

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

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Well this week has seen the sun shining and some fantastic events going on around the school. With lessons still continuing in full swing, the children also experienced their sports days in school or at Ladywell fields. A huge thank you to Mr Williamson and the sports team for making it such a memorable day and ensuring all ran smoothly. The children were also informed of their new teachers this week, so September is now in their minds. With the transition day next week, the children can reflect on the year gone by and now start to begin their move to a new year group, a new classroom and a new teacher. Our Year 6's will also begin to embark on their last week of primary school life, immersing themselves in the end of year events, a special time for them all.

It is my pleasure to also share some fantastic news. Over the course of the summer term, we have been busy recruiting a new head for Brindishe Green. It has been my pleasure to have led the school over the last year, but from September, Adam Twyman will be joining us as the new Head of School. Adam has been a headteacher in Bexley for 5 years and is very excited to be joining us. He will be in touch over the next week.

Attached to the newsletter this week is some exciting news about our new school meal provider, RADISH. Please take a moment to read the letter which contains information about the company, the new menus, the cost per meal and the trial days. We really want to try to encourage as many children as possible to have a healthy school lunch, so why not try it out from September!

I want to say thank you to all those who sent emails following my letter regarding arrangements for next week. At the Full Governing Body meeting last night, it was discussed further and all governors are in support of the school's decision. As I said in my letter, I appreciate it is disappointing for some, but we are doing what we have done since the pandemic started and putting our children, staff and community first, and keeping everyone as safe as possible.

At the moment we are in the process of finalising operational plans for **September**, including the start and end of the day. As soon as this is all confirmed, we will be in touch.

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

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: Madison & Kaelo, Remy & Lennie, Zara & Zyan
Year 2: Rita & Cade, Lincoln & Fenella, Ayla & Azaria
Year 3: Edward & Emmanuel, Palm Class, Lilac Class
Year 4: Thanureka & Sirine, Aisha, Atal, & Cayden, Alice & Angel
Year 5: Amy & Hoang, Alex & Ruqia, Adam & Owen
Year 6: Nevaeh & Emmanuel, Ricardo & Amirah, Youcef & Oscar

Eid al-Adha: We would like to wish those who will be celebrating Eid al-Adha next week a lovely time with your friends and family.

If you are planning for your child to be absent from school for these celebrations please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk



FSM vouchers over the school holiday and Hampers donated by the BFG

Lewisham have announced that all children in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a £90 voucher per child to cover the summer holiday. This does not include Universal Free School Meals for those children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. To compliment the vouchers, the BFG have put together hampers. On **Wednesday 21st July** after school the BFG will be handing out the parcels from the rear of the school hall which can be accessed via the playground. If you are entitled to free school meals and would like to collect a parcel on Wednesday, please bring a large shopping bag.

Uniform Sale

We will be selling our remaining stock of school uniform in the playground after school on 20th & 21st July. All items will be **half price**. If you wish to buy uniform, please bring cash as we do not take card payments. Please bear in mind we only have smaller and larger sizes left to sell.

You can still order uniform from myclothing.com if you wish your child to wear uniform.

After School Clubs

All Teachsport Clubs and school-led clubs have now finished for the term. Keep an eye out for the Autumn term clubs as information will come to you as soon as we have finalised arrangements.

Reports

Your child's end of term report will be coming home tonight. Please take the time to share this with them and celebrate their achievements. If you have any comments to make, please email them to response@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk including your child's name and class.

If your child walks home alone, your child will not be able to take their report, so please arrange to collect it in person. Any reports that are not collected from the playground will be kept in the school office to be collected by a parent/carer until Friday next week – the Office is open 8.30am – 4.30pm. Any uncollected reports will be kept in the office to be collected after the summer holiday.

CHANGE OF DATE : Class Information for Next Year

On Tuesday 13th July the children were told who their teacher will be next year, parents and carers will receive an email with the relevant information. On **Monday 19th July**, the school will take part in transition morning, where the children will meet their new teacher and visit their new classrooms, as well as take part in some fun activities linked to next year. This change is due to the fact that Eid is expected to be on Tuesday 20th

Year 6 collection of medication

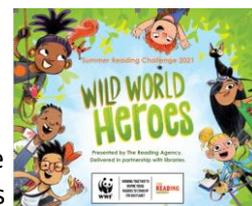
On Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July, Eleni Papastavrou will be in the playground at the end of the school day for parents/carers of children in **Year 6** to collect any medication held in school.

Year 6 Performance

Having successfully completed a technical rehearsal today, Year 6 are ready to perform next week! The rest of the school will be invited to watch the dress rehearsal, via a live stream, on Tuesday afternoon before the live performance on Wednesday afternoon. Families will be able to stream the live performance and watch it in real time. A recording will also be made available – exact details will follow next week.

Summer Library Challenge

This year's Summer Library challenge is called Wild World Heroes. Our local libraries have teamed up with WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet! The challenge is open for all families to take part online from **Saturday 10th July**. The children will be able to borrow books from all of Lewisham's libraries through click and collect, a lucky dip, or by reading e-books online. Not only will they be able to access amazing books, they will also be able to play different games online, earn rewards and learn how they can make a difference to the environment too. Don't forget to share all of the new books they discover with their new teacher in September! Follow this link for more information: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Morning Drop off - 9AM

We are finding a lot of children coming to school late in the mornings please remember that lessons start at 9am.

