Newsletter Friday 8th December 2023



What has been happening this week?

School is beginning to feel a little more festive this week with preparations under way for the children's performances, the Winter Fair, the arrival of the Christmas trees, and of course, thanks to Andy, Greg and Vic, for our beautiful twinkling outside lights.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came into school this week to meet with their child's class teacher. We hope that you found the meeting useful and that you were pleased with their progress so far this year. If your appointment was cancelled due to illness, the class teacher will be in touch to make a new one.

This week, Hornbill class visited the Bromley Reformed Synagogue as part of their RE learning and Year 2 were visited by the Fire Brigade who taught them how to be safe in their homes. This linked to their learning on The Great Fire of London.

What is happening next week?

Next week children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in performances for parents/carers. All performances will take place in the main hall and will last about 30mins. You are able to take photographs and videos but these must be for private use only and must not be shared on social media.

We kindly ask that if you are coming to your child's performance that you arrive at least 5 minutes before it is due to start and that you stay to the end. They are not very long and although we appreciate you may need to get to work or have somewhere to go after, we would really like you to stay until all the classes in the year group have performed their songs. Thank you for your support.

Year 1 - Tue 12th December 9:15am Year 3 - Wed 13th December 9:15am Year 5 - Thur 14th December 9:15am Reception - Friday 15th December 9:30am Year 2 - Tue 12th December 2:15pm Year 4 - Wed 13th December 2:15pm Year 6 - Thur 14th December 2:15pm

During these events, and on our Winter/Festive Jumper Day (Tuesday 19th Dec), we will be collecting money for Save the Children - Gaza Emergency Appeal.

Christmas Cards

We are very happy for children to bring Christmas cards into school to distribute to their friends. However, we ask that this is only done during the last three days of school **(18th-20th Dec)**, so that it does not disturb the learning. Please note that we are unable to give class lists out with children's names on them.



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 **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.

<u>Click here!</u>

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is a club for children that takes place before school starts, from 7:45am to the start of the school and cost £6.00 per day. We run in the school hall, allowing children to walk to their classrooms when the school day begins. Our club is led by Play Leaders.

At Breakfast Club, children can have fun with their friends and have a filling breakfast before the day's learning begins.

To apply for a place please sign up here.



Head Lice in School

There have been a number of cases of headlice reported in school this week. Head lice are <u>very common</u> and can easily be treated with a comb and specialist shampoo. Anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type or age.

To reduce your child's risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and hats, and having head to head contact with others.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Sara, Gniewko & Arian	
Cormorant	Jazmin & Ra'Kai	
Shoebill	Siddharth & Stella 💧 💧	
Macaw	Arlo & Rihannat 🛛 😽	
Heron	Fenella & Basiru	
Cassowary	Joseph & Zekia	
Hornbill	Hornbill class	
Red Kite	Elizabeth & Ishaan 🛛 😽	
Puffin	Puffin class	
Magpie	Gabriella & Kiran 🥖	
Hawk	Devaani & Cali	
Kingfisher	Malakai & Valentina 🛛 😽	
Woodpecker	Malak & Maria-Luiza 🛛 👂	
Parakeet	Lucia & Francis Dean	
Kestrel	Esther & Manahil	
Swift	Eli & Mikel 🛛 😽	
Little Owl	Sophia & Ayla	
Goldfinch	Aisha & Angely	









Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.45%	
Top 5 classes with	Hummingbird (am & all day)	100%
attendance over 95%:	Swift	100%
	Heron	97.79%
A huge well done to <i>Hummingbird</i> classes who had 100% attendance this week	Shoebill	97.14%
	Magpie	96.72%
Top classes with all	All children were in on time in Goldfinch	
children in on time	class	

Important Dates in December

December 2023		
Week beg 4 th Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings	
Winter performances/events – See newsletter for more details on		
times		
12th Dec - Year 1 & 2		
13th Dec - Year 3 & 4		
14th Dec - Year 5 & 6		
15th Dec - Reception		
19th Dec - Nursery		
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Wed 20 th Dec	Last Day	
Thurs 21st - Fri		
5 th January 2024	Christmas Holidays –	
(8 th Jan – INSET Day)		



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

REMINDER: WINTER FAIR TODAY !

A reminder that today, straight after school, it's the Brindishe Green Winter Fair. There are tons of fun activities - including games, face painting, biscuit decorating and badge making PLUS the chance to meet Santa.

There are loads of prizes to be won in our tombola and raffle. There'll be food - including halal and vegetarian savoury options, as well as lots and lots of cakes and mince pies, plus drinks (including mulled wine).

Also card making, present wrapping, a second-hand book stall and a calm room.



Most activities 50p-£1 (bring your change).



See you there!

