 5062**

Passcode: **491516**

Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

Online Safety bulletin

Fortnite – What is it? What are the facts?

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above**.

What should I know?

Communication: players can talk to each other via messaging or a headset and microphone. Children could speak to strangers and can be at risk of cyber-bullying.

In-app purchases: children can build up large bills on their adult's accounts by buying cosmetic items, like outfits for their character, and better-looking weapons ('skins').

Staying in control: It can be difficult for children to know when to stop and switch off. This can be because of the game's 'community' feel.

Lewisham Family Cycling Library

Please take a moment to read the attached flyer regarding the Lewisham Family Cycling Library. It contains information about how you can borrow an e-cargo bike with adapted child seats.....a great way to get some fresh air and exercise as you explore the local area.

International Nurses Day

This is a global celebration that acknowledges and celebrates the commitment and bravery of nurses around the world. It is celebrated on 12th May, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. We thought it was particularly important to celebrate the hard work of nurses and all NHS workers over the last year and would like to send our thanks to our parents and carers who work in local doctor's surgeries, clinics and hospitals to thank them for all they have done.

A message from..... Ms Supple

The Forest School and Gardening clubs are up and running and proving to be very popular. Do you have any used but now unwanted waterproof jackets, trousers or wellies you could donate to our forest school? Any size would be gratefully received but we particularly need sizes for 9-11 year olds. Similarly, if you have any gardening equipment (trowels, small forks etc) they would also be gratefully received and put to good use! Many thanks.

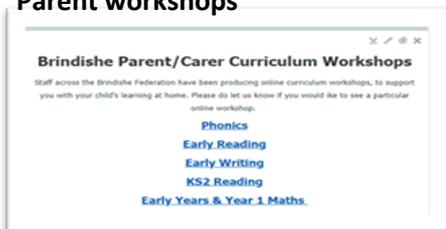
A message from..... Danny Gray, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Don't forget to sign up to the **Easyfundraising** app. **Easyfundraising** is an easy way to raise funds! It's free to use. All you need to do is download the app onto your phone / tablet / computer, then use the app when you do any online shopping. It has most shops on the app, whether you're buying some clothes, or booking your dog a haircut! It doesn't cost you any extra – if you do your online shopping through the app, you will automatically raise some money for Brindishe Green. Please find the link below. Many thanks in advance for your support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brindishegreen/>



Parent workshops



We would just like to remind parents and carers that you can access our parent workshops for Phonics, Early Reading, Early Writing, Key Stage 2 reading and Early years / Year 1 Maths on the ItsLearning platform. These can be found in the '*Brindishe schools Shared Parents and Carer room*'.

Many parents and carers often ask teachers how they can support at home and these workshops are a great starting point for families.

Please remember that ItsLearning has a whole host of links to websites that can support at home, as well as a whole section on mental health and wellbeing, with resources to support mental health, but also materials to support your children's understanding around the pandemic.

School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners for children in Years 3-6 should be paid in advance through Arbor. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child is now entitled to Free School Meals, you should make an application online and inform the school office straight away. Applications can be made using the following link: [Applying for Free School Meals Online](#)

Contacting Teachers

As I am sure you all understand, at this time we are unable to facilitate face-to-face meetings with your class teacher. However, the staff are still available to you and can be contacted if you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish to pass on some vital information about your child. Please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and mark the email 'For the attention of' and your child's class teachers name, e.g. F.A.O. Mr Phipps. We assure you that these emails are sent directly to the teacher, who will contact you by phone or email as soon as they can.

Important Dates

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Half Term
Thursday 17th June/Friday 18th June	Class photos and Individual Year 6 photos
Friday 23rd July	End of Term

We wish you all a lovely weekend,
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

POSITIVE COVID TEST

If your child or a member of your household becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk immediately providing the person/childs name, class, date and date of test

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

We're a group of teachers, carers and parents who are working with the community to raise funds for the school and put a smile on the faces of everyone at Brindishe Green.

Thanks to all who came to the meeting on Tuesday. We discussed a number of exciting ideas which we hope can either be held in person (restrictions permitting) or virtually.....If all goes to plan you can look forward to:

- A summer 'Give a garment/Grab a garment' - once again we'll collect clothes one week, then put them out to be 'grabbed' the next. Date to be announced soon.
- The return of the cake sale
- Fun quiz at Bob's
- A stall on the Hither Green Jumble Trail (w/kend 19/20 June)
- Raffle - if anyone would consider donating a prize please email: bfgsocials@gmail.com

During the Christmas break, we were able to help enhance the food parcels given to Brindishe Green families with donations from a number of different shops in the local area. We hope to be able to do something similar for the summer break, concentrating on long life cupboard foods and suggestions for exciting recipes. If you have links with any kind of food business that you think might be willing to donate something to us please get in touch:

bfgsocials@gmail.com

Other things in the pipeline:

- ✓ Supporting the Street Tree planting programme around the school
- ✓ Year 6 goodbye gift
- ✓ Reception welcome gift

Phew - we'll need the summer holidays when they come!

If you have any other ideas you think would raise money for the school then please get in touch:

bfgsocials@gmail.com.

To be even more up to date with everything that's going on, remember to follow us on social media. On twitter: @bfghithergreen and on Facebook search 'Brindishe Friends Group'.