

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

Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Staff across the schools have begun all the exciting plans for the new academic year. We are putting together all the final plans for September and will be in touch with you regarding the new classes and the planning of the new year ahead.

One thing we don't know yet is what Autumn will look like for us all in terms of COVID restrictions. There has been lots of information recently in the press regarding school bubbles, closures and testing and this is the only information we have at present. If and when guidance does come out, we will share how the school will operate from September but at this moment, please keep following all the procedures we have in place. When the information comes, we will be in touch.

For now, let's focus on the run up to the summer holidays. It may feel slightly different for you as parents/carers, not being as involved as you would hope, but for the children, the same experiences will be had and we will make them as enjoyable as they always are.

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: Cassidy & Melody, Harrison and Lyra, Cameron & Ismaeel

Year 2: Alex & Abigail, Dvir & Alex, Jersha & Nevaeh

Year 3: Omar & Liam, Oliver & Nathaniel, Scarlett & Senthan

Year 4: Samuel & Thalytta, Rufus & Kyleigh, Rose & Lucas, Taemalik & Amari

Year 5: Kaine & Ray, Osman & Martin, Nini & Tamirah

Year 6: Emmanuel & Zara, Zolai & Leilah, Ahmed & Michelle

PCR testing

If you or your child is showing any symptoms of COVID-19, you must isolate as a family and book a PCR test on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

WHEN SHOULD I HAVE A PCR TEST?

- If you currently have symptoms that may indicate COVID-19, this is the test you should have to diagnose the infection.
- If a lateral flow test is positive. The purpose of the PCR test is to confirm the diagnosis, since it is a more accurate test than the lateral flow test.

WHEN SHOULD I HAVE A LATERAL FLOW TEST?

- You should only have this test if you don't have any symptoms and have been invited to take one as part of an exercise to identify infected people without symptoms.

Pride Month – June

Pride Month is celebrated every June as a tribute to those who were involved in the Stonewall Riots. These were a series of equal rights demonstrations held by members of the LGBTQ+ community against oppression. This was in response to violent police raids on LGBTQ+ establishments in New York in June 1969. Pride Month takes place every year and is a celebration designed to recognise the influence of the LGBTQ+ community. Celebrating diversity and people's right to live how they choose without discrimination, is a really important part of our teaching and ethos at Brindishe Schools. We pride ourselves on promoting positivity and equal rights for all and whilst Pride Month ends in June, this important learning takes place all year round for our schools.



Packed Lunches: Water only PLEASE

Please be reminded that **ONLY WATER** should be brought into school. We are seeing an increased in 'unhealthy foods' creeping into packed lunches.

Why not log-in to the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> for more ideas on keeping your child's lunch box healthy.

Morning Drop off - 9AM

Please note, that from Monday the school gates will be closing at 9am, back to the original school time. There are an increasing number of families who are coming in late to school and the children are missing the start of lessons. On Monday, make sure you set your alarm 10mins earlier to make sure you are in school by 9am, before the gates close.

Group A-G 8.45am- 8.50am **Group H-P** 8.50am-8.55am **Group Q-Z** 8.55am-9.00am

School Class photo

Your child's school photo has now been sent home. All orders must be made at www.brianmorrisphoto.co.uk and can be delivered to your home address. If you wish your order to be delivered to school your order must be placed by 9th July for it to be delivered to school the end of term.

The Virtual Book Fair is coming to Brindishe Green!

Browse the book selection online by clicking here <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

If you prefer your child to use a **pre-paid voucher** in their class session, choose from the following denominations - £5, £10, £15, £20, £25

Pay for your book order and/or voucher online here <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1181735>

Inform the school office of your order by completing the **Book Fair form on Weduc**. You will find this under the 'Forms' tab, click here or log in using the app <https://www.weduc.com/>

Enjoy your new books which will be delivered to your child's classroom! (Please note, if a book becomes out of stock, do not worry, we will order more but this may take a few extra days.)

Please support us to fill our book corners and re-launch our library ... the fair provider, Scholastic, will be donating up to 60% of all sales to Brindishe Green in brand-new books!

Nursery Place for September 2021

If your child turns 3 by 31st 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 if you would like more information or to request an application

Our Weekly online safety message from Ms Chin.....

Online Safety Parent/Carer Tech Workshops

Attached to this newsletter is information from Lewisham regarding some free online safety workshops for parents/carers

The purpose of the workshops is to increase awareness and provide some useful skills to support parents. By the end of the workshops, parents/carers will be able to:

- Recognise how modern technology can be used to jeopardise young people's safety
- Distinguish between different types of technological abuse that could affect children and young people
- Assess the risk factors involved in cases where technology is being used to abuse children and young people
- List different ways in which you can empower your children to use technology safely and positively.

