

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors and Friends,

This week we have continued to see more year groups go on a range of educational visits, with many more planned over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on your Weduc app for letters and permission slips from your class teacher. We were very proud to hear from Rev Juliet at St Swithun's Church about how wonderful our Y1 children and Y4 children were on their visit this week. She said they behaved beautifully and showed a real interest and curiosity about the church.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteer to and support the classes on these visits – we couldn't go on them without you. Can we also please reach out to the remaining families who are still to make the £20 voluntary contribution on Arbor. This money is very important to the school, as it means we can plan and take the children on a range of exciting educational visits which support, enhance and improve their learning.

Tomorrow, 16 children from across Year 5 will complete a programme they have been participating in called Shine. This has been running for 4 weeks at Blackheath High School and has included a range of exciting activities such as pizza making, coding, art and science. Well done to all those children who enthusiastically took part and who behaved so well while representing our school! A big thank you goes to Mr Chris Coker who has accompanied the children every Saturday, and Ms Rachel Supple who ensured that the children made it to the bus on time.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated £1 to our collection in which we were raising money to buy new books for our classroom reading areas. We collected £162.49. Thank you also to the families who bought new books from our Virtual Scholastic Book Fair. The money you spent will also help us to buy new books for the school.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy weekend,
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Wonderful Work!

This week the children across the school have impressed the adults with their focus and dedication to their learning. The children listed below have really shone throughout the week and will be bringing a praise card home:

Year 1: Sophia and Chadwick, Iris & Jare, Chimamanda & Abdullateef
Year 2: Eli & Abi, Ismaeel & Lotta, Nailah & Kellis
Year 3: Thevishan & Musa, Basmat and Lincoln, George and Kyran
Year 4: Kevin and Jasmine, Elm class, Maya and Megan
Year 5: Hazeem & Hristiyana, Malo, Keira & Naailah, Praise and Mya, Mia & Joao
Year 6: Luli and Hari, Kevin and Siouxghan, Oscar and Alex



Parent Workshop - What is Autism?

Parent information session, Tuesday 15th March 9.30-10.30am

As part of Neurodiversity work we are very pleased to be offering a parent zoom session on Tuesday 15th March from 9.30-10.30. This session will be led by the Drumbeat outreach team who support us in meeting the needs of children who have social communication difficulties. This session is open to all parents, and will offer an insight into what Autism is.

There will be the opportunity to listen and learn, and to ask any questions, however as it is a public forum we won't be able to discuss specific children.

We would love for as many parents and carers as possible to join us, please email

idee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk to register your interest and to be sent the zoom link. We look forward to running more parent information sessions in the coming months, if there's something in particular you'd like to learn more about please let Jessica know using the same email.

Parent Voice Survey

You will remember from last week's newsletter that we are launching our regular parent survey to gather your views on the fullness of your child's experience at Brindishe Green. I would be delighted to hear your views. There are 14 questions and it should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Thank you <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/23D82L9>



The survey will close on Monday 14th March 2022.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

Over the next couple of weeks we will be asking the children in school to share their views and ideas on what it is like to be a child at Brindishe Green. This week's article links with this as every child has the right to have their views heard, taken seriously and respected.

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child): Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.



Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin.... Be SMART!

When using the internet, ask your children to be **SMART!**

S – SHARE – don't share information like names, numbers and emails with people you meet online.

M – MEET – Never meet an online friend without a parent or carer, even if you've been friends for a long time.

A – ACCEPT – Never accept a file, message picture or text from someone you don't know. This is how viruses can be spread. Remember, if you see something inappropriate – tell someone!

R – RELIABLE – Information online is not always true. Check with lots of sources both online and offline and speak to others if you are unsure.

T – TELL – Tell a trusted adult if you feel upset, worried or confused by something you've seen online or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.



