

Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

This week several of our Year 5 children took part in their Bikeability Course, run by Cycle Confident. The children developed their skills and confidence with the instructors and ended the week with cycling on the roads around Hither Green. Cycle Confident runs many free services and courses in Lewisham for adults and children, including family sessions and children's holiday groups. If you are interested in finding out more, [please click here!](#)

Also this week we were lucky enough to be joined by children's author, Lisa Williamson. She led an assembly with the children in Years 4-6 and answered some of their questions on what it is like to be an author.

Before the Christmas break we gathered money for Save the Children, Gaza Appeal. We are delighted to tell you that £506.90 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.

Finally, tomorrow is Holocaust Memorial Day. This is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. There will be several events taking place across London.

What is happening next week?

On Tuesday, our Nursery children will be visiting Manor House Gardens and the Library with their teachers and parents. They will read stories together and enjoy a walk in the park.

On Tuesday, Ms Kugathan will be taking our Eco Warriors to the Horniman Museum to take part in a Dragon's Den presentation. More information will be shared next week.

On Friday next week, Puffin and Red Kite classes will visit St Paul's Cathedral and the Tate Modern.

New Signing - In System for Children

From Monday, if your child arrives after 8.45 and the gate is closed, or is returning from an appointment, you will need to accompany your child to the main door.

You will then be asked to sign your child into school using the signing-in screen in the front foyer.

Young Artists' Summer Show

We have registered Brindishe Green for the Royal Academy of Arts, Young Artists' Summer Show.


If your child produces a piece of art for the competition at home, it can be uploaded on to the website. Submission date closes on 27th March 2024


[Click here for more information!](#)




TCS Mini London Marathon

Entries for the 2024 TCS Mini London Marathon are opening this month. We have registered the school and will let you know how many places we have. If you would like your child/ren to be put forward for a place, please email the school office for the attention of Miss Campbell, with your child's name and age.

 Saturday 20th April

 14,000 children and young people

 One mile or 2.6K

 Medal, and £10 to the school for every finisher



The event is **free to enter**, with more than 14,000 children and young people expected to run, jog, walk, or wheel one mile or 2.6K in the heart of the capital.

Smartwatches and Jewellery

Please can we remind all children and parents/carers of our policy on jewellery: we do not allow jewellery in school, apart from religious items such as a crucifix or a Kara (Sikh bangle), and only close-fitting stud earrings, never hooped or dangly earrings.

We are seeing an increased number of children wearing smartwatches to school. As you know, there are many different versions which can do a variety of things (take photos, receive texts, count steps etc), and for safeguarding reasons, this is why we ask that children only wear a simple digital or analogue watch to school. Thank you for your support.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Marrigold & Arian
Cormorant	Vivaan & Imogen
Shoebill	Amelka & Florence
Macaw	Moni & Nia
Heron	Elsie & Ismail
Cassowary	Saadhvika & Youssef
Hornbill	Brayden and Tias
Red Kite	Noelle & Lotta
Puffin	Alia & Sophia
Magpie	Jahziyon & Keziah
Hawk	Nevaeh & Shinead
Kingfisher	Link & Sophie
Woodpecker	Jibrán & Jayden
Parakeet	Yusef & Eva
Kestrel	Hannah K & Hannah. C
Swift	Megan & Dylan-Rose
Little Owl	Emily & Haya
Goldfinch	Aisha & Johanna

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.13%	
Top classes with attendance over 95%:	Emperor Penguin	100%
	Shoebill	100%
	Cassowary	98%
	Robin	97%
	Little Owl	97%
	Swift	96%
A huge well done to Shoebill and Emperor Penguin class who had 100% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	Emperor Penguin, Parakeet, Hawk, Swift, Sparrow and Wren!	
	Huge well done to them all 😊	

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

MEETING UPDATE - We held our first BFG meeting of 2024 on Tuesday. It was lovely to see everyone who managed to attend - thank you for taking the time. We discussed a wide range of things with the school including BFG registration as a charity, our fundraising goals for the rest of the year and dates for our activities this term.

Please put these in your diary:

9th February - Make At Home Pizza night - deadline to order is Saturday 3th February.

Use this link: <https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green> See below for more info.

7th March - Bake sale and preloved toy & book sale (combined) - we'll be collecting donations of unwanted good quality toys and books in the run-up so please keep an eye out for more information and put anything aside you think is suitable.

26th March - next BFG meeting

PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION - One of the other things we discussed at the meeting was the potential redevelopment of the school playground. The school are keen to create an outdoor classroom and make better use of the space available. Previously the BFG had agreed to fund a reading shed. This now has the potential to be a much bigger, more exciting project!

It would be great to know your thoughts and comments on what could be done. Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can find out more information in the BFG meeting minutes: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1os3N6mw1bJr2L9uFSbw2V2METHfeFbf0W4IMV2BJ1sk/edit>

Comments will be collated and passed on to the school.