There are four workshops available via Zoom in July. Please refer to the attached letter for further information.

Sssshhhhh – a big thank you from Year 6

Thank you to everyone who bought ice-pops last Friday – we hope you enjoyed them! We raised over £130 which is a lot of ice-pops. Well done to the team of Year 6 volunteers who did an excellent job and a big thank you to the BFG for organising the whole event.

The Year 6 fundraising continued today with a sponsored silence – I am delighted to say many children held out until lunchtime. All I can say is that I can't believe we have never done this before.....

Mr Phipps



Young Climate Warriors Update from Mrs Smith



'Humans are very adaptable: we can fix this. But the opportunity to do so will not last for long. We must start today. We have no more excuses.' Greta Thunberg

Later this year, in November, the UK Government will host the UN Climate Change Conference – also known as COP26 – in Glasgow. This promises to be an historic moment that will define the course of political action to address climate change in the UK and around the world.

As a school, we understand the urgency of responding to climate change – at an international and national level, as a school community and as individuals - and we would encourage you to support your children to take part in the Young Climate Warriors initiative and learn more about the global political processes that will culminate in Glasgow. This week's challenge asks them to become 'washing wizards' – to reduce their carbon emissions whilst making the laundry pile disappear!



Reports

Your child's end of term report will be given to you on Friday July 16th at the end of the school day. If your child walks home alone, your child will not be able to take their report, so please arrange to collect it in person.

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/>



The London Marathon training update

Hellooo! I have got some exciting news! Guess what I did last weekend! I went and did a marathon on the trails! I know I am as surprised as you are. This was my 2nd ever marathon, the first being on Snowdon with a lot of walking as it had a lot of steep ups and downs. So although this was on the trails (off road) in the Chilterns, it was more runnable so a good training for London. Life and niggles meant I only managed to do up to 25k in training but I had a solid weekly mileage running 5/6 days a week. I know I won't be able to train this hard in summer as I will be spending time with my children. I thought why not! I can give it a try, take it easy and see how far I can go! Amazingly I felt good and I did it all 44km of it (yes 2km more than marathon - that was mentally so hard) ! It took me almost 6 hours:) but it was 6 hours of soft forest trails, epic views over the ridgeway and scenic hills, wheat and poppy fields, hundred gates and stiles, hopping over mud and tree branches and even dipping my shoes in the Grand Union Canal! Such fun! I am enjoying a few days rest now but will be back to training by this weekend.



Check out our fundraising page for a picture of training races and future updates.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shirin-shabestari>

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](#)

School reading books

As we come towards the end of the academic year could we please ask parents, carers and children to start having a look at home for any School books that need to be returned. The children will still be able to take books home to read, but it is a good opportunity to have a good look around!



Important Dates

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

	Sports Day
Friday 23 rd July	End of Term
Wednesday 1 st September	INSET day
Thursday 2 nd September	Start of Term 1

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

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Prize raffle - Tickets for the prize raffle will be on sale from Monday. Find us in the playground before school next week. During the week of 12th July we will also be selling before and after school.

We'll be selling strips of tickets for £1.50.

Here's a sample of the amazing prizes you could win:

- Kindle Fire donated by Bryan and Keegan
- Hamper from Good Hope
- Cocktail bundle courtesy of Drink at Bobs
- Pizza kit voucher from The Groovy Goose
- 2 x tix for Matilda West End matinee
- Wanderlust Eatery - £25 voucher
- Lewisham Lanes - voucher
- Mission Green - instore voucher
- Ottos flower shop - £10
- Steph's cakes and bakes - 2 x box of 6 cupcakes
- R&M Barbers - instore voucher
- Private Yoga 3 x vouchers for yoga or reiki treatment

The money raised will be used to fund an event for pupils at the end of the year.

Other donations - Here's a reminder of what else the money you've helped raise has gone towards:

- £2500 raised by the Brindishe Big Half has been given to the school to enhance the playground areas including equipment and playground markings.
- £1350 given to the school library
- £1350 given to the school for extra technology for the tech hub
- £300 given for the outdoor area

More ideas! - And if you have thoughts about what we could be doing for further fundraising events please let us know. Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

And you can keep up with more of what we are doing by following us on twitter (@bfghithergreen) and FaceBook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').

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) 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 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 follow the one-way systems in school
- **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) or telephone 02088527245.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information