

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors and Friends,

Happy Red Nose Day! It was fantastic to see children all in red today raising money for Comic Relief. Thank you to those who took part. The morning collection raised well over £200 and with more to be counted this afternoon your donations will make a really big difference to these important and deserving causes.

This week, children in Year 6 visited Hazard House in Lee to take part in a series of important safety workshops as part of The Junior Citizenship Day Programme. This is always an extremely valuable and important visit as it helps teach the children skills they will need to demonstrate as they get older and become more independent. Thank you to all the parents/carers who accompanied them on this visit.

We were also delighted to offer some of our Year 5 and 6 children the opportunity to go and watch Charlton versus Gillingham on Tuesday evening. Tickets were given to the school and families were given the opportunity to register their interest. Names were drawn from a hat. Hopefully we will receive more tickets again in the future.

Next week some of our Year 4 children will be visiting Eltham Palace and The Laban Theatre will be working with our Year 5 children. Year 6 will also be taking part in a SAFE Tour workshop. On Tuesday, a selection of children from across Year 5 and 6 will be competing in the London Youth Games Competition – we wish them lots of luck and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy weekend,
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: Imani and Soraya, Alayah -Rose & Zac, Rafael and Albert

Year 2: Harrison & Ethan, Ishaan & Lina, Poppy and Arthur

Year 3: Olivier & Och, Kwabena and Iyenoma, Aaron and Mihai

Year 4: Vy and Pavarshan, Jade and Malick, Galliani and Scarlett

Year 5: Aydin & Ariella, Jacob and Kaina, Traevonne & Maliah, Yaqing and Oscar

Year 6: Florence and Samba, Cheryl and Tabby



Covid19 – Important Reminder

Although COVID restrictions have been lifted in England, it is still very present within the community. We have seen an increase in cases over the past week or so and ask you to continue to remain vigilant.

- **IF** your child has any of the main symptoms (cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell), please ensure they are tested
- **IF** the test is positive, they must isolate for 5 days. **Day 1**, is the **day after** the positive result.
- Please inform the school office of the positive test result as soon as possible
- From day 5, you can test again and when the test is negative, your child can return to school

We understand that this can be difficult, especially if your child is only experiencing mild symptoms, but we want to ensure we try to keep the staff and children as safe as possible and limit the risk of the virus spreading.

Year 6- Mock SATs week

In May, the children in Year 6 will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. In the spring term we always give the children the opportunity to sit practise papers, under the same test conditions, so that they can see what it will be like and so that they are prepared, confident and relaxed. Next week we will be holding our Mock Sats week for the children. **It is important that all the year 6 children are in school next week for 8.45am promptly please.**

If your child is in Year 6 you will have received a letter with more information and a video will be posted on Itslearning. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 6 team or Ms Campbell.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

With **World Water Day** coming up on 22 March, our new Article of the Week looks at Article 24 related to the right to clean water and Article 27 about the right to an adequate standard of living. World Water Day celebrates this invaluable resource and raises awareness of the two billion people living without access to safe water, unable to enjoy their rights. It also aims to inspire action towards Global Goal 6: water and sanitation for all.

Article 24 (health and health services): Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 27 (adequate standard of living): Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

A SUMMARY OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin....Inappropriate Content Online

What do I do if my child sees something inappropriate online?

As children become more active online at a younger age, the possibility and probability that they'll see something inappropriate all depends on what they're doing online.

It can be difficult to monitor what your child is viewing as they can access this material through any internet enabled device.

Inappropriate content includes information or images that upset your child, material that's directed at adults, inaccurate information or information that might lead or tempt your child into unlawful or dangerous behavior. This could be:

- Pornographic material
- content containing swearing
- Sites that encourage vandalism, crime, terrorism, racism, eating disorders, even suicide
- Pictures, videos or games which show images of violence or cruelty to other people or animals
- Gambling sites
- Unmoderated chat rooms – where there's no one supervising the conversation and barring unsuitable comments.
- Sexism or sites that portray females in very traditional roles that do not reflect contemporary values and expectations

It is vital to prepare your child for what they might see to make sure they know how to deal with it if they see something they shouldn't. This can be alarming, but it is important your child knows to talk to you, school or Childline if they feel worried about something they have seen online.

Check your child knows how to block and report unwanted content, and you can check your parental control settings to filter content with:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/deal-with-it/>



Young Climate Warriors



60% of 1-2mile journeys are made by car. Short car trips create much higher levels of harmful emissions, as engines are not operating at their optimum temperature.

Most cars have 4 wheels – and most guzzle petrol or diesel. Why does driving impact climate change? The exhaust fumes from cars include carbon dioxide, amongst other gases, which lead to climate change as well as causing air pollution. It is best for our planet and our health to reduce our number of car journeys, taking public transport, or walking, cycling or scooting instead.

This week Young Climate Warriors are challenged to travel to school on 2 wheels or 3 wheels rather than 4 wheels! Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is encouraging more families to travel to school actively to create healthier and happier communities. For Young Climate Warriors this is a double whammy – as it's better for climate change too!

Have you noticed any new cycle paths recently? Could you think about taking alternative routes that would be more manageable on a bicycle? Would you need to build in a little extra time to allow for cycling rather than driving? **HIT THE RED BUTTON** and tell us when you've helped our planet by cutting carbon emissions from your car journeys. Send us a photo of you on 2 or 3 wheels for our gallery?

**HIT THE RED BUTTON -
'CHALLENGE COMPLETED!'**
Click the button to tell us you have
completed this week's challenge!
(when the email appears just
press 'send')



If your parent or carer is happy for
you to do so, you could email us a
photo of your challenge or post / tag
us on Instagram
@youngclimateguardians
#youngclimateguardians



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Food parcel cash donations needed - We are trying to raise money so we can provide holiday food parcels for Brindishe families in need. Please donate what you can via our Paypal link: paypal.me/bfgsocials (or via PayPal with the bfgsocials@gmail.com email address). This will go towards buying essential items. Although we raised a significant amount from the recent pizza night, it wasn't enough to pay for everything our families need. Thank you.

Decorate a window for our Spring Trail! - More volunteers needed to decorate a street facing window for a Spring Trail planned for Easter. A map showing the locations of the windows will be given out for people to follow. The more windows, the more fun it is! Get in touch if you want to volunteer: bfgsocials@gmail.com

Find us on social media - On Twitter: @bfghithergreen and Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') and keep up to date on all our latest news.