

6 March 2020

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

Staffing News

I'm delighted to let you know that Tom Williamson and his wife Nadège have had a beautiful baby girl, Élodie. We wish Tom and his family the very best of luck for the future.

World Book Day news!



It's Storytelling Week at school from **9 – 13 March**. We will be holding our world book day celebrations, sharing favourite stories with our own classes and teachers, reading with our cross-age learning partners and making and creating books and stories.

Classes should look out for invitations to special storytelling sessions with a mystery teacher and we are asking for parents and carers to take part in The Big Read for Y1 and 2 at 2.30pm on Thursday and Friday (see diary dates below for details).

We are also welcoming parents and carers who would like to share a story with their child's class - this could be a story from your family's culture or even a story in another language!

Please speak with your child's class teacher to arrange this.

Finally, it's 'dress up' day on **Friday 13 March** – which book character will you choose?

Book Fair 9 – 11 March

Don't forget to visit the Book Fair while it's here. It's taking place in the main hall from 8.30 – 9am and again from 3 – 3.30pm, from Mon 9 March to Wed 11 March 2020.

Healthy packed lunches – a message from Sue Murphy (Attendance, Welfare and Safeguarding) who supports children at lunchtime

Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy packed lunch. Whilst it is the parents' choice as to what they put in their children's lunch, we do encourage a healthy mix. Please help us by not sending in sweets or full size chocolate bars. Please note we allow only water as a drink which is also freely available in the dining hall.

As you know, we try hard to be a nut free school, so please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts (such as peanut butter, Nutella or cereal bars that contain nuts)

Further information can be found on www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes.

Sue has put together a helpful leaflet (attached) for you to print off and refer to at home.

Coronavirus advice

We recognise there is public anxiety around reported cases of Coronavirus in the UK and locally. We are updated by The Department of Education on a daily basis. They have informed us that there is a helpline for parents and carers to answer any questions you may have related to education.

Phone: 0800 0468687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

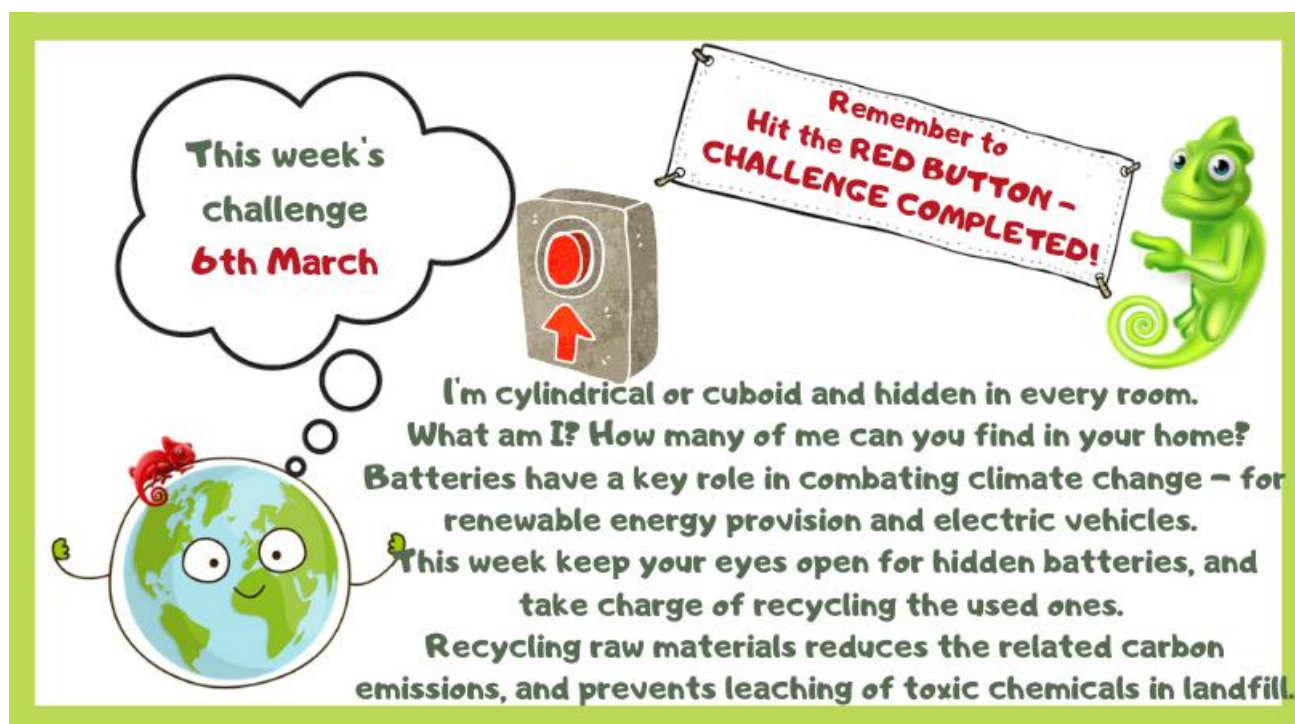
Opening hours: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of the senior leadership team. You will always find one of us on the gate at the beginning or the end of the day.

Young Climate Warriors

17 year old Greta Thunberg, largely unknown 18 months ago, has created waves around the world. She has galvanised our youth to stand up for what they believe is right, and challenged world leaders about why they are not acting quickly enough to combat climate change. Last week, she was in Bristol, at the Youth Strike 4 Climate, and delivered a powerful speech calling on the UK to act now, she called on us all, every single person, to push for change.

Batteries, are a fundamental part of the solution to combating climate change – both in terms of our transition to electric vehicles and in allowing us to store renewable energy until it is needed. This week's challenge encourages children to think about batteries, the raw materials needed to produce them, and how they can conserve these resources by using rechargeable batteries, plugging appliances into the mains or making sure batteries are recycled. Every single person counts, every single battery counts.



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Green

Article 13 (freedom of expression): Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.



Ms Cairns prepares to run the London Marathon for our school!

This is to remind you that Palm class teacher, Petra Cairns, is running the 2019 London Marathon on Sunday 26 April to raise money for our school. She is raising money for Brindishe Green's outdoor learning and play spaces. Please donate and send her a message using this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns?utm_term=d665qv45d

Good luck Ms Cairns – we are all supporting you!



Attendance and Punctuality this week

Best **attendance** from Elm, Rowan and Chestnut 3.

Best **punctuality** from Maple, Lilac, Rowan and Chestnut 2.

Well done to you all!

Attendance



Advance Notice: GLA Mayoral Elections 7 May 2020 – Brindishe Green is OPEN

The Greater London Authority elections for London Mayor and to the London Assembly are taking place on 7 May. Brindishe Green school has been asked to be a polling station again.

As for previous elections, the school will remain OPEN on 7 May, apart from our Nursery classes. The polling station will be held in our Nursery classroom. Nursery will therefore be closed to children on Thursday 7 May.

**Sleep workshop for parents and carers**

We will be hosting an information session for parents and carers on supporting your child to get a good night's sleep. This will be held on Thursday 26th March at 5pm. More details to follow.

Diary dates

6 March Book Fair in the main hall 8.30 - 9am and 3 – 3.30pm

9-13 March Storytelling Week and World Book Day learning

12 March Year 1 Big Read 2.30pm

13 March Year 2 Big Read 2.30pm

13 March Dress-up for World Book Day!

24 March Y5/6 Athletics team to the London Youth Games final in Redbridge

26 March Sleep workshop for parents and carers

27 March BFG Spring Cake Sale 3.15pm

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher