

Friday 5th November 2021

Dear parents, carers, families, staff and friends,

Message from the Head

Welcome back from half term to all our children, families and staff. We are pleased to let you know that the children have settled back quickly and exciting learning has already taken place across all the year groups.

On Wednesday the children in Year 2 and 3 took part in a special Diwali Dance Workshop. They impressed the teachers with their rhythm, facial expressions, hand gestures, respect and enthusiasm. We would like to take this opportunity to wish a very Happy Diwali to all our families and staff who celebrate the festival of light.



On Thursday 11th November it is Armistice/Remembrance Day. This is when many people across the United Kingdom take time to remember and think about those who lost their lives or have been injured while serving our country in the army, navy and air force. It is also a time to thank those still serving in the armed forces today. We will sell red poppies in the playground early next week (mornings only) and money collected goes straight to The Royal British Legion.

We hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable weekend,
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Wonderful Work!

Well done to all the children for trying their best this week with their learning. Your teachers have chosen the following children to praise this week for their efforts in going the extra mile.



Year 1 Chloe & Ryan, Soraya & Chadwick, Allwin & Alia
Year 2 Anaya & Johannes, Theo & Remy, Jordan & Poppy
Year 3 Zekia & Mihai, Basiru & Elsie, Esther & Musa
Year 4 Jean-David & Imogen, Aaliyah & Malick, Vittorio & Olive
Year 5 Bethany & Joao, Isis & Amelia, Emmelia-Rose & Paddy, Abigail & Sidi
Year 6 Osman & Yadiel, Alex & Kosi, Maya & Tabby



COVID Update

The news this week has reminded us that, although we are able to go about our daily lives, COVID is still very present within our community. We are seeing cases rise in our school, in our community and across London, and it serves as a reminder that we all still have a duty to keep ourselves as safe as possible.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the following points:

- If you/your child is showing signs of COVID, please ensure that you go for a PCR test
- Inform school straight away if you/your child tests positive for COVID
- If your child tests positive for COVID, ensure they self-isolate for the allocated days
- Try to remember the 'hands, space, face' rule

Thank you for your continued support.

Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be at Brindishe Green **on Friday 12th November** to administer the flu vaccination for all children whose parents have consented. For more information on how to do this, please see Notices on Weduc.

National Sumdog Competition

Over 3,500 classes from across the country have entered the National Sumdog competition which runs from Friday 05th November until Thursday 11th November. It would be fantastic to see as many children from Brindishe Green as possible enter the competition. All the usual rules apply but in summary:



- Children should simply play Sumdog's mathematics games. As they do so, they'll answer questions that contribute to their score.
- Your class's score is the average number of correct answers across the students who take part.
- There's a maximum of 1000 questions for each student - so accuracy is more important than effort!
- Students can play at school or home, at any time during the contest week.

Thank you in advance for your support – it would be great to see Brindishe Green represented on the national leader boards! Mr Phipps

Contacting Class Teachers

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please can we remind you to email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk. This is so we can be sure that the message is received by the teacher, so we can flag it if needs to be dealt with quickly or so it can be passed to another member of staff such as a senior leader if appropriate.

School Street Extension

We are delighted to announce that School Street will now be extended **to include Ardmere Cottages**, at the back gates of school. The start date is still to be confirmed but we are pleased with this announcement as we believe it will help to keep our children, families, neighbours and staff safe. In the meantime, please can we remind you to park safely and to turn off your engine as soon as you have stopped your car, in order to reduce dangerous fumes being released into the air around school. Many thanks.



Raddish Parent Survey

Raddish, our new catering contractor are seeking the views of families on the new school meals. We would love for you to share your thoughts about the new meals. Please click here to fill out the survey



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7BEALrBUbUS3dhTvnZAHCVkWfHr2XtIL>

A message from Mr Williamson

Lewisham are looking for Junior cross country runners, aged from 10-16 to represent Lewisham Borough at the London Youth Games. **It takes place on Saturday 20th November from 9am-2pm at Parliament Hill.** To be eligible to represent Lewisham, they must either live in or go to school in the Borough of Lewisham. Please note athletes will need to make their own way to and from the venue and to take part, you must have been born before 31/08/2011. **The deadline for entering is Monday 8th November at midday.** We would love to hear if you have signed your child/ren up for the event.

If you have any questions, please email lewishamathletics@ukzy.com.

