

Friday 24th September 2021

Message from the Head

It has been a characteristically busy week at Brindishe Green! Next week, we are really looking forward to welcoming the award-winning 'Innovation Hub' programme into our school. Children across the school will enjoy a workshop with trained facilitators in which they will be learning and developing their coding skills. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children and underscores the importance of acquiring real literacy in modern technologies as part of primary education. We are also pleased to announce that Innovation Hub will be delivering extra-curricular clubs for children across the school who are keen to pursue this further and a flyer with details is attached to this newsletter.

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

Wonderful Work!

Well done to all the children for returning to school so well this week. Your teachers will be on the lookout in the next few days to see which children have really gone the extra mile and next week's winners will be listed here:



Year 1 Londi & Ehan, Nera & Alfie, Emilia & Rhianna
Year 2 Lennie & Alice, Madison & Manil, Arthur & Romilly
Year 3 Alex & Abidah, Jessica & Cyrus, Cindy & Jacob
Year 4 Lewis & Samuel, Jack & Emmanuel, Liam & Elsie
Year 5 Jayla & Kasey, Sienna & Sabawoon, Ellie & Malo, Kai & Oscar
Year 6 Shakijah & Amy, Tamaira & Ray, Daniel & Ana



Special Lunch 7th October 2021 (attach Menu again)

Our new catering partner Radish have generously offered to give a free school dinner to every child in school on Thursday 7th October. The menu for this day is attached to the Newsletter. This is a great opportunity for your child to try the food served in school.

If your child normally has packed lunch and you would like them to try a free school dinner on Thursday 7th October, please use the Forms tab in your Weduc App to add your child's name and class to have the free school dinner that day.

AFRIL Foodbank Collection

Once again, this year we are collecting much needed items for the **Helping Hands Foodbank!** The 'Helping Hands Foodbank' is a joint project between the Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter (in Lee) and **Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL)**. AFRIL is a small, locally-run charity based in Lewisham. They work to relieve poverty and social isolation amongst refugees and asylum seekers, by providing education, family support services, and access to emergency supplies.



This term we are collecting **tinned tomatoes**. Any size or brand will be very gratefully received! Please bring your donations to school on **Wednesday 29th Sept, Thurs 30th Sept and Friday 1st October**, during drop off and collection. There will be collection boxes in the playground on those days. Thank you in advance for your donations!

A Message from Mr Phipps - Lewisham Sumdog Competition is Back!

The latest Lewisham Sumdog Competition is upon us! Starting today at 8am and finishing on Thursday 30th September at 8pm, children can play anytime and several times. All they need is their Sumdog log in. For the score to count, the Lewisham Maths Contest activity must be showing in the green panel on the left to the student's screen when they click the start to each game. Scores are based on correct answers and every student is limited to a maximum of 1000 contest questions – plenty of opportunity to show off their maths skills! Have Fun!



INSET Days and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

An INSET day is a day in the year, where all staff are required to attend school for training or to complete administrative tasks. **Children do not attend school on these days.** This academic year, our INSET days are as follows:

INSET 1: Wednesday 1st September 2021

INSET 2: Monday 1st November 2021

INSET 3: Friday 26th November 2021

INSET 4: Tuesday 4th January 2021

INSET 5: Monday 4th July 2021

Next year, there is an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Nationally this will be on Friday 3rd June. As this date falls during the Summer Half Term Break, schools have been advised to take this day at another time.

Therefore, school will be closed on Monday 6th June 2021 to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Consideration for our Neighbours

At BG we are very proud to be part of our local community and strive to be the best neighbours we can be. Can we please ask that parents who bring their children to school by car, park their car in a manner considerate to those who live around the school.

Please also remember that Beacon Road is now a School Street and is closed to most traffic from 8:30 –9:30am and from 2:45 to 3:45pm during term time. Thank you!

Meet the Teacher – Virtual Meetings

Our virtual Meet the Teacher (Parent/Carer meetings) will be taking place the week beginning 11th October.

Appointments will be made using the Weduc App and the meetings will take via video. More information will be sent to you early next week.

