Newsletter Thursday 23rd November 2023



What has been happening this week?

We are sending out our newsletter today as school is closed to all children tomorrow, Friday 24th November.

On Monday we were able to share with you our recent Ofsted report after we were visited by a team of inspectors in September. We would like to thank all the parents/carers who have sent emails or spoken to us on the gate to say how pleased they are that it went well. We are delighted to hear how many of you are proud of our school and acknowledge all the wonderful opportunities our staff give the children in this community.

On Thursday, Year 3 classes visited the O2 Cinema to see Paddington, as part of the Film Four Festival. Thank you to all the families who supported on the visit, especially as we received the tickets at the last minute.

Throughout the week some of our Year 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability which gives them the skills they need to be safe cyclists on the road.

What is happening next week?

On Wednesday, our **KS2 choir** will be performing at Blackheath Halls in the Turning of the Year concert. Thank you to all the parents who are accompanying the children for the dress rehearsal during the day, and to the staff who are giving up their time to attend in the evening. On Thursday and Friday, **Puffin and Red Kite classes** will be visiting the Bromley Reform Synagogue as part of their Religious Education learning. Hornbill will be going the following week. Thank you again to all the parents who are supporting.

On Friday, we will be visited by author and film-maker Matt Dickinson. He will talk to the children in **Key Stage 2** about his work and what it is like to be a writer and explorer.

Meet the Teacher - Autumn 2023

This week you will have received notifications on how to book your Parent/Teacher meeting on Weduc, if you haven't done so already. **On Thursday, 76% of families had already booked-let's get it to 100%!**

Parent / Teacher meetings will run in the mornings or afternoons of week beginning 4th December. The portal will close on Sunday 3rd but please book now to avoid disappointment.

Please make your appointment as early as possibly...and don't forget to pop the date/time in your diary. We look forward to welcoming you into the school.

Winter Performances

Can you believe it is nearly that time of year?
Our staff and children are beginning to prepare something special to share with you in the lead up to the Christmas/Winter break. All performances will take place in the main hall and will last about 30mins. Please make a note of your year group's day and time.

- Year 1 Tuesday 12th December 9:15am
- Year 2 Tuesday 12th December 2:15pm
- Year 3 Wednesday 13th December 9:15am
- Year 4 Wednesday 13th December 2:15pm
- Year 5 Thursday 14th December 9:15am
- Year 6 Thursday 14th December 2:15pm
- Reception Friday 15th December 9:30am

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.



Lewisham Race Equality Survey

Lewisham Learning has asked The Centre for Education and Youth (CfEY) to conduct research with Year 5 &6 pupils, school staff and parents in Lewisham about race equality, as part of its work under its Embedding Race Equality Pledge.

They want to explore views on racial equality in the borough by asking you to complete a 10-15min survey. Please click on the link to find out more information and the short survey:

Click here - Race Equality Survey

Thank you for your support and time.

Brindishe Online Safety Workshop

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to keep them safe online.

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our **FREE** workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'. It will:

- Help you to understand how kids experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

This workshop is for adults so please arrange childcare if possible.

Date: Tuesday 12th December 2023

Time: 6 pm (this workshop will last 1 hour)

Price: free

Delivered by: NSPCC – Local Campaign Manager Gail

Sayles

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313? pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUxOdz09

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313 Passcode: 307249





Important Dates in Nov and Dec

Novemb	er 2023	December 2023		
Tues 14 th Nov 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families	Week beg 4 th Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings	
Thurs 16 th November @ 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6	See newsletter for time	r performances/events – /sletter for more details on times 12 th Dec - Year 1 & 2	
13 - 17 th November	Celebrating Diversity Week	13 th Dec - Year 3 & 4 14 th Dec - Year 5 & 6 15 th Dec - Reception 19 th Dec - Nursery		
Fri 17 th Nov	Flu immunisations R-Y6	Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day	
Fri 24 th Nov	Inset Day No school	Wed 20 th Dec Thurs 21 st – Fri 5 th January 2024 (8 th Jan – INSET Day)	Last Day Christmas Holidays –	



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE! - Look out for BFG members selling Winter Fair raffle tickets before and after school on Wednesdays to Fridays until the Fair begins. We have some amazing prizes with more being added all the time, including ice skating, food hampers, days out, panto tickets etc, as well as a selection of vouchers and gift cards. Tickets are £2 per strip.

DONATIONS FOR WINTER FAIR STALLS - On these days we are also be collecting donations for some of our stalls at the Winter Fair. We're looking for:

Tombola Prizes: bottles and boxes, plus toys.

Unwanted gifts for our wrapping room

Christmas jumpers for our pre-loved Christmas jumper stall

Second hand books

Craft bits for card making

WINTER FAIR BOARDS - Do keep an eye out for the Bryan & Keegan boards popping up over Hither Green with artwork by winners of the Winter Poster competition. We think they look amazing!

GET IN TOUCH - Any comments or question do drop us a line: **bfgsocials@gmail.com**.

Remember you can sign up to get on our mailing list by clicking here:

https://forms.gle/Dvwj4DWAskTsi54B9

Keep scrolling....





Poster Competition Winners!



Winner KS1 Honour



Winner KS2 Rafael



3rd place: Iris



3rd place: Maya

A huge thank you for all your fabulous Winter Fair posters! You gave our judges Miss Eilleen and Miss Swindells a very difficult job. Congratulations to the winners, whose posters will be used to promote the fair. And you'll be able to see all the entries on display at the Winter Fair.