

## Please wear a face mask/covering on school premises when dropping off or collecting your child; thank you!

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

I hope you have all had a lovely week, enjoyed the changes in weather and welcomed the break to something a little cooler. Attached to this week's newsletter - you will find a letter written on behalf of Lewisham, officially launching the Race Equality Pledge, which all Brindishe Schools have signed up to. By signing this, we (alongside many other Lewisham schools) have pledged to embed race equality and address underachievement. The main launch will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Windrush Day and will be the start of some fantastic work and opportunities that we will embrace as a Federation.



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is 'Thank a Teacher Day'. Over the course of the year, our staff have gone above and beyond and we will be recognising them all by saying a big thank you on that day. Please encourage your children to say a big thank you on Wednesday to the staff across school for being 'the best'.

And finally, we heard this week that current restrictions will remain in place for another 4 weeks. This means that certain events in school may need to change slightly. Please keep an eye out for messages from your child's class teacher or the school over the coming weeks.

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: Jordan & Cherrilyn, Skye & Poppy; Charlie & Maanhasha  
Year 2: James & Iyenoma, Darius & Rihannat, Sol & Amara  
Year 3: Samuel & Albioni, Sirik & Pavarshan, Aice & Vittorio  
Year 4: Justin & Maya, Subomi & Charis, Juan, Melani & Kiera, Yaqing & Paddy  
Year 5: Rahiem & Cheryl, Dania, Nadia & PJ, Mia & Ron  
Year 6: Tykirri & Zainab, Barney & Gia, Dorothy & Henry

### Water Bottle, Sun cream and Hats

Although the temperatures have dropped slightly and the rain has set in, please remember to send your child in with a water bottle (no glass) and ensure sun cream has been applied **before** coming to school. Children should also remember to wear sensible shoes, open-toe sandals are not appropriate for school.



### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Thank you to everyone who completed the online Relationships and Sex Education survey. The survey has now closed and we will be in touch with our next steps in due course.

## Nursery Place for September 2021

If your child turns 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August this year, they are eligible to start in the Brindishe Green Nursery in September – please apply as soon as possible to ensure 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](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) if you would like more information or to request an application form.

## Our Weekly online safety message from Ms Chin.....

**TikTok: The minimum age rating for a child to use TikTok is 13.**



TikTok allows users to watch, create and share videos, often to a soundtrack of the top tracks, right from your phone. It currently has over 100million users. When you sign up for TikTok, your account is **public**.

**This means anyone can see your videos, share them, send you private messages and use your location information.**

**TikTok does have a 'family Safety Mode', but** you should make your information private, so only contacts you know can see your videos. However, when sharing off the app (such as via Whatsapp) videos can then be forwarded without your consent.

## Online Safety Parent/Carer Tech Workshops

**Attached to this newsletter is information from Lewisham regarding some free online safety workshops for parents/carers**

The purpose of the workshops is to increase awareness and provide some useful skills to support parents. By the end of the workshops, parents/carers will be able to:

- ✓ Recognise how modern technology can be used to jeopardise young people's safety
- ✓ Distinguish between different types of technological abuse that could affect children and young people
- ✓ Assess the risk factors involved in cases where technology is being used to abuse children and young people
- ✓ List different ways in which you can empower your children to use technology safely and positively

There are **four workshops** available via **Zoom in July**. Please refer to the attached letter for further information.

**'You can start changing our world for the better daily, no matter how small the action.'** – *Nelson Mandela*



The Covid pandemic has brought home the realities of globalisation and how inter-connected we are. The virus's invisibility has made it all the more frightening. Palm oil is an invisible ingredient in many processed foods and household products, yet the consequence of the unsustainable management of palm oil plantations is devastating for climate change and biodiversity. Rather than seeing these big, invisible issues as overwhelming children are encouraged to take a leaf from Nelson Mandela – making small daily changes can help make our world a better place.

This week's challenge encourages Young Climate Warriors to learn about palm oil, and 'sustainable palm oil', and to make and enjoy some home-made biscuits instead of factory-manufactured ones containing palm oil.



### Year 4 Swimming

Redwood class will continue their swimming lessons next week. Please ensure that children are in school on time and have their swimming kit with them. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported with the walking to and from the pool – we couldn't do it without you.



### Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC)

Across next week, Year 4 will be taking part in the pilot MTC scheme, which will become statutory from 2022. The children will have to answer 25 times table questions on an I-Pad with a time limit of six seconds for each question. It is very similar to what they have practiced a lot throughout Year 4 and is a chance for the children to show off just how well they know their times tables!

### The London Marathon fundraising event

Ms Debbie has once again secured a place for a member of the Brindishe Green community to run the London Marathon. This year Miss Shirin, our Year 2 teaching assistant's name was pulled out of a hat and she will be running just over 26 miles, raising money for the outdoor area. A Justgiving page has been set up for anyone who is able to donate to this amazing event. Good luck Miss Shirin with all the preparation - we will all be rooting for you!  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shirin-shabestari>

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

This week all the children from years 1-6 thoroughly enjoyed the fitness activities and assembly with international sprinter, Fred Afrifa. Across the school, the children performed thousands of star jumps, press ups, spotty dogs and leg drives - it was exhausting just to watch! The children have been busy fundraising for playground equipment - thank you for all your generous donations and support at home. If you happen to find a sponsorship form at the bottom of a bag or on a bedroom floor, there's still time for more fundraising! Prizes will be awarded once the tallies are totalled.

### Partridge Update from Miss Supple (Science Lead)

It has been great to see the excitement from the children (and staff) whenever they see our 10 grey partridge chicks. They have spent their week visiting different year groups to allow the children to get a better look at them and over this week they have already begun to lose their soft downy feathers. It has been fantastic to hear the children asking questions about whether the difference in feather colour was related to whether they were male or female - apparently this is not the case and it is just luck of the draw as to what colour feathers they get.

We have learnt that grey partridge hens lay a lot of eggs. Females can lay up to 22 eggs—among the most of any bird species. They are strictly a ground bird - never likely to be found in pear trees - much to some children disappointment! They have now gone back to the farm where they will stay until the autumn. They will be relocated to their release site so they can go on to live and reproduce naturally. This whole experience has allowed us to help this common native bird, which is now on the Birds of Conservation Concern 'red list', to become less endangered.



### 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/>



## Important Dates

Please look on the Weduc Calendar for key dates and information regarding your child's class

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Spruce Class Swimming
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	BFG Clothes Grab in playground
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	BFG Ice Pole Sale
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Fundraising Break the Rules Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Start of Term 1

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

### 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](#)

## A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

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**Clothes collection** - thank you to everyone who donated clothes this week as part of our **Give a Garment** event!

It means that from Monday (21st June) we have an amazing selection of items ready for people to collect. The clothes will be available in the mornings when you drop of your children.. Once they're gone, they're gone - so get in early!

**Cake sale CHANGE-** due to the continuation of covid restrictions, we are not able to hold our cake sale next Friday (25th June) as planned. Instead we will be selling **ICE POLES** after school for **20p** each.

**BFG meeting** - the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd June at 8pm. Please let us know if you want to join us - we always love seeing new faces: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)) or telephone 02088527245.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information