Brindishe Green, Lunch Time Play Lead Vacancy - Maternity cover

We are currently recruiting a Lunch Time Play Lead at Brindishe Green School to join on us on a temporary basis. The role will start on the 11th October 2021. The deadline for completed applications is midday on **Friday 1st October 2021** and interviews will be held on **week commencing Monday 4th October 2021**. As the role involves working with children, you will be required to undergo a full DBS check before being appointed to the post.

If you would like to have a conversation about the role before applying, please contact Adam Twyman, Headteacher. For more information on the role, including a link to the application form, please visit to the [Lewisham Jobs Website](#).

Scooters and Bikes in School

It is great to see so many children riding their bike or scooter to school every day. Please can we ask that all children **get off their bike/scooter before they come through the school gate**, and push it to the rack in the playground. We encourage children to wear a helmet when they are riding a bike/scooter and ask that you make sure they are riding safely on the pavement, especially when it is busy.

Marathon Training Update from Miss Shirin



Only one week to go!! Have you seen the signs going up on the roads? It is getting real! On Sunday I had my biggest run on road and it went well (see picture). 36km (22 miles) starting at Greenwich following the Thames path all the way to Battersea park, across the river then back along the Thames path, through the foot tunnel and back to Greenwich and the biggest English breakfast I could think of :) Legs felt pretty good and this run showed that my training has paid off and gave me the confidence that I can manage the remaining 6km with the help of the incredible crowd of supporters near that finish line.

Obviously you never know how things go on the big day! Fingers crossed I can pull it off. I have now started tapering. I am still running 6 days a week but the mileage is dropping with my longest run being a 20km this Saturday. I am now doing my best to sleep and eat well and make sure I feel well and rested for the big day.

This week the children watched an assembly I did on London marathon and it was great to say hi to the kids who had watched it and were curious about it.

Massive thanks to those who have already donated. I am fundraising for our school so if you wish to donate, here is the

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

Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin

Internet Matters has a step-by-step guide to ensure you are confident setting up **parental controls**, knowing what apps are ok for your children to access and how to 'talk digital' with your children. The very best way to ensure your children are safe online is to have frequent and open conversations about how great being online is and the things they like to do whilst they are using a device. This way, our children know we are ready and interested to talk if there is a problem.

The NSPCC has a great guide to starting these conversations. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>
Attached are step-by-step guides for setting up parental controls to limit age-inappropriate content. Click here for [Android](#) and [iPhone](#) guides.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

At Brindishe Green we teach children about their Rights and a about how these rights are for all children, all over the world. Each week, we will share an article for you to discuss with your children at home.

The start of the new school year is a good time to revisit **Article 28** – the right to an education and **Article 29** the goals of education. This week we ask, what do you think are the most important things children should learn in school and how has that changed for you over the last 18 months?



Important Dates

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

Banyan Class Swimming 27th Sept – 8th Oct 2021

Meet the Teacher (Virtual Parent/Teacher meetings) - w/c 11th October 2021

Wear Red Against Racism – 22nd October 2021

Half Term 25th - 29th Oct 2021

INSET Day – 1st November 2021 – No children in school

INSET Day – 26th November 2021 – No children in school

Winter Break 20th December – 3rd Jan 2022

INSET Day – 4th January 2022 – No children in school

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.

Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Meeting - The first BFG meeting of the new school year will take place on Wednesday 13th October at 6pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend. There is lots to discuss including plans for a pizza evening, school clothes swap, setting up a regular coffee morning and fun ideas in the build-up to the festive period (it's never too early to be thinking about Christmas..)!

Get in touch - Drop us an email: bfgsocials@gmail.com . To find out more about what we've been doing, follow us on Twitter: @bfgthithergreen and connect via Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').

COVID UPDATES

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of you household is exposed to Covid-19 in the coming weeks.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better or 48 hours if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back• A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours• A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Obtain a PCR test Self-isolate until results are known Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so	After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend Children can return after 10 days even if the cough and loss of taste/smell

		remains. This can last for weeks
My child tests negative for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone in my house tests positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	...the quarantine period has been completed

