

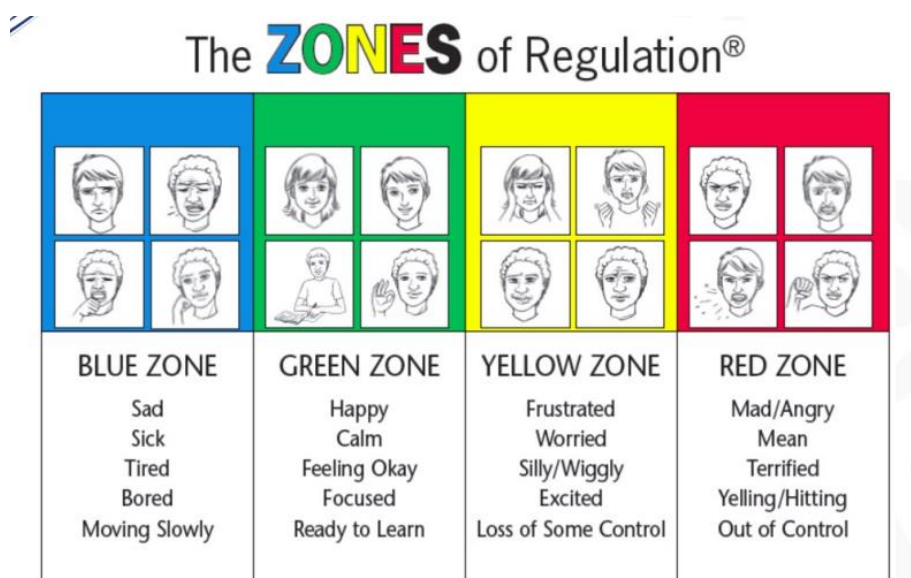
Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

A very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a lovely break and managed to do something nice with friends or family. The teachers have been working together to plan an exciting half term of learning for the children, and will share with you what they will be covering in the class newsletter over the coming weeks.

On Tuesday our staff INSET day focused on a range of areas including Our Vision and Values, Expectations, Teaching Writing and Inclusive Language.

We were also joined by a guest speaker from The Owl Therapy Centre who talked to us about using The Zones of Regulation to help children understand, describe and begin to regulate their emotions. The framework consists of 4 different emotional zones Blue, Green, Yellow and Red – which reflect the body's different states of alertness. The zones can be compared to a traffic light system.

- Being in the Blue zone is when you need to 'take a rest'.
- Being in the Green zone is when you feel 'good to go'
- Being in the Yellow zone is when your brain and body's alertness is slightly increased, and you may feel you need to 'slow down'
- Being in the Red zone is when you feel you need to 'stop'



In school, adults will be supporting all the children to recognise which zone they are in and help them to regulate their emotions. It is important to explain to children that everyone (adults included) experiences the different feelings represented by the zones throughout the day and no zone is 'bad' or 'naughty'.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Parent/Carer Reading Workshops

Our teachers in Nursery, Reception and KS1 are currently planning 2 reading workshops for parents/carers to provide information and ideas on how you can support your child with reading at home. The dates and times are below:

Tuesday 10th - Reception Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers (Main Hall) 5pm - 6pm

Tuesday 10th - Nursery Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers - am/pm Nursery session

Thursday 12th - KS1 Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers (Main Hall) 5pm - 6pm

New Brindishe Green Website – LIVE!

As you know, at Brindishe Schools we have recently updated our federation and school logos. We are now pleased to inform you that the new website is now LIVE! The new design is modern and fresh and the site is more intuitive, easy to navigate and more accessible. Key information can be found quickly for each school and the virtual office provides parents/carers with a range of helpful information and/or contacts to help you answer any pressing questions or get in touch with the office quickly.

Click here - <https://green.brindisheschools.org/brindishegreen>

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, and really shining!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Sebastian & Rinthushan Harper- Rose & Farhane Nazim & Felix	Valentina & Sophia Jare & Gabriella Rapheal & Jakub	Martin & Anja Reo & Diego Eabha & Adrian
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hornbill class Red Kite class Rose & Abidah	Macaw Class Willow & Hugo Cassowary Class	Hamzah & Haleem Traevonne & Tazrian Muhalel & Thalytta Eliisa & Alpha

Important Dates

Wednesday 4th January – Children return to school
Tuesday 10th – Reception and Nursery Reading Workshops
Thursday 12th January – KS1 Reading Workshop
Sunday 15th January - Closing date for primary applications
Tuesday 7th February – Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 10th February – Last day of term

A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! – New year, new you so why not resolve to get more involved with the Brindishe Friends Group? If you have ideas for events or fun stuff we can do to help raise money for the school, we want to hear from you! But ideas are not a pre-requisite - it would be great just to have your support. Do email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com so we can add you to our distribution list, and follow us on Socials: Twitter: @bfgthiergreen and Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').

SUMMER FAIR – Building on the success of last terms Winter Fair, we want to start planning for a similar event in the summer term. We hope to be starting the ball rolling on this in the next few weeks but we need more volunteers if we are going to make this happen so please let us know if you can help. Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com. Every contribution, no matter how small, is hugely appreciated.

RAFFLE – There were a few raffle prizes left over from the Winter Fair that still needed distributing which we'll try to do ASAP. If you had been told you had won something but haven't yet received your prize, do get in touch. bfgsocials@gmail.com

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