

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

Welcome back to you all! It has been a busy start to the new term but the children have returned in good spirits and ready to learn.

On Monday, Ms Matthews and Miss Campbell spent time talking to the children about our expectations in the lunch hall. We explained the importance of making lunchtime enjoyable for everyone in the hall, and how they should be a good 'tablemate' to the children around them. We hope that you will help to support us by talking to your children at home about how they should:

- Sit nicely at their table when eating
- Use a knife, fork and spoon to cut and eat their food. Fingers should only be used for certain foods in school, such as sandwiches, burgers, wraps, biscuits, fruit. Please can we ask parents/carers to help their children to learn to cut their food and use their cutlery.
- Coats, hats and hoods should be removed when inside and having their lunch
- Children should chew their food with their mouths closed and not talk to others when eating
- All rubbish should be put in the bin and if something is dropped it should be picked up immediately and put in the bin.
- Always remember their manners by saying please and thank you.

We really hope that by constantly reminding the children of our expectations, lunchtimes will be a nicer experience for everyone.

Finally, we would like to wish all our Muslim families and staff a very Happy Eid today. We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating with your friends, family and others in the community.

Best Wishes
The Senior Leadership Team



The London Marathon 2023 – Sunday 23rd April Please support Mr. Durrant

This Sunday, Mr. Matthew Durrant (Year 6 teacher in Cormorant Class) will be running The London Marathon on behalf of Brindishe Green. Please donate anything you can afford to support and encourage him through his cold training runs.



ALL proceeds will be spent on new sports and playground equipment for the children soon after the event.

Please click here to visit the Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mr-durrant?utm_term=Xvq9W6jP9

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Something Wonderful to Celebrate

We praise all the children in school for being **curious, committed, confident, collaborative and**

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compassionate. This week, the following children have stood out for going above and beyond!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Shahryar & Jacob Arbjon & Thando Ishmael & Ava	Mia & Ayub Zac & Mariam Thisani & Allwin	Aisha & Ousmane Kellis & Lex Madison & Lotta
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Salih, Basmat and Malik Rita Adam and Esther	Liam & Sirik Anu & Nathaniel Maya & Shyanne	Yaqing and Maya India and Melani Wesley and Thalytta Sienna and Praise

Welcome!

We are delighted to introduce you to 2 new important members of staff who you will get to know well over time. We are sure that you will make them feel very welcome as they get to know our school, the children and our routines.

Corean St Omer is our new Family Support Lead. She will meet with parents/carers, support children in settling into school, monitor attendance/punctuality and run workshops. We are very excited that she has joined the Brindishe Green team.

Janet Sargeant has joined our Admin Team. She will make calls to families if children are unwell or have had an injury, receive and respond to/forward emails sent to info@, welcome visitors, liaise with music tutors and parents about clubs/educational visits, and answer questions parents/carers may have.

While Janet is getting to know our school and the routines, please can we remind you that lots of questions that are asked can be answered by looking on the school website. We encourage you to look there before contacting the office - <https://green.brindisheschools.org/brindishegreen>

Drop Off and Collection

As a school with 647 children, it is understandably busy at drop off and collection times, and whilst we appreciate that many parents/carers are keen to drop off and collect children quickly, we have seen an increase in adult frustration and conflict this term.

Prior to Covid 19, Brindishe Green **has always** operated a system where all children from Years 1-6 enter and leave the main gate at the start and end of the day. During the Covid pandemic, to increase social distancing, the car park exit was used to create a one-way system. This was always only going to be a temporary solution and robust risk assessments, staffing and time were put into place to allow this to happen. This is not a system we will return to.

We are in the process of finding ways to manage the stream of traffic, particularly at the end of the day, possibly with 'Way in' or 'Way out' markings or metal railings. In the meantime, we ask that all parents/carers/visitors please show mutual respect and patience towards each other and staff.

Thursday 27th April, NEU Teachers' Strike NOTIFICATION OF CLASS CLOSURES

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We have been in constant communication with you regarding the upcoming strikes that have been arranged by the National Education Union, in protest of teachers' pay and conditions, and school funding. The vast majority of the teachers at Brindishe Green are members of the NEU, and therefore, **the majority of classes will be closed on Thursday 27th April 2023**. Some teachers are part of other unions that, at this time, are not striking.

I am sure that you will understand that our dedicated and hardworking teachers have not taken this decision lightly. The NEU explain: *"This is not about a pay rise but correcting historic real-terms pay cuts. Teachers have lost 23% in real-terms since 2010, and support staff 27% over the same period. The average 5% pay rise for teachers this year is some 7% behind inflation. In the midst of a cost of living crisis, that is an unsustainable situation."*

Some classes will be **OPEN** on Thursday 27th April and children should come into school:

Reception	Sparrow Class
Year 1	Goldfinch
Year 1	Little Owl
Year 2	Kestrel
Year 2	Woodpecker
Year 3	Kingfisher
Year 5	Macaw
Year 6	Cormorant

ALL other classes will be closed. Please note that some classes have previously been open to children but on this occasion are closed. If any changes occur, we will inform parents/carers as soon as we are able to do so.

Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

[Brindishe Federation - Home \(brindisheschools.org\)](http://brindisheschools.org)

A Message from the BFG (Brindishe Friends Group)

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Brindishe Friends Group



Next meeting

Wednesday
26th April

5-6pm
at school

Join us to learn all about the Brindishe Green PTA and discuss plans for the summer term including the end of year Summer Fair, Year 6 Leavers and summer holiday food parcels.

Everybody welcome!
Get involved and stay informed.

If you have any questions or want to find out more please email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can find out more about what we're up to by following us on social media: Twitter: @bfgthergreen and Facebook (search ' Brindishe Friends Group'). We love hearing from you!