

**Please wear a face mask/covering on school premises when dropping off or collecting your child; thank you!**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

I hope you all had a lovely break over half term and managed to enjoy the wonderful weather we are having. The children have come back ready to learn and we have seen some fantastic examples of excellent attitudes to learning on our praise cards.

We have also ALL enjoyed watching our Partridge eggs begin to hatch as we get to see the wonders of a small life entering into the world.

We are still very much in uncertain times, but are wanting to make the most of our outdoor learning and missed opportunities from the past year. Details of events and experiences will be popping up on Weduc so please keep an eye out for whole school and year group/class information. We are, as always, guided by the advice given to us. If we feel the need to cancel anything due to increasing risks, we will ensure the experiences can take place in the school grounds. The BFG are also planning some events for this half term, so please take a moment to read the details below. Following the success of last time, the BFG will be collecting clothes and shoes for 'Give a Garment, Get a Garment' - this collection will begin next week. Please read below for further details.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Wonderful Work!**

This week, the following children have received an extra special mention as they have shown a fantastic attitude to their learning and produced some amazing learning outcomes. Look out for their 'praise card' which will come home with them today. **Well done everyone!**



Year 1: Elizabeth & Noelle; Aleeza & Alice; Blake & Taku

Year 2: Santiago & Navie-Mae; Ismail & Elsie; Taizeen & Idrees

Year 3: Jade & Alexis; Api & Ankana; Maverick & Mylo

Year 4: Thabani & Amelia; Said & Emmelia; Ariella and Asiyah

Year 5: Shola & Olivia; Junior & Kouji; Amerah & Roary

Year 6: Karima & Rishi; Trea & Princess; Robert & Oscar

**Sun Safe**

The high temperatures are continuing into next week, so please ensure you send your child with a labelled water bottle and a sun hat. Sun cream should be applied at home, before the children come to school.

**Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)**

As some of you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now a statutory part of the National Curriculum. This change was planned to take place as of September 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been given longer to bring this into their curriculums.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We would really appreciate it if parents could read through the policy and share your thoughts with us through an online survey.

Executive Head: Rachel Waite    Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

This survey is a first step in our schools' engagement on Relationships Education with you as parents. Your comments will help us understand your views and take these into consideration as we update our curriculum to meet the new requirements. The deadline for completing this survey is **18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

**Policy Link:** <https://lee.brindisheschools.org/attachments/download.asp?file=898&type=pdf>

**Survey link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6KZNF6V>

### **Nursery Place for September 2021**

If your child turns 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August this year, they are eligible to start in the Brindishe Green Nursery in September – please apply as soon as possible to ensure your child will have a space. Nursery places at Brindishe Green are part-time during term time – children are offered either morning or afternoon sessions Monday – Friday. Please email [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) if you would like more information or to request an application form.

### **Year 4 Swimming Update**

It is now the turn for Redwood class to begin their 2-week swimming block from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The permission slip must be returned before your child is able to go swimming. If you are able to help with the walk to Glassmill and back, Mrs Bowen would love to hear from you. Please send an email into the school office.

### **The London Marathon fundraising event**

Ms Debbie has once again secured a place for a member of the Brindishe Green community to run the London Marathon. This year Miss Shirin, our Year 2 teaching assistant's name was pulled out of a hat and she will be running just over 26 miles, raising money for the outdoor area. A Justgiving page has been set up for anyone who is able to donate to this amazing event. Good luck Miss Shirin with all the preparation - we will all be rooting for you! <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shirin-shabestari>

### **Lewisham Foodbank Centre**

Attached is a flyer showing an updated list of foodbank centres in Lewisham and which includes information about the additional services that are also offered.



### **A message from Mr Williamson (Physical Wellbeing and Healthy Living Lead)**

#### **A Sprint Finish!**

Calling all parents/carers! International sprinter, Frederick Afrifa, is visiting Brindishe Green for a fundraising activity on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This is the final push on fundraising for PE equipment for the school. You can do this online using the link below, or by bringing the sponsorship money into school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Happy Fundraising everyone and thank you as always for your support!

<https://sportalsportsforschools.org/events/16343/promo>

### **A message from Miss Supple (Science Lead)**

On Monday morning we had an exciting delivery of 12 grey partridge eggs. On Thursday there was a buzz of excitement as the eggs started to hatch. We have been lucky enough to have 10 eggs hatch so far. This once common native bird is now on the Birds of Conservation Concern 'red list'. Red is the highest conservation priority, with species needing urgent action. Government policy now encourages farmers to make changes to their practices and provide areas for wildlife and birds such as the grey partridge to survive and thrive. We are taking part in a brilliant and clever conservation system – young birds are given the best start in life, contribute a few of their eggs for their own conservation, and are then released to enjoy the rest of their lives.



