

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

A long weekend, a polling day, heavy rain and even a thunder storm – just some of the events this week, but the learning has still been as strong as ever. Keep an eye out on the Itslearning page as the teachers will be uploading the termly overview for you to find out what is being taught this term in each year group.

On a separate note, you may have noticed Ms Campbell has not been at school for a while and a number of you have been asking after her. Back in February, Ms Campbell unfortunately caught COVID-19 and is still recovering and unable to return to work. A few of us managed to see her this week and passed on your best wishes. We are all missing her lots and send her all our best wishes during this time. Get well soon Ms Campbell.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Wonderful Work!

This week, the following children have received an extra special mention as they have shown a fantastic attitude to their learning and produced some amazing learning outcomes. Look out for their 'praise card' which will come home with them today. **Well done everyone :)**



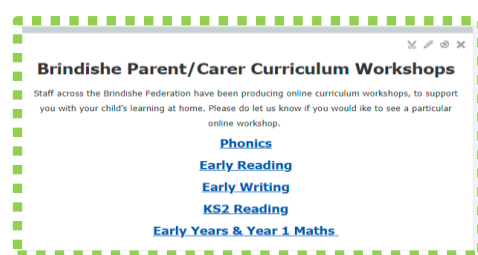
Year 1: Kellis & Milo, Ariana & Renaye, Alessandro & Anaya
Year 2: Jasmine & Salih, Serif & Shia, Eesha & Olivier
Year 3: Christian & Maya, Charvi & Vy, Vivaan & Joel
Year 4: Renee & Josiah, Cristina & Mya, Ethen & Elissa, Luca & Shea-Luc
Year 5: Erin & Tamaira, Olivia & Kosi, Nadia & Nevaeh
Year 6: Rickael & Ebony, Jorel & Racim, Phoenix & Sam

Parent-teacher meetings

Thank you to all the parents that took part in this week's parent/teacher meetings via Weduc or phone call. There are still a number of families who did not sign up, so please do email in to info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk so your child's classteacher can arrange a time to speak to you.

Parent Workshops

We would like to remind parents and carers that you can access our parent workshops for phonics, early reading, early writing, Key Stage 2 reading and Early years / Year 1 maths on the its learning platform. These can be found in the '*Brindishe Schools Shared Parents and Carer room*'.



Many parents and carers often ask teachers how they can support at home, and these workshops are a great starting point for families. Please remember that Itslearning has a whole host of links to websites that can support at home, as well as a section on mental health and wellbeing. There are resources to support mental health, as well as materials to support your children's understanding around the pandemic.

Family Workshops: Online Safety Workshop for both children and adults

On Tuesday 18th May, there will be an Online Safety Presentation during the school day for all children in Years 3- 6 by the charity The Breck Foundation. This will include an age-appropriate and engaging real-life story as an example, teaching an ethos of 'Play Virtual / Live Real' and emphasising that online friendships are not the same as real-life relationships.

Furthermore, on the evening of Tuesday 18th May, there will be an Online Safety Workshop for Year 3 – 6 Parents/ Carers which will again be led by The Breck Foundation (please see the attachment for more information). The presentation will focus on the risks of online grooming and how to empower young people to make better choices when interacting with others online. This is a virtual presentation (via Zoom) and will begin at 7pm. It is really important for children and Parents/ carers to have a good understanding of how to stay safe online as it is a big part of their life and development. The link will be sent in the newsletter next week. and we hope to see as many as possible of you there.

Best wishes, Rebekah Chin

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the blessed month of Ramadan. This year (2021) **Eid al-Fitr** is expected to be celebrated on the evening of **Wednesday 12th May 2021**, however the exact date is subject to the sighting of moon of Shawwal. We would like to wish you all a very special Eid al-Fitr and hope you enjoy celebrating with your families.

We understand this is a special day of celebration so if children is going to be absent from school, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Computer Equipment

During the last lockdown we handed out a number of laptops and iPads to families to ensure online learning could take place. Thank you to the parents/carers who have returned the equipment over the last few weeks. For those who haven't, a station will be set up in the playground during morning drop off. Please make sure you bring in the equipment on the correct days:

Nursery/Reception/Year 1/2 Monday 10th May

Year 3/4/5/6 Tuesday 11th May

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MORNING DROP-OFF TIMES

Don't forget.....the morning times have changed slightly.....please continue to drop children according to the timeslots below:

A-G group 8.45am – 8.55am **H-P group** 8.55am – 9.00am **Q-Z group** 9.00am – 9.05am

ALL children MUST be in school by 9.05am

Guidelines around social distancing and wearing face coverings are still very important during drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you very much for your co-operation in taking these steps to protect our community.

