

Please remember, school is **closed** tomorrow, Friday 25th November, as it is one of our 5 INSET days.

Brindishe Green Newsletter

Thursday 24th November 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week the children across the school have been 'Celebrating Diversity' in many wonderful ways. The week started with two assemblies for our children in Year 2-6, and then all children have been completing a range of activities. They watched a video to help them understand why celebrating diversity is important and what prejudice means ([BBC Video](#)). Each child wrote a letter to a child in another year group describing who they are, what made them special, what they were good at or what was important to them. They then received a reply.

Also this week the children have been learning about a range of inspiration people from around the world such as, Hannah Olateju, Connie Chiu, Simone Biles, Sujeet Desai, Jawahir Roble, Frida Kahlo, Tom Daley and Yayoi Kasuma. Each year group will make a beautiful book showing what they have learnt this week. They will be on display in the library over the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, Year 4 were visited by The History Man as part of their learning on The Romans. It was great to see the children actively exploring artefacts and learning games that would have been used during this period, as a way of deepening their knowledge and understanding.

Also on Tuesday, Year 5 were visited by author, educator and rap artist BREIS, who led an inspiring writing workshop with the children. The children and staff learnt so much from him, and we only wish he could have stayed longer.

On Wednesday, Miss Chloe Adams and Mr Danny Gray took a group of 8 Year 5 and 6 children to their first football competition. This was the first time a team consisting solely of girls had represented Brindishe Green and it was the first time these girls had played together against other schools. The staff were so proud of how they worked together to come 4th.... definitely Lionesses of the future. Thank you to the staff who took them, and to the parents/carers who came to support their children.

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Winter Fair – 9th December 2022

The BFG (our parent association) are very busy planning and organising the school's Winter Fair which will take place after school on **Friday 9th November from 3.30-5pm.**

Money raised at the fair goes towards buying a range of things for the school such as resources, books, equipment and an end of year pantomime.



This event **relies on your support** in terms of running stalls, providing prizes/resources and coming to the event. If you and a parent/carer friend are able to lend a hand by serving drinks, helping to set up or running a stall (it doesn't have to be for the whole time), then please, please, please contact the BFG (see below).

Please see the attached poster for what is needed for the fair. These should be dropped off on 29th and 30th November. Thank you in advance.

School dinner accounts

A quick reminder that school dinner accounts should be **regularly topped up** in order to make sure that money is not owed to the school. The cost of a school dinner is **£2.51 per day, £12.55 per week**. If your child has school lunches, or has had them this year, please check your account.

Cashless School

Dinner money should be paid in advance online through Horizon. Please contact the office straight away if you are having any difficulty making your payments online.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can use the following link to check your eligibility <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

Eligibility for FSM is not backdated so apply as soon as possible.

Winter Performances

This winter, we are delighted to be able to put on an array of events for you to enjoy. Please see below the dates and times of your child's event this year. Please note that a maximum of two adults can attend for each child, due to space in the hall/playground/classroom. We will send more information regarding each event nearer the time. We really hope you can come.

Early Years

Reception – Thursday 8th December - 1.30 – 3.10 – Festive Art Afternoon (classroom)

Nursery – Tuesday 13th December - Winter Stay and Play – AM and PM session

Year 1-4 will have their winter performance in the Main Hall at 9.15am.

Year 4 - Tuesday 6th December – Hope and Joy

Year 3 – Wednesday 7th December – Hope and Joy

Year 2 – Thursday 8th December – Winter Wonderland

Year 1 – Monday 12th December – Winter Wonderland

Year 5 & 6 – An Outdoor Winter Wonderland in the Main Playground

Thursday 15th December 5.50pm start

Children to return to school at 5.30pm

Bring warm coats, big scarves, blankets, a torch and hot chocolate!

New Brindishe Book Bags and Sweaters

We are very excited to inform you that new Brindishe book bags will be available to order through myclothing.com from Monday 14th November – [My Clothing](#)

They will be navy blue in colour and show our logo, and they will cost £6.50 per bag.

We are also currently awaiting new branded sweaters and will keep you informed as to when these are online to purchase.

Important Dates

25th – INSET Day (no children in school)

6th December – Governors Meeting – all welcome

9th December – BFG Christmas Fair

6-14th Christmas Performances

14th December – Festive dinner and jumper day

16th December – Last day of term

And finally...

As the weather is getting colder and it appears to be raining all the time, please can we ask that children come to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat. If it is very cold the children still go out into the playground at playtime and lunchtime, and as you know they are outside at home time, even if it is raining heavily.

Please can we ask you to write your child's name inside their coat, hats and scarves so that we can return them quickly if misplaced. Thank you.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe, long weekend. See you on Monday.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team



A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR FESTIVE FAIR. This takes place at the school on Friday 9th December between 3.30 - 5pm. We have some great stalls planned but can't do it without more people to work on them. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP: bfgsocials@gmail.com

DONATIONS FOR FESTIVE FAIR - We will be collecting the following on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 November before and after school for various stalls at the Fair. We would be grateful for your donations:

- Unopened bottles (for bottle tombola)
- Unwanted gifts that can be re-gifted (for our wrapping room)
- Other items suitable to be raffle prizes
- Chocolates/sweets (kids tombola)
- Children's games (for games area)
- Good quality second hand books (for second hand book stall)
- Any craft supplies (suitable for eg card and cracker making)

PIZZA EVENING - We are holding a 'Make at Home' pizza night on 9th December. Order your pizza kits here: <https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green> for collection from the Fair. Any queries please email: bfgsocials@gmail.com.