Group A-G: 8.45am- 8.50am

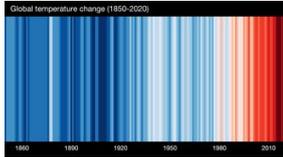
Group H-P: 8.50am-8.55am

Group Q-Z: 8.55am-9.00am



Young Climate Warriors Update from Mrs Smith

#showyourstripes



'It's a powerful way to show what we humans have already done to the climate. If we want to limit further changes and avoid the worst risks, we must act quickly to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.'

Professor Ed Hawkins, National Centre for Atmospheric Science, University of Reading



As the summer holidays are nearly upon us, this week's Young Climate Warriors challenge is a holiday activity. Children are encouraged to get outside and notice shapes and patterns in nature – spirals, stripes, hexagons, fractals, hearts, teardrops, tessellations, circles ... when you start looking they are everywhere! Pupils may also like to try creating their own patterns – using natural objects – stones, pine cones, shells, twigs – possibly turning to Andy Goldsworthy

for inspiration. It would be great to see some of the beautiful shapes and patterns that your children notice, and even create - please encourage them to email us their photos when they **HIT THE RED BUTTON** and we will put them on the website.

Professor Ed Hawkins has also used patterns to help us visualise how our climate has changed since the Industrial Revolution. You might want to discuss his 'warming stripes' graphics with your child. There is a [very short one minute BBC explainer video](#) included in this week's challenge.

Packed Lunches: Water only PLEASE

Please be reminded that **ONLY WATER** should be brought into school

We are seeing an increase 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.

Marathon update:

Hello again! So I have recovered fully from the marathon in the Chilterns and training is back on! This week's plan is quite frankly brutal. All my runs have been after work in the evenings. 8km on Monday, 10km on Tuesday, 12km on Wednesday with hill strides and 15km on Thursday with 2 min hill intervals (eek). I am allowing myself a rest day today. Tomorrow - Saturday - I am running with my friend Lisa and we are planning on 30km along the Regent Canal. I picked a route along a river so it would be flat :) I know I can do marathon distance on hilly trails but still quite nervous about long distances on roads, especially in this heat! I have only done this sort of distance in races where there has been water and watermelon (my favourite race day food) at outposts so I am going to struggle without those and will have to carry lots of water!! Wish me luck, and check the link below to see how I got on. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shirin-shabestari>

. Gifts for Staff

We have been asked by a number of parents if they are allowed to bring gifts for staff at the end of term.

Although staff at school do not expect any gifts from children, parents or carers, those wishing to bring something in the last week of term are more than welcome to do so.

Summer Activity Camp at Brindishe Lee

Are you looking for an exciting activity over the summer holiday? Sportacus will be running an Activity Camp for 4 weeks over the summer. Please take a look at the flier attached or contact harry@sportacus.co.uk

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 form.

Important Dates

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

Wednesday 21st July - Nursery	Teddy Bear Picnic (in school)
Wednesday 21st July - Reception	Gruffalo Day
Wednesday 21st July (after school)	Free School Meal Food Parcel Distribution
Eagle Heights Birdman	Yr1 -6
Thursday 22nd July	Yr 6 End of Year Festival
Friday 23rd July	End of Term
Wednesday 1st September	INSET day
Thursday 2nd September	Start of Term 1

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Congratulations to all our raffle winners!

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets from us the last two weeks. We have raised over £655 which will help towards some exciting end of term activities for the whole of the school!

Summer food parcels - You may recall that in the run up to the Christmas break, BFG were able to help enhance food parcels given out to help families at Brindishe Green with donations from a number of different shops in the local area. This week we have been busy preparing over a hundred more parcels for families on Free School Meals for over the summer holidays. These will be distributed by the school from Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who donated money, food and time.

A(nother) big thanks to YOU - This week we reviewed everything BFG has achieved this school year and it really is quite a phenomenal list:

- SEPT Donation of book bags to the new starters in reception
- OCT Give a Garment / Get a Garment event - hugely successfully donation / reusing / recycling of pre loved clothes. Leftover garments donated to Lewisham Hub for Refugees
- DEC 670 bags of popcorn filled for a fun panto and popcorn afternoon for whole school
- DEC Festive Trail: loads of prizes and raised over £1,250 in 2 weeks
- DEC Secured £200 donation from CO-OP, plus other gifts and treats for hampers for Brindishe families over the Christmas period
- DEC Received £100 donation from tree sales from Tommy Mizen
- JAN/FEB Biscuit donations for the staff at school (2 donations)
- FEB Received Mizen Foundation donation of 2 tablets for Brindishe families in need
- MAR Held a free social quiz
- MAR/APRIL Free Spring Festival Walking Trail around Hither Green with lovely Easter themed windows
- APRIL Parents and staff ran a BFG Big Half raising money then given to the school to enhance the playground areas including equipment and playground markings.
- JUNE Year 6 farewell t-shirts with children's names on it
- JUNE Ice pole sale (we donated the lollies to year 6) and year 6 sold them and raised £130 for their leaving activities
- JUNE Give a Garment / Get a Garment event - more successful donation of / reusing / recycling of re loved clothes
- JULY Funded end of year events for the whole school including a 'Bird Man', 'Circus Event' and bubbles ☺
- Plus the raffle and the summer food parcels

All of this would not be possible without you - the entire school community. You are amazing!

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.

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.

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