School Street

Beacon Road became active as a Lewisham Council School Street this week, and is now closed to cars between 8.30am-9.30am and 2.45pm-3.45pm. This will be enforced with cameras, and the Council are currently consulting on whether Ardmere Cottages may become a School Street also. Although Beacon Road is a School Street, some cars are unclear of the rules and/or exempt so please still be mindful when crossing or standing in the road. For further information visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/schoolstreets



A message from..... Danny Gray, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Don't forget to sign up to the **Easyfundraising** app. **Easyfundraising** is an easy way to raise funds! It's free to use. All you need to do is download the app onto your phone / tablet / computer, then use the app when you do any online shopping. It has most shops on the app, whether you're buying some clothes, or booking your dog a haircut! It doesn't cost you any extra – if you do your online shopping through the app, you will automatically raise some money for Brindishe Green. Please find the link below. Many thanks in advance for your support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brindishegreen/>



A message from..... Mr Williamson

Next week Beech class will begin their intensive 2-week course of swimming at Glassmill Leisure Centre. If you can help with the commute to and/or from the pool, even if only on one of the days, your assistance would be greatly appreciated! On another note, following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions this summer term, we have re-established after-school clubs. We are delighted to be able to offer children a variety of sports clubs as well as a fabulous range of extra-curricular activities including gardening, drama, art, and Forest School which are due to start this week.

A Message from... Ms Buchanan and Mrs Cliftlands - Neurodiversity Celebration Week

During the week of 17th May, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity at Brindishe Green. Through a series of assemblies, activities and stories, we will consider how our brains are all different and how this contributes to our rich and diverse world.

School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners for children in Years 3-6 should be paid in advance through Arbor. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child is now entitled to Free School Meals, you should make an application online and inform the school office straight away. Applications can be made using the following link: [Applying for Free School Meals Online](#)

Contacting Teachers

As I am sure you all understand, at this time we are unable to facilitate face-to-face meetings with your class teacher. However, the staff are still available to you and can be contacted if you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish to pass on some vital information about your child. Please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and mark the email 'for the attention of' and your child's class teachers name, e.g. F.A.O. Mr Phipps. We assure you that these emails are sent directly to the teacher, who will contact you by phone or email as soon as they can.

Important Dates

Monday 31st May – 4th June - Half Term

Thursday 17th June/Friday 18th June – Class photos and Individual Year 6 photos (more details to follow)

Friday 23rd July - End of Term

For **2021 – 2022 term dates**, please visit <http://green.brindisheschools.org/termdates>

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

POSITIVE COVID TEST

If your child or a member of your household becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk immediately providing the person/childs name, class, date and date of test

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Money raised from Brindishe Big Half - We started off with a target of £1000. Our stretch target was £1500. With all of your wonderful support and help we then **stretched our target 6 times** up to £2400. The final day of the fundraising page being live has come and **we have hit an amazing £2500!** Thank you to everyone who pledged something. The online donation page is now closed but if you missed it and still want to give something, email us at bfgsocials@gmail.com to find out about ways to do that. Hayley who led the runners has this message: "You have all been so generous, your comments have been overwhelmingly supportive. Thank you all so much and a huge thank you to Team Brindishe Green who made this half marathon happen. Well done everyone!! Next year anyone?" The money raised will go towards enhancing the playground areas for all our children including equipment and playground markings.

As of last week, BFG had already donated **£3,000**. £1350 will go towards new books for the school library; £1350 for technology equipment to go into the new Tech Hub and £300 for outdoor spaces around the school.

All thanks to you (and the local community) and the support you've given to our fund raising endeavours.

Join us for our next BFG meeting - This will be held **8pm** on **Tuesday 11th May**. We'll be discussing plans for fund raising during the summer term . Please come! Drop us a line if you want to attend: bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can keep up with more of what we are doing by following us on twitter (@bfgthithergreen) and FaceBook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').