

Friday 28th May 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

What a fantastic half term we have had. The children have settled back in so well and the work produced has been amazing. We have loved going round to the classrooms, celebrating the work through our praise cards and seeing such exciting and interesting learning.

As we start a week's holiday it is important to remember that, although restrictions are lifting, there are still many in place. Whilst we hope you enjoy more socialising both inside and outside with friends and family, when coming back to school we will continue with the guidance and routines we have in place. If or when we are advised otherwise, we will keep you informed. We really want to thank you for all your support and commitment and hope this can continue throughout the summer term.

In the meantime, we hope you have a relaxing break and hope the weather continues to improve so we can all enjoy some time outside, in the fresh air.

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: Ben & Roshan; Lucas & Zahra; Alex & Erin

Year 2: Thevishan & Rose; Anne & Janushan; Fenella & Kamari

Year 3: Jean-David & Jasmine; Olive & Tommy; Malick & Amelka

Year 4: Callum & Jacob; India & Kai; Redwood Class

Year 5: Amy & Georgina; Michael & Florence; Isabella & Tom

Year 6: Laurel & Trent; Khaleem & Vanessa; Princess & Alex

POSITIVE TEST: COVID-19

If your child receives a positive test result during Half Term, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk immediately giving your child's name, class and date of test. We need to collect test results so that we can inform any close contacts.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

As some of you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now a statutory part of the National Curriculum. This change was planned to take place as of September 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been given longer to bring this into their curriculums.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We would really appreciate it if parents could read through the policy and share your thoughts with us through an online survey. This survey is a first step in our schools' engagement on Relationships Education with you as parents. Your comments will help us understand your views and take these into consideration as we update our curriculum to meet the new requirements. The deadline for completing this survey is **18th June 2021**.

Policy Link: <https://lee.brindisheschools.org/attachments/download.asp?file=898&type=pdf>

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6KZNF6V>

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Nursery Place for September 2021

If your child turns 3 by 31st August this year, they are eligible to start in the Brindishe Green Nursery in September – please apply as soon as possible to assure your child will have a space. Nursery places at Brindishe Green are part-time during term time – children are offered either morning or afternoon sessions Monday – Friday. Please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk if you would like more information or to request an application form.

Year 4 Swimming Update

Elm class will continue daily swimming lessons in the week beginning 7th June. Please ensure you send your child to school every day with their swimming kit, and be at school on time.

Redwood class will be starting their 2-week swimming block from Monday 14th June. The permission slip must be returned before your child is able to go swimming.

If you are able to help with the walk to Glassmill and back, Mrs Bowen would love to hear from you. Please return your permission slips when we come back from half term.

ONLINE SAFETY

Discord – What is it? What are the facts?

One thing children love about being online, is the connection they feel to other players both online and off.

DISCORD - CHAT FOR GAMERS is an app designed to help players talk to each other in real time.

While playing a game on their device, users can log in to Discord and enter a group chat with one or more other gamers so that they can talk while they play. **The app is rated 13+.** This is because it enables children to talk instantly with others. Navigating this space requires maturity; to know when they are safe and to respond appropriately when things in their game go wrong. The app is aimed at adult gamers, so often the content of conversation features topics not appropriate for younger players.

A message from Mr Williamson (Physical Wellbeing and Healthy Living Lead)

We're very excited to be welcoming top athlete Frederick Afrifa to Brindishe Green on Tuesday 15th June.

Frederick Afrifa will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils**, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session.

Any sponsorship money raised should be brought into school by **Wednesday 16th June**.

A message from Mrs Smith (Humanities Lead)

'Everything is connected. When you see how thin that atmosphere is... you think we really have to take care of it.'

NASA astronauts talking in the documentary film, 'Down to Earth: The Astronaut's Perspective' January 2021

According to the pioneer astronaut, John Glenn, the most powerful quality in an astronaut is curiosity. This half term we are encouraging all Young Climate Warriors to explore a tiny patch of nature close to home and see it through different eyes. Where will their curiosity take them? If your child would like to join in, please go to <https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org> and click on This Week's Challenge to discover an activity sheet as well as video links to get a glimpse of how astronauts see the Earth from the International Space Station.



Donations of Wellies and Waterproofs



The Forest School and Gardening Clubs are up and running and proving to be very popular. Do you have any used but now unwanted waterproof jackets, trousers or wellies you could donate to our Forest School? Any size would be gratefully received but we particularly need sizes to fit 9-11 year olds. Similarly, if you have any gardening equipment (trowels, small forks etc) they would also be gratefully received and put to good use! Many thanks.

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/>



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](#)

Important Dates

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Half Term
Monday 7th June – Friday 11th June	Elm class swimming
Monday 14th June – Friday 25th June	Redwood class swimming
Monday 7th June – Friday 11th June	Years 5 and 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 15th June	Sponsorship event with Frederick Afrifa, 100m Sprinter
Wednesday 16th June	Sponsorship money deadline
Monday 21st June – 2nd July	Spruce Class Swimming
Thursday 17th June/Friday 18th June	Class photos and Individual Year 6 photos
Friday 23rd July	End of Term

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

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

An update on our summer activities with some important dates* for your diary:

- Give a Garment/ Grab a Garment - clothes collections will take place w/c 14 June. The clothes received will be available from w/c: 21 June
- Cake sale - Friday 25 June
- Raffle - tickets go on sale w/c 5 July. Draw will be held Friday 16 July
- Collection for summer break Food Parcels w/c 19 July

We'd love more volunteers to help us make this happen. Get in touch via bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can also follow us on social media. On twitter: @bfghithergreen and on Facebook search 'Brindishe Friends Group'.

*These dates are provisional and dependent on Covid restrictions being lifted.

COVID UPDATES

Restrictions are lifting, but specific guidance remains in place. Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

HANDS: We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children to do the same at home

FACE: Our expectations remain in place. We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds

SPACE: Maintaining a distance of at least 1m between us where possible will help reduce risk for all

Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up outside in larger groups, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or two households
- Indoor hospitality can reopen
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation can reopen
- You may also go on holiday or travel abroad, following government guidelines

Travelling

If you or any member of your household are travelling outside of the UK to either a RED, AMBER or GREEN country, you must inform the school (info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

Covid Symptoms – If you, 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/child's name, class, date, and the type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days. **Please let the school know straight away of your child's test results.**

Continuing to keep Brindishe Green Safe and Our Children at School

We ask that all families support us in keeping the children, staff and community safe:

- Please wear a face covering/mask when on school premises, if possible
- **Please try to cross to the far side of Beacon Road once you have collected your child, rather than walk in front of the gate where parents are standing and waiting to enter the school.**
- Contact the school office via email (info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone 02088527245.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information

