

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors, and Friends,

As we come to the end of the spring term, we look back and celebrate all the achievements of the last 3 months. This term has felt more normal than any term in what feels like a very long time. It has been so lovely to see children back out on school trips, participating in sports competitions and welcoming visitors into the school once again. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who accompany the children on these visits – we couldn't do it without you.

As a senior leadership team we know that it is time for us to be opening up again as a school and plans are in place to ensure that, hopefully, we will be able to welcome parents back into school to be part of your children's learning journey in the summer term once again.

We very much hope that you are able to enjoy some time with your children over the break, rest and recuperate before we **see you back in school on Tuesday 19th April**.

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

A message from Mrs Waite and Liz Murphy – Executive Head and Chair of Governors

This term has now come to an end and what a day of weather to finish on: sun, showers and even snow – fingers crossed we see the temperatures rise slightly as we can turn the alarm clocks off and pause the school run for two weeks. On behalf of the Governing Body, I want to thank the staff and children for their hard work. At times, we have had been hanging on by a thread, but the Brindishe Team always pull together and for that we are very grateful.

Over the course of the past few months, we have had a number of visitors come to the school, allowing us to celebrate our fantastic children and the amazing learning that is going on in the classroom and around the school. We have been thrilled by the comments they have made and look forward to sharing them with you next term. We have also spent time looking over the feedback you gave us in the survey. Your views are very important to us and again, we will be providing you with the feedback, actions and next steps.

As Governors, we have also been able to close the Zoom down and hold our meetings back in school. Each Governor has visited the school, focusing on key school priorities and having the chance to meet and talk to both the staff and children across the Brindishe Federation.

Although we are still seeing the effects of the pandemic, we are very much looking at ways to open our schools up further for all parents and carers next term. We want to ensure you have the opportunity to share your child's learning, visit the classrooms, see the performances, attend workshops and not limit it to a 'screen'.

We wish you all a restful break and those celebrating Easter or Ramadan, we hope you find the time to be together. We also look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 19th April 2022, ready for the summer term.

Rachel Waite and Liz Murphy
Exec Head Chair of Governors

Holiday Greetings

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Islamic families beginning the holy month of Ramadan this evening.

Happy Easter to all our Christian families starting holy week next Sunday.

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: Ejla and Elliot, Londi and Amari, Rosalind and Thisani

Year 2: Anaya & Ada, Ariana, Lyra, Jordan and Zahra

Year 3: Averie and Jersha, Amara and Abdesamad, All of Palm class

Year 4: Mylo and Leona, Elm and Eliana, Edward and Sara

Year 5: Isis, Shea and Rufus, Sirine, Rafael and Temi, Angel & Jayla, Justin and Rayhan

Year 6: Nadjm and Siouxghan, All of Oak class, Cheryl and Ana



Covid Vaccinations for Children Aged Between 5 and 11

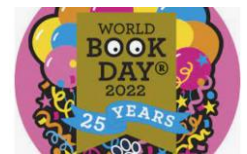
Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations to 5-11 years old from this April 2022, following the government announcement. This means that children within this age with no other underlying health conditions, will be offered two pediatric (child) doses vaccine with at least 12 weeks between doses. A letter from the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust is attached to this newsletter with full details about how to book and further information about the vaccines.

World Book Day Costume Winners

Children were invited to come to school on World Book Day dressed as their favourite book character, in home-made, environment friendly costumes. Congratulations to the winners of our World Book Day costume competition. The winners were:

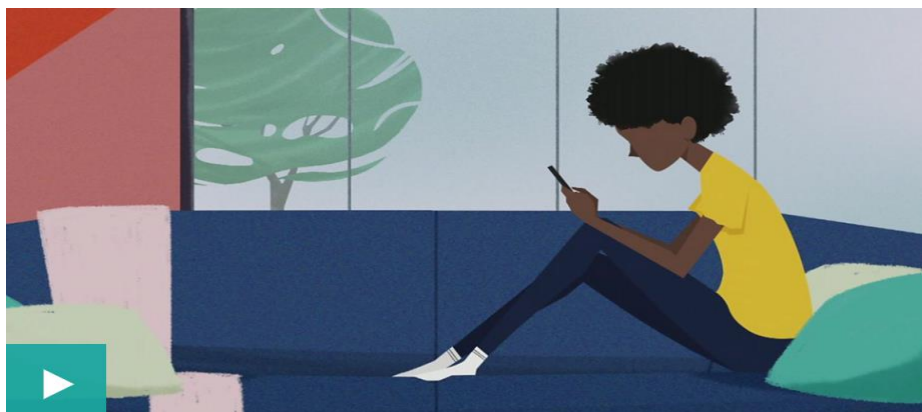
EYFS – Stella KS1 – Mishal LKS2 – Salih UKS2 – Annie

