

Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

Welcome back and a happy new year to all our children, families and staff! Everyone has returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm after the long winter break and we have enjoyed hearing about how the children spent time with their family and friends. It is a short half term - only 4 weeks now - and so there is a lot to squeeze in. Fingers crossed the sun will continue to shine, even if it is cold!

What is happening next week?

On Thursday 18th it is Census Day! It is very important that every child is in school on this day. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to try a school dinner on this day, we encourage them to do so.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in workshops and assemblies led by Talk Consent. These are age appropriate sessions which are delivered to teach children about the importance of consent and building safe and healthy relationships, following The Department of Education Guidance. Before the sessions, parents/carers have the opportunity to attend an online workshop this Monday in order to gain a better understanding of what will be covered and how they can support their child.



On Friday 19th, the nursing team will be in school to measure the weight and height of the children in Reception and Year 6.

Wrapping Up Warm!
It is so cold outside...
and it is due to get even colder!



Even when it is very cold outside, the children still do PE on the rooftop and play in the playground. Please can we ask that all children come to school with a **jumper, coat, a hat and gloves.**

Please talk to your child about storing small items in their book bag...and **please** make sure they are clearly labelled with their name.

Applying for Primary School

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2024?

If so, please note that all applications must be submitted to Lewisham by **this Monday (15th January), at the latest.**

We understand that it can be a complicated process so please email the school office if you have any questions. Alternatively, the Lewisham website has all the information that you will need. [Click here!](#)

Breck Foundation

The Breck Foundation is a charity organisation that was founded in 2014 in response to the tragic loss of Breck Bednar, a 14-year-old boy who was groomed and murdered by someone he met online. Their work aims to prevent this from ever happening again. With 98% of young people now active internet users, current and future generations grow up having to navigate new and evolving digital dangers. Their priority is to help them develop the resilience and skills they need to live, play and thrive online in safety.

On 8th February, the foundation will deliver a powerful and compelling online safety presentation to Years 3-6, using Breck's story to educate everyone on the dangers that children and young people face online.

In addition, there will be a **parent workshop via Zoom on 7th February at 6pm**. More information about the Zoom workshop will be given in the next couple weeks but please put it in your diary. We hope to see as many parents as possible since our children's safety is extremely important to us all.

Small Games and Jigsaws

If you have any **games, card games or jigsaws** that your children no longer play with and are in a good condition, please consider donating them to the school so that they can be played during wet break and lunchtimes.

We are only looking for games with all the pieces and that have no broken parts please. Ideally they should be in their original box if possible, and have instructions included.

Please bring them to the school office, **labelled for Miss Campbell**, who will distribute them to different classes.

Thank you!



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour in school.

E Penguin	Omar & Hugo
Cormorant	Christian & Shyanne
Shoebill	Mariam & Zara
Macaw	Olivier & Eesha
Heron	Chloe & Jacob
Cassowary	Amara & Aaron
Hornbill	Alice & Roshan
Red Kite	Cara & Maya
Puffin	Melody & Reo
Magpie	Oscar & Chloe
Hawk	Even and Hawk Class
Kingfisher	Abner & Sophia
Woodpecker	Olivia & Malik
Parakeet	Harper-Rose & Nayara
Kestrel	Kestrel Class
Swift	Swift Class
Little Owl	Lilly & Mohammed
Goldfinch	Maddie & Felipe

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	94.87%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Emperor Penguin	99.4%
	Cassowary	98.94%
	Puffin	98.57%
	Goldfinch	98.1%
	Hummingbird (am)	97.96%
No classes with 100% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	No classes with all children in on time	

Important Dates in Jan and Feb

January 2024		February 2024	
Mon 8 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Tues 6 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Tues 9 th Jan	Start of Spring term	Thurs 8 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
		Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

COME JOIN US! - We'd love more people to get involved with BFG - please don't be shy about putting yourself forward! We are a very friendly bunch with children spread across all school years at Brindishe Green. We are really open to new ideas and would love to welcome anyone interested. Please come along to our next meeting on **Tuesday 23rd January between 4.30 - 6pm at the school**. Any questions do email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA - Can't make the meeting? Then you can find out more about what we're up to by following us on social media: X: @bfghithergreen and Facebook (search ' Brindishe Friends Group').

EASYFUNDRAISING REMINDER - This is a super quick, totally free way to raise money for BFG....Over 7,000 shops will donate to BFG when you use easyfundraising to shop with them for free! You can download it onto a desktop computer or laptop and there is also an app. More information here: <https://bit.ly/3p17zLZ> We've already collected over £350 this way! All the money we raise is spent on projects agreed by the school to benefit the pupils.

FREE WEBINARS - As part of BFG's Parentkind membership, *all parents and carers* at the school have access to a free series of webinars. Topics include:

- A Nutritionist's Guide to Dealing with Fussy Eating
- Helping Your Child Achieve in School
- How to Exercise More Without Really Trying
- Keeping Your Child Safe Online
- An Introduction to Autism
- Supporting Your Child's Mental Health
- Helping Your Child Succeed in KS1/2 English

You can find full details at <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

To sign up for a webinar you just need to enter the school postcode (SE13 6EH) and select Brindishe Green from the drop-down.

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