## Brindishe Green Newsletter

# Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week at Brindishe Green we were joined by Challenge Partners – a team of senior leaders from other schools and a lead reviewer - who came to review the school's leadership, provision for all children, curriculum, teaching and learning. It was a very busy three days where the team spoke to leaders and other staff, watched lessons, looked at learning and talked to children about their experiences at Brindishe Green. We will receive a written report in a couple of weeks, but we are thrilled to be able to tell you that the team were very impressed with what they saw. We were very clear with teachers that we wanted them to show what they do on a day-to-day basis, and not 'put on a show' for the visitors.

What was evident from the start was the very strong and respectful relationships between staff, children and staff, and children and children. Learning behaviours were excellent and the children were all engaged as they enjoyed their lessons. Staff knew all their children very well and were able to support them so that they were able to achieve their best. Children shared with reviewers how they were proud of their learning and the journey they had been on from not knowing how to do something, to producing final pieces. The visiting team and our Senior Leadership Team discussed what we could do to make Brindishe Green even better, but these were already part of next year's development plan.

We would like to thank all the staff in our school for the role they play in making Brindishe Green the great school it is: the premises team, IT team, office team, Lunch Time Play Leads, Teaching Assistants and Teachers. They work tirelessly every day in order to ensure all the children have the very best education and start to life in a safe and creative environment.

On Thursday we were very disappointed that our Year 3 and 4 Sports Day had to be postponed due to the rain and muddy conditions at Ladywell Playing Fields. This decision was not taken likely and was a Federation decision. New dates and venues have already been sent to our families.

Towards the end of next week, the children will learn who their new teacher will be and what class they will be in. Then over the coming weeks they will have time to visit their new classroom with their teacher. Current teachers will also spend time handing over information to the new teachers to ensure a smooth transition into the new academic year. We look forward to sharing this information with you in next week's newsletter.

Finally, we hope that all our Muslim families and staff had a wonderful time this week celebrating Eid. We hope you were able to be with friends and family during this special time.

Wishing you all a happy and sunny weekend. See you all on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Best Wishes The Senior Leadership Team



#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July NEU Teachers' Strike

The large number of the teachers at Brindishe Green are members of the NEU, and therefore, **the majority of classes will be closed** on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.** Some teachers are part of other unions that, at this time, are not striking.

Some classes will be OPEN on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, and children should come into school.

| The list below refers to classes that are OPEN<br>on WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> JULY ONLY. | The list below refers to classes that are OPEN<br>on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> JULY ONLY. |
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| <b>Reception – Sparrow Class</b>  | <b>Reception – Sparrow Class</b>   |
| <b>Reception – Robin Class</b>  | Reception – Robin Class  |
| Year 1 – Goldfinch  |  |
| Year 2 –Kestrel   | Year 2 – Kestrel   |
| Year 3 – Magpie   | Year 3 – Magpie  |
| Year 3 – Kingfisher   | Year 3 – Kingfisher  |
| Year 5 – Macaw  | Year 5 – Macaw   |
| Year 6 Cormorant  | Year 6 Cormorant   |
| Year 6 – Emperor Penguin  |  |

ALL other classes will be closed.

#### **Sports Days – Reception to Year 6**

As a result of industrial action planned for the first week in July, we have changed the dates of the the Reception and Year 1 & 2 Sports Days. We apologise for any disruption this may cause but did not want any class to miss out.

Years 3 and 4 - Ladywell Playing Fields - Thursday 29th June – Postponed due to weather Year 4, 5 and 6 - Ladywell Playing Fields - Thursday 6th July Reception – School Playground - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Year 1 and 2 – School Playground – Tuesday 11th July Year 3 – School Playground – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

#### Something Wonderful to Celebrate

# We praise all the children in school for being curious, committed, confident, collaborative and compassionate. This week, the following children have stood out for going above and beyond!

| Year 1                              | Year 2             | Year 3                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jasmine & Davi                      | Amelia & Chadwick  | Lennie & Magpie class           |
| Siyana & Rocco                      | Reuben & Jahziyon  | Ainara, Arthur, Nailah, Romilly |
| Elias-Cruz & Elena                  | Christian & Lana   | Johannes & Maya                 |
| Year 4                              | Year 5             | Year 6                          |
| Hornbill class and Jersha and Cindy | Tanaya & Lilah     | Malo and Hamzah                 |
| Cyrus & Ausar                       | Jazmin and Gniewko | Isis & Thanushan                |
| Arlo & Abidah                       | Anita & Jamal      | Lucas & Juan                    |
|                                     |                    | Bea, Leisha, Jayla and Amaia    |

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is essential that children come to school every day they are well, and on time. All children must be **in their classroom by 9am** so that they are not registered as late. Our whole school attendance should be **more than 95%** each week. Has your child's class made it into the newsletter this week?

| Overall school attendance this week:   | 90.74%                                  |        |
|--|---|--------|
| Top classes with attendance            | Hummingbird (am)                        | 97.09% |
| over 95%                               | Magpie                                  | 94.44% |
|  | Wren                                    | 93.73% |
|  | Hawk                                    | 93.54% |
|  | Kestrel                                 | 93.16% |
| Top classes with all children on time: | No classes with all children in on time |        |
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# A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

**FOOD PARCELS** - Every school holiday which is longer than a week, the BFG puts together a range of food and other essential items for families who require extra help. Local businesses donate very generously but we still need your help to put these together. We fund these separately to cash raised for the school, so money donations are very welcome. If you would like to give something please email us: <u>bfgsocials@gmail.com</u>

**SUMMER DRINKS** - We'd love you to join us for summer drinks next week. See below for details. If you would like to come, please let us know in advance: <u>bfgsocials@gmail.com</u>



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