Medication in School

If your child has medication in school, such as an asthma pump or epi-pen, please can we remind you to make sure that it has not reached its expiry date. Parents are responsible for ensuring that medication in school is in date and replaced as required. Please contact the school office if you are unsure when your child's medication expires. Thank you.

Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin - What you need to know about... TWITCH

Twitch is a live streaming platform designed for gamers to share game play and content. Any gamer can live stream or pre-record video of their own game play including commentary and top-tips. Gamers love it as it offers a real sense of community and a chance to see top gamers show off their skills. New-releases are reviewed and previewed meaning its often the best place to see the best new games.



But Twitch, like many other social media apps, has an **age rating of 13+**, and **Twitch recommends anyone between 13 – 18 should be using it with an adult. It does not, however, have any age verification process when signing up.** The age rating reflects the uncertain nature of live-streaming. Inappropriate language and content should be expected to reflect the age of many of the games being reviewed and played. Twitch also allows for users to send gifts – users can be duped into giving away money or become engaged in conversations with strangers increasing their chance of online grooming.

Take a look at the guide on how to put in place controls and disable features on Twitch.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-control-twitch-tv.pdf>

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

At Brindishe Green we teach our children about their **Rights** and 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.

This week, millions of people across the world celebrated Diwali. Therefore we are considering

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.



Young Climate Warriors

‘You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. **WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE**, and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make’ Dr Jane Goodall, world-renowned environmentalist particularly famous for her work amongst the chimpanzees of Tanzania.



Dr Jane Goodall, alongside Sir David Attenborough and Ellie Goulding, are COP26 Advocates – invited by the UK government to support the UN Climate Conference and help bring the world’s attention to the importance of tackling climate change. Agreements reached in Glasgow will be crucial to accelerating action to tackle our climate crisis – protecting our planet for future generations.

As individuals, we also have a part to play.

As Jane Goodall says ‘what you do makes a difference’. This week’s challenge focuses on ‘vampire power’ – the wasted energy, and unnecessary carbon emissions, resulting from appliances left on standby. How many little red or green eyes can the team of Young Climate Warriors find this week, and can they remember to switch them off?

Young Climate Warriors is about engaging and empowering children, but also about letting children’s voices be heard.



Important Dates

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

Celebrating Diversity Week – 15th - 19th Nov 2021

Children in Need – Wear Your Happy! - 19th Nov 2021

Flu Vaccination - 12th Nov 2021

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

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – 16th Dec 2021

Last day of Autumn term – 17th Dec 2021

Winter Break 20th December – 3rd Jan 2022

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

Start of Spring term – 5th Jan 2022

Remember children must be in school by 9am every day and be collected at 3.15pm

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Give a garment - Next week we will be collecting clothes for the BFG pre-loved clothes swap. Please bring items that your children have outgrown and drop them off at the collection point in the car park before school. We are accepting the following:

- Shoes - in good condition (no holes)
- Jackets - non-branded with working zippers/fasteners
- Jumpers - school jumpers, plain jumpers, non-branded
- Tracksuits - good condition, suitable for wearing to school
- Trousers and skirts - plain and non-branded, suitable for school
- School uniform - including skirts, dresses, shirts, trousers and tights
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Please make sure items are clean, do check pockets before dropping off and only donate items you would be happy to receive. Items we collect will be available from w/c 15th Nov.

If you are interested in helping us collect, sort and give out the clothes please get in touch: bfgsocials@gmail.com

Volunteer a festive window! - We are looking for people to take part in the BFG Festive Trail in December by decorating a window for children to spot. Artistic ability absolutely not necessary. Let us know if you fancy a go: bfgsocials@gmail.com

BFG AGM - Thank you to everyone who made it to the BFG AGM on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many people - particularly all the new faces! If you want to get involved it's not too late - we'd love to hear from you. Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

To find out more about what we do follow us on Twitter: @bfgthiergreen 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 your 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	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Obtain a PCR test	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Self-isolate until results are known</p> <p>Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school</p>	
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <p>Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return</p> <p>Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace</p> <p>Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so</p>	<p>After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend</p> <p>Children can return after 10 days even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks</p>
<p>My child tests negative for Covid-19</p>	<p>Contact school to inform us</p>	<p>...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return</p>
<p>Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<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>	
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<p>NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19</p>	<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>	
<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>	<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</p>	

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<p>We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine</p>	<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>	<p>...the quarantine period has been completed</p>