All our winners have received a certificate and a book as their prize. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin

There is a lot going on in the world right now. Covid, climate change, a cost-of-living crisis and war in Ukraine, all of which is seen by children in the unending 24 hours news cycle. Whether on television or through their devices children will inevitably feel upset and worried about what they are seeing. It can be hard for parents to draw the line on how much to let their child see. The BBC's news program for children, Newsround, has published some useful guidance including a short video giving some helpful advice. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>



Dad's Group

A group by Dads, for Dads. A 9-week online group for Dads supporting each other to be the best parent they can be. The group is facilitated by Dom and Kevin and will be running from Tuesday 3rd May to Tuesday 5th July between 7 and 8:30pm. If you are interested, please click [here](#) to sign up or scan the QR code below. The group is free to Dad's living in Lambeth, Croydon, Southwark, Lewisham, Greenwich, Bromley or Bexley



An 8-week online group by dads for dads



Tuesday 3rd May - 5th July



Use QR code or link to register or email EPECProject@slam.nhs.uk

**Tuesday evenings
7-8.30pm on Zoom**

What other dads said...

"When I signed up I expected a tonne of advice and strategies. What I didn't expect was the sense of community I got from a bunch of dads who genuinely seem to understand."

S, dad of two, Lewisham

"I'm amazed with the honesty and openness from the group. Great sessions, useful tips and practical advice to help manage my two young boys. It's a regular feature of my week that I look forward to."

N, dad of two, Lambeth

Good
parenting
ideas based
on science,
research &
experience



Hidden in almost every room, cylindrical or cuboid ... what am I?

I can be cylindrical or cuboid and I am probably hidden in EVERY room in your home, what am I?



Your challenge this week is to think about the amazing role of batteries, and take 'charge' of used batteries! Find a box or bowl to collect them in and make sure they make it to your nearest recycling point so that the raw materials can be extracted and re-used. As Greta Thunberg says 'Every single person counts' and in this case, every single battery counts. Recycling batteries reduces the need for mining new raw materials and avoids the related carbon emissions. Use re-

chargeable batteries where possible.

What role do batteries play in helping to combat climate change? They are a fundamental part of the solution – both in electric vehicles and in allowing us to store renewable energy until it is needed. **In ten years' time, it is thought that we will be making nearly 20 times more batteries than today!** We need to use our existing resources as carefully as possible. All batteries are reliant on raw materials mined from the earth including lithium, graphite, lead, nickel, steel, cadmium, cobalt, zinc, copper, aluminium and manganese. These resources are finite – they will run-out. Mining conditions are not always ideal and concerns have been raised about hazardous working conditions, use of child labour, local water shortages and environmental contamination.

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

THANK YOU! - This week we gave out over 100 bags of food essentials to members of the Brindishe community. It was funded by donations from YOU and the proceeds from our recent 'Pizza At Home Night', so a massive shout out to everyone who contributed - including the ever-generous Billy at Found Hope, as well as the guys at Natoora and OuiChef.

As we've said before, everyone who walks through the gates of the school is an automatic member of the Brindishe Friends Group. Participation isn't about attending meetings or running events. It can just be passing information on via a class WhatsApp or making a donation.

But collecting for the Big One (ie food parcels for the summer holiday) starts now! We are planning another couple of pizza nights in the summer term so watch out for info about those. You can also donate here:

paypal.me/bfgsocials (or via PayPal with the bfgsocials@gmail.com email address).

Spring trail: postponed - This will no longer go ahead over the Easter weekend as planned. We plan to rearrange for late spring. Apologies to all the people who had already volunteered to decorate their windows but we will be back in touch after the holidays with a new date.

Follow us - Find out more about what we're up to by searching for us on Facebook - look for 'Brindishe Friends Group' - and follow us on Twitter - @bfgthiergreen. You can email us too to find out more and with any questions: bfgsocials@gmail.com.