Young Climate Warriors

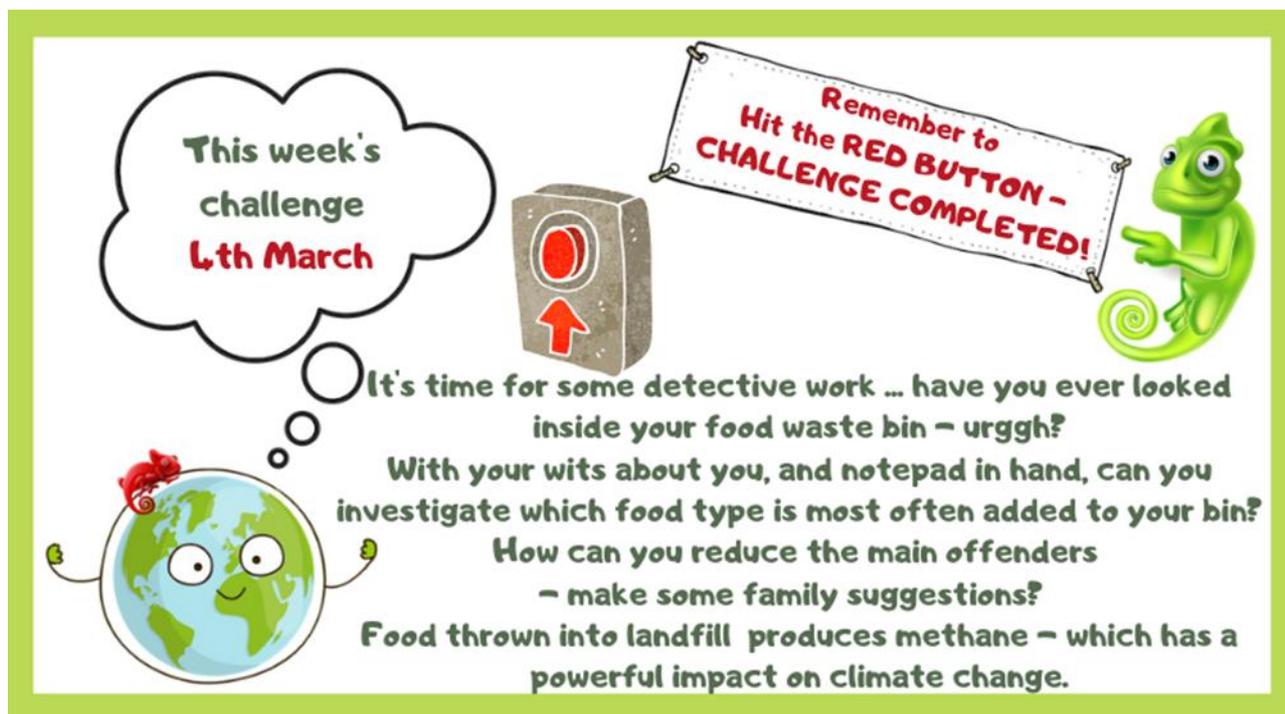
'We will not surrender in Ukraine and we hope the world will not surrender in building a climate resilient future'.

Ukrainian Climate Scientist, based in Kyiv - Svitlana Krakovska - working on the publication of this week's UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - 'Impacts, adaptation and vulnerability'.



Amidst shocking reports from Ukraine this week, the IPCC issued a hard-hitting report about the impacts of climate change and our need for climate-resilient development. 'Societal choices and actions implemented in the next decade will determine the extent' of that impact.

Young Climate Warriors aims to help children be involved in positive change – small actions that can make a difference even when we can't control events happening in our wider world. Food waste, if it were a country, would be the third-largest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions after China and the US. Tackling food waste is something that anyone and everyone can help with, starting today. This week Young Climate Warriors are encouraged to become 'detectives' – investigating which food types are most often wasted in their homes, and how they can tackle those chief culprits, reducing their household impact on climate change.



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Meeting - Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting last night of BFG. It was really productive with lots of great ideas for how we can raise funds and events we can put on. And thank you also to every member of the school community who supports us. Everyone who walks through the gates of the school is an automatic member of the Brindishe Friends Group. Participation doesn't have to mean attending meetings or running events - it can be being part of a class Whatsapp group - passing on information about events, making a donation or leading on a fundraising idea. Together we are brilliant and have achieved so much, like funding the new daily mile markings in the big school playground which we LOVE! And your support for the 'make at home pizza' evening was terrific.

Donations for food parcels - The money raised from the pizza evening will go directly towards funding food parcels for families who need support during the school holidays. The Easter holiday has snuck up on us and we only have a couple of weeks left to put the parcels together. Although we raised a significant amount towards these from the recent pizza night, it's not enough to pay for everything our families need. We would welcome any cash donations. You can make payment to our PayPal account [paypal.me/bfgsocials](https://www.paypal.me/bfgsocials) (or via PayPal with the bfgsocials@gmail.com email address). This will go towards buying essential items.

Find us on social media - On Twitter: @bfgthiergreen and Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') and keep up to date on all our latest news.