

**Please wear a face mask/covering on school premises when dropping off or collecting your child; thank you! If you are exempt, please ensure you wear a lanyard.**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

What a busy week it has been with swimming; tennis sessions, forest schools, singing and so much more. Brindishe Green has been a hive of activity. We have also had the opportunity to share two very important assemblies with the school.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, **Windrush Day**, was marked in school with assemblies on Monday morning from Ms Debbie and Ms Caller. This day marks the arrival of Afro-Caribbean people to the shores of Tilbury Docks, Essex in 1948 and honors the British Caribbean community who came to the UK by invitation to help rebuild Britain after World War Two but were met with hostility, prejudice and racism. Children learnt about this important part of British history, what has been learnt, the influences it now has and how it contributes to the rich and diverse country we live in today.



Then, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June we celebrated 'Thank a Teacher Day'. Ms Waite led a special assembly with all of the three Brindishe schools meeting on Zoom. It was fantastic for all children across the federation to get together in this way, and to thank our teachers, support staff and everyone across the school for all of their hard work, especially over this past year.

Remember to keep an eye out on Weduc for all the updates and events over the coming weeks. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

## 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: Cara & Anaya, Arthur & Poppy, Ethan & Anja  
Year 2: Talia & Cindy, Mihai & Edie, Arlo & Abidah  
Year 3: Aaliyah & Willow, Lilah & Emilio, Noah & Rhiann  
Year 4: Wesley & Ali, Praise & Almedin, Femi & Malo, Abigail & Melissa  
Year 5: Ana & David, Abena & Erin, Joseph & Florence  
Year 6: Princess & Andrew, Izzy & Malachi, Amirah & Annie

## School Class photo

Your child's school photo order form will be sent home from today. All orders must be made at [www.brianmorrisphoto.co.uk](http://www.brianmorrisphoto.co.uk) and can be delivered to your home address. If you wish your order to be delivered to school your order must be placed by 9<sup>th</sup> July for it to be delivered to school by the end of term.

## Words for Life



The National Literacy Trust has a website called Small Talk, which is designed to help parents develop the skills and confidence they need to boost their child's language skills at home. There are lots of simple activities, advice and videos to help you chat, play and read with your child – it is well worth a look.

For more information, click on the link <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>

## **The Virtual Book Fair is coming to Brindishe Green!**

This time, the book fair will look slightly different from our usual fair events. Nonetheless, we have great books heading your way and plenty of time for the children to explore with their class and teacher during the school day. The full book selection will be available to peruse at your own leisure online as of today (Friday 25th June). Orders will be made through a dedicated website and then your book order will be delivered to your child's class. You can also choose to buy a voucher for your child to spend during their class's session during the school day if you would prefer. The book fair sessions will be taking place the week commencing **Monday 5th July** for one week. Your book order will be fulfilled during this week unless your chosen book is out of stock then it will be fulfilled the following week.

**Please support us to fill our book corners and re-launch our library ... the fair provider, Scholastic, will be donating up to 60% of all sales to Brindishe Green in brand-new books!**

Simply log-in to Weduc or check your emails to read the Book Fair Letter to find out how to order your books and vouchers!

## **Our Weekly online safety message from Ms Chin.....**

### **The Forest App**

A fun feel-good way of reducing you and your family's screen time.

Select a time you'd like to focus on a task, whilst the timer counts down, a tree begins to grow.

If you come away from the app to look at your phone, the tree will not be planted.

Overtime, you can grow your own forest!

- Families can talk about the importance of balancing [screen time](#) and real time. Create a competition among family members to see who can grow the biggest forest, and connect accounts to donate the planting of a real tree.
- Talk about the ways phones can be distracting. Which apps do you find yourself checking when you're trying to get something done? Are certain activities more distracting than others?
- Be a good role model around device use. Make sure to stop looking at a screen when you're interacting and try to illustrate how to stay focused on one thing at a time.

## **Online Safety Parent/Carer Tech Workshops**

***Attached to this newsletter is information from Lewisham regarding some free online safety workshops for parents/carers***

The purpose of the workshops is to increase awareness and provide some useful skills to support parents. By the end of the workshops, parents/carers will be able to:

- ✓ Recognise how modern technology can be used to jeopardise young people's safety
- ✓ Distinguish between different types of technological abuse that could affect children and young people
- ✓ Assess the risk factors involved in cases where technology is being used to abuse children and young people
- ✓ List different ways in which you can empower your children to use technology safely and positively.

There are four workshops available via Zoom in July. Please refer to the attached letter for further information.