### A message from..... Danny Gray, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Don't forget to sign up to the **Easyfundraising** app. **Easyfundraising** is an easy way to raise funds! It's free to use. All you need to do is download the app onto your phone / tablet / computer, then use the app when you do any online shopping. It has most shops on the app, whether you're buying some clothes, or booking your dog a haircut! It doesn't cost you any extra – if you do your online shopping through the app, you will automatically raise some money for Brindishe Green. Please find the link below. Many thanks in advance for your support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brindishegreen/>



#### Important Dates

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Redwood class swimming
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sponsorship event with Frederick Afrifa, 100m Sprinter
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sponsorship money deadline
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Spruce Class Swimming
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June/Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class photos and Individual Year 6 photos
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	End of Term

We wish you all a lovely weekend,  
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

#### School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners for children in Years 3-6 should be paid in advance through Arbor. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child is now entitled to Free School Meals, you should make an application online and inform the school office straight away. Applications can be made using the following link: [Applying for Free School Meals Online](#)

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

From **MONDAY** (14th June), Team BFG will be collecting **clothing donations** in the playground **BEFORE school** for our upcoming Grab a Garment event.

We are looking for **school tops / shorts / trousers / jumpers / coats and shoes** that you no longer need and would like to give a second life to.

All items need to be **clean** and in **good condition**. Think: would I be happy for my child to wear this?

The items will be sorted and stored, then made available to be 'grabbed' the week after (from 21st June).

**We need volunteers to help** us collect, sort and then layout the clothes. If you would like to help, please drop us a line: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com).

## COVID UPDATES

Restrictions are lifting, but specific guidance remains in place. Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

### HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

**HANDS:** We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children to do the same at home.

**FACE:** Our expectations remain in place. We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds.

**SPACE:** Maintaining a distance of at least 1m between us where possible will help reduce risk for all.

### Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up outside in larger groups, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or two households
- Indoor hospitality can reopen
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation can reopen
- You may also go on holiday or travel abroad, following government guidelines

### Travelling

If you or any member of your household are travelling outside of the UK to either a RED, AMBER or GREEN country, you must inform the school ([info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

**Covid Symptoms** – If you, your child or a member of your household becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) immediately providing the person/child's name, class, date, and the type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days. **Please let the school know straight away of your child's test results.**

### Continuing to keep Brindishe Green Safe and Our Children at School

We ask that all families support us in keeping the children, staff and community safe:

- Please wear a face covering/mask when on school premises, if possible
- **Please try to cross to the far side of Beacon Road once you have collected your child, rather than walk in front of the gate where parents are standing and waiting to enter the school.**
- Contact the school office via email ([info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)) or telephone 02088527245.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information

## Lewisham Foodbank Collection Points



### MONDAYS 12 noon – 2 pm

07399 160854 (Monday am only)

Salvation Army (Deptford)

Mary Ann Gardens

**Deptford** SE8 3DP

**Buses/parking:** 47, 188, 386, 453

(limited parking)

#### Services available:

Advice (housing/benefits/debt); Employment support (10-12 am)

### TUESDAYS 10 am – 12 noon

07399 160778 (Tuesday am only)

Salvation Army (Lewisham)

4 Albion Way

**Lewisham** SE13 6BT

**Buses/parking:** P4, 54, 75, 108, 122, 180,

181, 199, 208, 284, 380 (no parking)

#### Services available:

Advice (housing/benefits/debt); Spanish speaking advisor

### WEDNESDAYS 12 noon – 2 pm

07828 387600 (Wednesday am only)

St John the Baptist Church (opposite Homebase)

353 Bromley Road

**Downham** SE6 2RP

**Buses/parking:** 54, 136, 181, 208, 320

(limited parking on Beachborough Rd)

#### Services available:

Advice (housing/benefits/debt); Clothes bank

### THURSDAYS 12 noon – 2 pm

07462 615419 (Thursday am only)

Perry Rise Baptist Church

Perry Rise

**Forest Hill** SE23 2QL

75, 356 (202 & 181 are a walk away)

(limited parking)

#### Services available:

Advice (housing/benefits/debt)

### FRIDAYS 10 am – 12 noon

07399 160914 (Friday am only)

Salvation Army (Catford)

23-25 Brownhill Road

**Catford** SE6 2HE

47, 54, 75, 185, 202

(nearest Lidl/McDonalds)

#### Services available:

Employment support; Spanish speaking advisor



[www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk)