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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe Green,

This week at Brindishe Green

An intrepid group of Y5 mathematicians visited Blackheath High School earlier this week to take part in a 'friendly' maths competition with other local primary schools including Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor. It was a challenging and very enjoyable morning and the Brindishe children represented their schools really well.

Work has begun on redeveloping the garden area in the playground. The team have cleared away what they don't need and have begun establishing the layout for our Edible Playground. We are all very excited to see how it is coming on!



We had a fantastic turnout for our Open Day on Thursday. Once again many of our Y6 children led tours of the school and prospective families were highly impressed with their confidence and enthusiasm for their school. Well done children!

BFG (Brindishe Friends Group) Christmas Fair: 29 November 3.30 – 5pm

The Christmas Fair is nearly upon us. The Brindishe Friends Group met again this week to plan the final arrangements for the fair. If you would like to offer your support on the day please email bfgsocials@gmail.com

See the poster attached for more information about the raffle which has some amazing prizes! Raffle tickets are available at £1 a strip from members of the BFG in the playground before school from next Monday 18 November. 'Guess the Conkers' in the jar will also take place before school every day from next Monday and the winner will be announced at the Christmas Fair. It's promising to be a fun-packed event!

Online Safety Week 25 – 29 November: parent/carer workshop, Wed 27 Nov 9.15am

**ONLINE
SAFETY**



Online Safety week is taking place from Monday 25 November and children right across the school will be learning about staying safe when using the internet.

On Wednesday 27 November we have invited guest speaker, Sabera Ahsan ('Prevent' Officer for Lewisham borough), to lead a workshop for parents and carers about the ways in which we can help children stay safe online at home. The workshop is for parents and carers of children in Ys 4 – 6 and is designed to raise awareness of the risks children face online and how to deal with them. She will talk about commonly used terminology, apps, online gaming, age-restrictions, online bullying and grooming.

Later in the week, at the Christmas Fair on Friday 29 November, there will be an Online Safety pop-up stall where our IT technicians will be available to give tips to families on online safety including privacy settings. The stall will be situated in the main library.

BG gets involved with Young Climate Warriors – Ms Smith reports...

'Right now, we are facing a man-made disaster of global scale. Our greatest threat in thousands of years. Climate change. If we don't take action, the collapse of our civilisations and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizon.'

David Attenborough, United Nations, December 2018



Across the school this year we will be encouraging children to think about ways to tackle climate change. Within the next few weeks, we will be introducing them to an initiative called Young Climate Warriors, which you may also want to have a look at and discuss at home.

Inspired by 16-year-old Greta Thunberg's call for immediate action to tackle climate change - 'you are never too small to make a difference' - Young Climate Warriors sets fun weekly challenges to help children learn about climate change and take action to cut carbon emissions. If your child would like to take part, you will need to register at www.youngclimatewarriors.org. This only takes a few seconds and you will then receive, by email, a weekly challenge to try at home.

Please remind children to **'HIT THE RED BUTTON'** when they have completed the challenge.

General Election December 12 – Nursery closed for the day

Brindishe Green Nursery classroom will be a polling station for the General Election on Thursday Dec 12. The main school will remain open and Nursery will be closed to children. Further information to follow.

Diary dates

18 Nov Flu immunisation Rec – Y6

25 – 29 Nov Online Safety Week at Brindishe Green

27 Nov Year 4-6 Parent/Carer Online Safety Workshop 9.15-10.15. See above.

29 Nov 3.30 – 5pm BFG Christmas Fair straight after school

2 Dec Turning of the Year concert (Y2 Cedar class) at Blackheath Concert Halls

4 Dec Reception/Year 6 annual height and weight check

10 Dec Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance 9.30 and 2.15

11 Dec Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30 and 2.15

12 Dec General Election - Nursery will be closed for polling. The main school will be open.

12 Dec 6pm Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Lee – please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you

13 Dec Reception Family Festival **from 1.45pm**

16 Dec Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at St. Swithun's Church, 6-7pm

17 Dec Nursery Family Winter Celebration **9 -11am and 1.15 – 3.15pm**

18 Dec Christmas Lunch

19 Dec End of term

With best wishes,

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