Newsletter Friday 29th September 2023

Brindishe Green

What has been happening this week?

I am sure it was of no surprise to you on Monday when we told you Ofsted were visiting our school for two days. It was of no surprise to us and we were ready. The school was in a fantastic position to showcase the curriculum, the enrichment opportunities, the learning, the environment and most importantly our children. Brindishe Green children were described as sublime by the team and they were impressed from the moment they walked into our fabulous school.

The inspectors have asked us to pass on their thanks to you for talking with them and sharing your feedback both on the survey and on the school gate on Tuesday morning – it was described as exclusively positive. They have also thanked the children for talking to them about their experience at school. The children made us very proud! The teachers and teaching assistants worked incredibly hard to give the inspectors everything they needed, the premises team ensured the site was immaculate, lots of people from across the federation pulled together and Nekema in the office welcomed Ofsted warmly. Thank you all so much! We will be able to share the outcome of the inspection with you in a few weeks.

Also this week...

This week Heron class started their swimming lessons at Glass Mill Leisure Centre in Lewisham. Ms Lewis was extremely proud of the class as they all go into the pool and tried their best. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported on this visit. Please try to support again next week if you can. On Tuesday, Hornbill class visited St Paul's Cathedral and The Tate Modern. They had a lot of walking to do and behaved beautifully during the day. Again, thank you to the parents/carers who supported on this visit, and to the teachers for planning the day so well.

What is happening next week?

On Thursday 5th October it is Census Day! This is a very important day for our school because we are given money from the government for every child who is in school on this day. This money is used for resources, staffing, the environment, keeping the building updated....the list goes on. Please try to ensure that your child is in school on time on Thursday 5th. Thank you!

On Tuesday, the History Man is visiting our Year 3 classes as part of their learning on The Stone Age. On Friday, Red Kite and Puffin classes in Year 4 will visit St. Paul's and The Tate Modern.



Me Books

Today your child will bring home their ME Book with their new learning activities. These should be completed over the next two weeks and returned to their class teacher before Thursday 12th October. We hope you enjoy doing them as a family and that they spark some interesting conversations.

Scholastic Book Fair

Next Friday (6th October), the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting Brindishe Green. With every book purchased, a reward is given to the school which allows us to purchase new books for our reading areas and library. We are very grateful to everyone who is able to buy a book. Please look out for more information regarding dates and times.

Attached to the newslettter, Mr Henry has included information on a writing competition. Late entries **will** be accepted, as long as they are in BEFORE Monday 9th October

Hello Yellow Day - 10th September

On the 10th October we will be celebrating Hello Yellow Day, a national day in the year which promotes the importance of looking after our mental health. The children will take part in activities in school and everyone will be encouraged to wear something yellow...a t-shirt, jumper, trousers, dress, hat...whatever they have.



AFRIL Foodbank

Every year we collect donations for AFRIL foodbank. We will share more information with you next week but so you know, we have been asked us to collect tins of tomatoes. We will be collecting donations week beginning 9th October.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate -Who has been praised this week?

E Penguin	Tommy & Shems	
Cormorant	Tanaya & Mylo	
Shoebill	Oliver & Edward	
Macaw	Taizeen & Kadijah	
Heron	Basmat & Nikolai	
Cassowary	Sol & Jeremiah	
Hornbill	Hornbill, Renaye and Anja	
Red Kite	Eabha & Isaac	
Puffin	Puffin, Zahra & Zara	
Magpie	Harvey & Mishal	
Hawk	Jakub & Rowan	
Kingfisher	Frandy & Isabella	
Woodpecker	Ollie & Phoenix	
Parakeet	Eva & Francis Nolan	
Kestrel	Maryam & Shahryar	
Swift	Dylan-Rose & Valentina	
Little Owl	Aiden & Kanish	
Goldfinch	Etta and Jude	

Attendance This Week:

Overall school attendance this week:	94.04%	
Top 5 classes with attendance	Swift	100%
over 95%:	Red Kite	99.62%
A huge well done to <i>Swift</i> class	Little Owls	97.7%
who had 100% attendance this	Goldfinch	97.43%
week	Shoebill	97.13%
Top classes with all children in	All children were in on time in	
on time:	<i>Goldfinch</i> class	

Important Key Dates - Autumn 1

September 2023		October 2023	
Mon 4 th and Tue 5 th Sep	Inset Days	Black History Month	
Wed 6 th Sep	Start of Autumn term Y1-6	Tue 17 th Oct - 10:00am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families
Thurs 28 th Sep - 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families	Thurs 19 th Oct - 3:15-3:45pm	Open classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Year Group meetings – 9am Monday 11 th – Year 1		Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term
Tuesday 12 th – Year 2 Wednesday 13 th – Year 3 Thursday 14 th – Year 4 Monday 18 th – Year 5 Tuesday 19 th – Year 6			



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

AGM DATE - Our AGM will take place on **Thursday 12th October 4.30pm** -**5.30pm at Brindishe Green.** We would love to see as many new (and old) faces as possible - it's a great way to meet new parents. This meeting will help shape the events and fund raising we do this year so it's a great opportunity to share your thoughts. Email us if you want to attend: <u>bfgsocials@gmail.com</u>

PIZZA AND COOKIE NIGHT - The deadline for last orders on the make-at-home pizza and cookie kits is drawing in fast. Use this link to order: <u>School Pizza Kit</u> (makes 1 x 12" pizza) for Brindishe Green School | <u>Doughies Pizza Kits</u>. You must have placed your order by Saturday 7th October.

The BFG gets a small portion of the money made selling the kits which goes towards creating food parcels for families in need over the longer school holidays. Due to food inflation we are struggling to cover the cost of doing this. **More pizza sales would really help!**

RAISE MONEY BY SHOPPING! - We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help raise money for the BFG for FREE. Over 7,000 shops will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. You can download it onto a desktop computer or laptop and there is also an app. More information here: <u>https://bit.ly/3p17zLZ</u> It's easy and completely FREE!





PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (**regular or vegan**), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.



Orders to be collected at school pickup on Friday 13th October





£7

PER PIZZA

KIT

£4.50 PER COOKIE KIT (makes 5 cookies)

EACH KIT MAKES 1 X 12" PIZZA AND INCLUDES:

- 1 Fresh dough ball perfect for baking that evening, or within 48 hours
- 80 grams of fresh, cubed mozzarella (or vegan mozzarella)
- A pouch of stretching flour to help stretch your dough balls

- 80 grams of special tomato pizza sauce
- 10 grams of grated Parmesan cheese for an added depth of flavour

COOKIE OPTIONS:

(I) Chocolate brownie (I2 Chocolate Chip (I3 Oat and Raisin





Bring the family together for a fun mealtime activity

Each kit includes printed instructions, and the Doughies website contains videos and tips to help you stretch and cook the perfect home oven pizza

BG Short Story Contest

> Create your own short story using any (or all) of our symbols on this poster. The top stories will win a prize for the book fair!





