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<https://community.crisis.org.uk/christmas-2016/reserve-a-place?gclid=CM3vv5rVh9ACFWkz0wod6OcJdw>

11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

<https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/>

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks

We've had a great week at Brindishe Green and are looking forward to our very special 'Celebrating Diversity' week which starts on Monday.

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

On Monday, Mary Seacole visited year 2 to tell them all about her life and her work with soldiers during the Crimean War.

### **Crisis at Christmas**

We have now launched our nominated charity for our Christmas fundraising this year.

On Tuesday our years 5 & 6 Tag Rugby team (Brindishe Falcons) won the Lewisham borough finals and brought home yet another silver cup!

All three schools will be supporting Crisis this year; the national charity for homeless people. We hope you too will be able to help.

Our team of 7 played 20 teams winning all 6 of our matches including the Final 3-0 against Sandhurst Primary School. We scored a total of 18 tries and only conceded 1 try throughout the whole competition. The Brindishe Falcons will now represent the Borough of Lewisham again at The London Youth Games 2017; I think that's two teams so far.....Mr Lewis would like to thank Mr Jackson for his assistance in the training.

We are asking children to 'do' something to raise money rather than just give a donation. Children can offer to 'do' something to help. This could be unpacking the dishwasher, washing the car, helping with shopping, walking the dog, washing up etc. and through this they will earn pennies large or small, to donate to Crisis.

On Thursday our year 6 children took part in bikeability training and were absolutely fantastic! Also on Thursday a group of professional musicians from Trinity Laban came and played their brass instruments for our children. The children really enjoyed the experience.

For just over £200.00, we can feed 10 people over the Christmas period in one of the 14 Crisis at Christmas Centres.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

We are looking forward to your contributions and novel ideas for our 'Celebrating Diversity' Cake-a-Thon on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

We are also talking to the children about how local foodbanks support families at difficult times and how we can donate to our local Foodbank. If you would like to support us in raising money for Crisis at Christmas or want to collect donations for our local foodbank, please let the office know or send me an email at [headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

### **Diary Dates**

Week beginning 14 Nov : 'Celebrating Diversity' week at Brindishe Schools  
18<sup>th</sup> November - Cake-a-Thon Competition  
23<sup>rd</sup> November Flu vaccine for Ys 1 to 3  
23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 to the Roman Amphitheatre at the Guildhall  
29<sup>th</sup> November - Turning of the Year

Please take a look at the links below for more information.

**Christmas dates:**

**Winter Warmer (Yrs 1 and 2)**

Thursday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Start approx. 2.00pm

**Christmas around the World (Yrs 3 and 4)**

Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Start approx. 2.00pm

**Chestnut Nativities- Reception**

Monday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - For Chestnut 1 and 2

parent/carers

Tuesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - For Chestnut 3 and 4

parent/carers

Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas lunch (more details to follow)

**Christmas at the church Yrs 5/6**

Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - Evening performance at 6.00pm at St Swithun's Church

16<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term

4<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

Well done to Cherry and Mangrove for this week's best attendance

Cherry's attendance was 99.2% and Mangrove's attendance was 98.5%

Well done to Maple and Walnut who were the classes with this week's best punctuality

...and finally

**Keeping our children safe online:**

We know that children enjoy going online to search the Internet, play games and chat with their friends. The range of websites and apps available mean our children can search for information, share images, watch videos and use social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, incredibly easily.

There are so many benefits to using the internet; our children can learn new things, find answers to their questions and get help with their home learning. It can be an incredible resource! However, there are also risks.

Some websites and apps use age restrictions to make sure that children don't see any content

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which may be unsuitable. You can find out more information about these websites and apps by visiting the links below. The table below also lists popular social media platforms and their associated age restrictions. If you have any questions or queries please come and speak to your child's class teacher or to Mr Baguley.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

**Age restrictions for social media platforms**

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| Age 13                                   | Twitter<br>Facebook<br>Instagram<br>Pinterest<br>Google +<br>Tumblr<br>Reddit<br>Snapchat |
| Age 14                                   | LinkedIn  |
| Age 16                                   | WhatsApp  |
| Age 18 / or age 13 with adult permission | You Tube<br>Flickr  |

By understanding and talking about the dangers we can all help to keep our children safe online in school and at home. I know you will want to support us in keeping your child safe.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

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Headteacher

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