

Friday 22nd April 2022

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

Well, what a warm and sunny start to the Summer Term! It was great to welcome you all back to school on Tuesday after the 2-week break and to see the children settle back so quickly into their learning and classroom routines. Children from across the school have been out in our Edible Garden weeding the raised beds and planting more seeds. We look forward to watching the grow over the next couple of months.



We are also delighted to be able to send 20 families from across Year 5 and 6 to watch Charlton Athletic Football Club's last home game of the season tomorrow. We obtained these complimentary tickets from Charlton and hope to be able to send more families in the future.

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 – Ronan and Nera, Ruben and Jahziyon, Jakub and Devaani
Year 2 – Naomi and Ousmane, Isaac and Emin, Poppy and Henry
Year 3 – Dvir and Kadijah, Iyenoma and Salih, Zekia and Abigail
Year 4 – Nadia and Elsie, Lewis and Sam, Ramzi and Vittorio
Year 5 – Sidi and Maya, Mileta and Emilio, Praise and Emmelia-Rose, Daniel & Thalytta
Year 6 - Rahiem and Kosi, Leland and Oscar, Kevin and Yadiel



Open Classrooms Years 1-6

By now, we hope that you will have read on Weduc that we are delighted to be able to welcome you into school to spend time with your child in their classroom and to look at their learning.

During this half term there are 2 days allocated for you to visit. You can either sign up to a morning OR an afternoon session. In order to ensure that the classrooms do not become overcrowded, we will need to restrict the numbers to **a maximum of 15 adults** during each morning and afternoon session. This will allow for one adult per child to attend on day 1 and 2.

We ask that you sign up as soon as possible to the session you would like to attend (in the forms section on Weduc). There will be two days in the half term for you to visit, allowing for both parents in a two parent/carer family to attend.

Before your visit, please read the letter so that you know how the sessions will run and what to expect. Please note that toddlers/babies must stay with their adult at all times, and that you should not come into school if you are feeling unwell.

We really look forward to seeing you!

Changes to Covid Isolation Rules

Attached to the newsletter this week is a letter from the director of public health in Lewisham confirming changes to the covid isolation rule for children under 18. Please take time to read the letter in full but to summarise, it is advised that for children and young people aged 18, under COVID-19 is usually a mild illness, and most get better in a few days. Although testing is no longer available, children and young people should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 **and**:

- Have a high temperature or
- Do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities.

They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay away from school until two days (48 hours) after they last vomited or had diarrhoea, even if they do not have a high temperature.

If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This starts from the day after they did the test. Children and young people tend to be infectious to others for less time than adults. If they are well and do not have a temperature after 3 days, there is a much lower risk that they will pass on COVID-19 to others.

Nursery Open Days for New Children

Do you or someone you know have a young child who will be aged 3 and 4 in September? Would you like them to attend our fabulous Nursery? If so, we will be holding 2 open afternoons for you to come and look at the setting and meet our nursery staff. The sessions will be on:

Tuesday 26th April from 4-4.30pm OR

Thursday 28th April from 4-4.30pm

To book a place on one of the tours, please email your name and contact details to:

admissions@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk A confirmation email will be sent to secure your booking.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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.

Music Assemblies - Do you play a musical instrument?

Brindishe Green provide weekly music appreciation assemblies for each year group from Years 1-6. The children love listening to different styles of music and learning about music history, technology and instruments. We would like to involve our parents/carers in these assemblies by inviting you to share your musical talents with the children. We would love for you to play for



us as the children enter and leave assembly or during a carpet session for our younger children. You do not have to be a professional musician.

If you would like more information on how you could be involved please, email the school office on info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and your email will be forwarded to Amy Cliftlands (Music Lead).

Educational Visits – Parent/carers helpers

Thank you to all the parents and carers who offer and accompany our children on school visits – without your help these visits would not be possible.

Please be aware that when you offer to help on a visit that you can only do so on your own, which means that it is not possible for younger siblings to come along too. The reason we ask for parents/carers to accompany a class is so that we have the required ratio of children to adults and we cannot risk an adult on a trip having to leave with a sibling if they become unwell or distressed.

We also ask parents/carers to fully support the class teacher in monitoring a group of children, supporting the group while they complete activities and ensuring they are travelling safely on public transport or while crossing roads. Each accompanying adult is given a small group of children to monitor and it is important that younger siblings do not distract them.

Again, we thank all our parents/carers who have supported on visits this year, and we hope that many of you will do so in the future.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

This week, we're taking a look at **Article 17 – access to information from the media.**

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them. With the rapid spread of misinformation online, the world of media and news can be challenging for children and young people to navigate. CBBC Newsround, First News and The Week Junior are examples of online sources that are appropriate and easily accessible for children.



Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin

Are you concerned about what your child might be downloading onto their phone or tablet?



As children get older and own their own devices, they are often keen to download apps and games that their friends might have too. However, it is important for us to know exactly what these apps are and check we are confident they are **appropriate and safe**. **One way to do this is by restricting screen time and in app purchases. Here is how!**

On **iPhones**, if you do not already have **Screen Time** turned on, go to...

Settings > Screen Time > tap to turn it on > choose whether it is your device or your child's device > follow the steps to set up a passcode. Then just follow the steps below...

If you already have Screen Time turned on, go to ...

Settings > Content and Privacy Restrictions > enter your passcode if asked > turn on Content and Privacy > tap iTunes and App Store Purchases > In-app Purchases > set to Don't Allow.



On **Android**, go to...

Play Store > tap the menu button in the top left > scroll to Settings > Require Authentication for purchases > Select 'For all purchases through Google Play on this device'.

Keep an eye on your bank statements to check your child isn't getting round the controls.

A message from Brindishe Friends Group

RUNNERS NEEDED - Fancy running a half marathon and raising money for the school?

For the second year in a row, we have managed to secure a number of charity places to be part of the The Big Half 2022. It costs £20 and you'll need to raise a minimum amount. Let us know if you would like to take part - last year this was so popular we had to request more spaces. The event takes place on Sunday 4th September. Email: bfgsocials@gmail.com. Don't worry if you've never done something like this before, as with last year we plan to set up a Facebook group to help everyone get race ready which will be full of top tips and support.



THANK YOU! - In the last week before the Easter break we gave out over 100 bags of food essentials to members of the Brindishe community so they could feed their families over the holidays. This 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 is not about attending meetings or holding events. It can just be passing information on via a class WhatsApp or making a donation. Because of what we've achieved, it meant families, who otherwise would struggle, were able to keep hunger pangs at bay whilst the school was closed over the Easter holidays.

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).



Stay in touch - To find out more, search for us on Facebook - look for 'Brindishe Friends Group' - and follow us on Twitter - @bfghithergreen. You can email us too to find out more and with any questions: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

