

**Friday 14th January 2022**

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors and Friends,

This week, our newsletter starts with some sad news. After more than 10 years at Brindishe Green Mr Aidan Phipps will be leaving us at half term. Mr Phipps has been a huge part of our community for a long time and will be very much missed. Many children have passed through his care over the years and I'm sure you will join me in thanking him sincerely on behalf of every one of those children. More recently, Mr Phipps has been an important part of the school's leadership team and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him as well for all the support and guidance he has offered all the staff during that time. On a personal note, as a new Head, he has been a great help to me as I have gotten to know Brindishe Green over the last term. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to wish him every happiness and success as he steps out into his new role.

In the short term, we will be covering Mr Phipps' role in school by re-organising the time of some of our other leaders from across the school. We will keep you informed of any other decisions or appointments in due course.

Best wishes,

*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 – Oscar & Sona, Joseph & Ayub, Rosalind & Rapheal

Year 2 – Cara & Poppy, Lyra & Harrison, Henry & Melody

Year 3 – Anne, Cade & Santiago, Malik & Elsie, Idress & Thevishan

Year 4 – Jamal & Vittorio, Sirik & Jacob, Alexis & Albioni

Year 5 – Hamzah & Bethany, Valerie & Ellie, Bea & Amari, Kai & Camilo

Year 6 – Wiktor & David O, Jayden & Annie, Junior & Cheryl



### **Important Dates**

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

Remember children must be in school by 9am every day and be collected at 3.15pm

### **Spring Census Day - Special School Lunch**

Thursday 20th January is the Spring School Census. The money the school receive from the government to pay for the school's meals is based on an average of the number of meals taken on the census days in October and January. It would really help us if your child was to have a school meal on this day. To encourage children to join us for school lunch, Radish are offering a special menu with some Brindishe Green favourites.

If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have lunch on Census Day please sign up by completing the consent form on Weduc via the forms section. If you pay for your child's meal please make a payment (£2.45) on Arbor by Monday 17th January. If your child usually has a school meal you do not need to sign up.

### **Tackling Race Inequality Newsletter**

Please find attached to our newsletter this week, a Tackling Race Inequality' Newsletter from the London Borough of Lewisham.

### Choir – Year 3-6

We are very pleased to announce that this term we will continue running a choir for students in Years 3-6. A message has been added to Weduc and we ask that you please sign up by Sunday if you would like your child to attend. We will let you know on Monday before lunchtime if your child has been offered a place. **If your child was part of the choir last term, we ask that you please sign them up again so Mr Horgan knows who is continuing and who has decided to stop choir.**

### National Sleep Helpline

Did you know that at any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep? Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely. The Sleep Charity's **free** helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of who are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people) about their sleep issues). The helpline is open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7.00pm to 9.00pm and the number is 03303 530 541. You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/> An information flyer is attached to this newsletter

### Competition Winner

You may recall from our 3<sup>rd</sup> December newsletter an invitation to participate in a design an apron competition run by our school catering contractor, Radish. Entries were invited from all of Radish's primary schools right across London. I am delighted to announce that Mya in year 5 has been chosen as one of the 10 winners, with a beautiful design incorporating snowmen, a gingerbread man, Christmas stockings, and festive candy canes. Her design will be printed on an apron for her to keep. Well done Mya!

### We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

In this week's Article of the week, we're taking a closer look at **Articles 7 and 8**. These ensure every child their right to be **registered at birth, to have a name, nationality and identity**.

Even though we may take these Rights for granted, we should reflect on why they are crucial for everyone. We also encourage everyone to think about their unique identity and what underpins it, as well as the importance of respecting and appreciating that of others.



### Young Climate Warriors

'Ingenuity unlike anything we've ever seen; where beauty knows no bounds'.

David Attenborough, The Green Planet – on 'The Incredible World of Plants'.

BBC 1 series launched January 2022.



The incredible world of plants is captivating and enthralling. It serves to remind us, at the start of 2022, why we need to do everything we can to protect and repair our precious planet.

'Scribble it down', 'pop it on a post-it', 'stick it on the mirror', 'sing it in the shower', 'draw it on a bookmark'. Young Climate Warriors are encouraged to kick off 2022 by thinking of their favourite idea to help combat climate change, and come up with an ingenious way of helping them to remember to do it!

Over 300 pledges were made by Young Climate Warriors as part of the COP26 Forest of Promises initiative. We've put together a selection to provide you with some inspiration, so head over to our [YCW gallery](#) or [social media](#) pages and take a look!



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

**Who are the BFG** - You may have been wondering.. we're a group of teachers, carers and parents who are working with the community to raise funds for the school to spend on equipment and activities for the students...as well as help put a smile on the faces of everyone at Brindishe Green!

#### **Activities to look out for the rest of the school year -**

- This year we will be launching our website where you'll be able to catch up with what we've been doing and all our future plans
- We hope to hold another 'Grab a Garment' event where you can donate good condition, school appropriate clothes and take home other people's pre-loved items
- We will be putting together more food parcels to help families who need them through the holidays
- We will be working with the school to help fund raise for new equipment for the children to use
- We will be adding to this list in coming editions of this newsletter!

**Your input** - As ever, we would love your ideas of fun things to do to raise money for the school. Please email us: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com), connect with us on Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') and follow us on twitter: @bfghithergreen. We are now up to 59 followers. Can we make it to 100 by next week??

### Covid 19 Guidance

The rules for C19 isolation change on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please see the flowchart below for the latest information.