## Make Music Day – A Big Thank You from Year 3

On Thursday, Year 3 came together for 'Make Music Day'. They performed two songs to celebrate music and being together. The video of this joyous event will be uploaded to ITS Learning for you all to enjoy at your leisure. A big thank you from all of Year 3 to Tessa Marchington for all your help and generosity sorting out bags, banner, posters etc to help Year 3 celebrate.



### Young Climate Warriors Update from Mrs Smith

'My aim is to achieve sustainable change, not just a cute little make-over' – Jamie Oliver.

This week's challenge encourages seasonal, local eating. Making changes to our lifestyles rarely happens overnight, and may require several attempts, trials and possibly a degree of perseverance. Achieving 'sustainable change' and not just a 'cute little make-over' can take much longer. It is hoped that Young Climate Warriors challenges sow the seeds of real sustainable change by encouraging small manageable actions and stimulating debate and discussion both within the classroom and around the kitchen table.

### Year 4 Swimming

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported with the walking to and from the pool with Redwood Class over the last couple of weeks – we couldn't do it without you. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, Spruce Class swimming has been postponed until September but it will make for a fun start to Year 5!

### End of Year Reports

Your child's end of term report will be given to you on Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> at the end of the school day. If your child walks home alone, your child will not be able to take their report, so please arrange to collect it in person.

### Healthy Living Week – And the Winner is ...

Congratulations to **Cedar Class** for being the fruitiest Class during Healthy Living Week and to **Walnut Class** for running the furthest during the daily mile. Thank you to everyone for taking part and making it such a fun and healthy week!



### The London Marathon fundraising event

Ms Debbie has once again secured a place for a member of the Brindishe Green community to run the London Marathon. This year Miss Shirin, our Year 2 teaching assistant's name was pulled out of a hat and she will be running just over 26 miles, raising money for the outdoor area. A Justgiving page has been set up for anyone who is able to donate to this amazing event. Good luck Miss Shirin with all the preparation - we will all be rooting for you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shirin-shabestari>

### 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/>



### Important Dates

Please look on the Weduc Calendar for key dates and information regarding your child's class

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	BFG Ice Pole Sale
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Fundraising Break the Rules Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Start of Term 1

## **Nursery Place for September 2021**

If your child turns 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August this year, they are eligible to start in the Brindishe Green Nursery in September – please apply as soon as possible to ensure your child will have a space. Nursery places at Brindishe Green are part-time during term time – children are offered either morning or afternoon sessions Monday – Friday. Please email [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) if you would like more information or to request an application form.

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

### **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](#)

## **A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)**

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**BFG Meeting** - On Tuesday we held a meeting welcoming a few new members to our committee and discussed how the money we have raised from the Brindishe Big Half will be spent by the school. Thank you to everyone who attended - we are always keen to recruit more people so please get in touch if you fancy getting involved. Email us: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com). We're also on twitter (@bfgthithergreen) and Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').

**Grab a Garment** - thank you to everyone involved with our Grab a Garment event. It was a great success. We're planning that clothes left over will go into store until the start of the new school year and we'll hold another event then. We are hugely grateful to everyone who donated clothes, helped us sort them and manned the stall - not forgetting the premises staff who unlocked doors and set up for us everyday.

**Ice pole sale** - we hope everyone was able to take advantage of the ice pole sale today. Thank you to the year 6 students who helped - you were fantastic. Some of the money raised will go towards helping the Year 6's arrange some fun events to celebrate the end of their time at Brindishe Green - what a strange final year they've had at Primary school..!

## COVID UPDATES

Restrictions are lifting, but specific guidance remains in place. Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

### HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

**HANDS:** We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children to do the same at home.

**FACE:** Our expectations remain in place. We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds.

**SPACE:** Maintaining a distance of at least 1m between us where possible will help reduce risk for all.

### Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up outside in larger groups, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or two households
- Indoor hospitality can reopen
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation can reopen
- You may also go on holiday or travel abroad, following government guidelines

### Travelling

If you or any member of your household are travelling outside of the UK to either a RED, AMBER or GREEN country, you must inform the school ([info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

**Covid Symptoms** – If you, 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](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) immediately providing the person/child's name, class, date, and the type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days. **Please let the school know straight away of your child's test results.**

### Continuing to keep Brindishe Green Safe and Our Children at School

We ask that all families support us in keeping the children, staff and community safe:

- Please wear a face covering/mask when on school premises, if possible
- Please follow the one-way systems in school
- **Please try to cross to the far side of Beacon Road once you have collected your child, rather than walk in front of the gate where parents are standing and waiting to enter the school.**
- Contact the school office via email ([info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)) or telephone 02088527245.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information