

Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

This week we welcomed many parents who are starting the process of applying for Reception places for September 2025. On Thursday morning, the children in Emperor Penguin showed groups around their school and our visitors were extremely impressed with how articulate, confident and enthusiastic they were. Thank you to our Year 6 children.

Also this week, the older children learnt about European Day of Languages. They could explain why it is important for us to learn a new language and how we should welcome, support and and celebrate those in our community who come from other countries where English is not their national language.



What is happening next week?

Next week, Cassowary class will continue with their swimming lessons - thank you to all the parents/carers and staff who have been supporting.

Year 1 teachers are running a Phonics Workshop for their families on Thursday at 9am in the main hall. The Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Friday 4th and will be with us for a week.

Census Day - We Need Your Help!

On Thursday 3rd October it is Census Day - **this is a very important day for our school**. The money that the government gives our school, is dependent on how many children are in school on this day, and this day alone. Therefore, it is really important to us that every child is in school on Thursday, and that they are not late. The money the government gives us goes towards us being able to maintain and run a safe, effective and well-resourced school.

Safety in the Area

As you we are sure you know, there have been a number of upsetting and frightening incidents in the local area involving thefts, muggings and intimidation. Only recently a Year 7 boy was chased and threatened by some youths with a weapon.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and they walk home alone, please can we encourage you to reinforce with your child about ways to keep themselves safe:

- Keep mobile phones hidden
- Travel with a friend if possible
- Go straight home and not to the park or shop
- Avoid groups and engaging with strangers
- Go to a safe place such as school or Found Hope, if they are worried.

Reading Volunteers

Learning to read is a crucial part of a child's education and being given the opportunity to read to different people, helps them to grow in confidence, stamina and fluency.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time, once a week, to read with our children, please email the school office and a member of staff will be in touch.

Please note that you will need to complete an application and provide references (legal requirement).

Our Teaching Assistants

Friday 27th September is **National Teaching Assistants' Day**. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the hard work and efforts of TAs.

We are all REALLY lucky to have so many exceptional Teaching Assistants in our school. Their role within the school is crucial in ensuring that our children are safe, supported, encouraged and given the skills and knowledge to thrive. The list of jobs they do is never ending and they don't stop from the minute they walk in the door, to the minute they leave.

We want to thank them ALL for everything they do, each and every day!



Proposed Changes to Hither Green Lane - Have Your Say!

Lewisham Council is proposing traffic calming measures along Hither Green Lane and a section of Courthill Road to reduce speeding and improve road safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. The proposals also include upgrading the crossing on Hither Green Lane near Brindishe Green Primary School to a signalised crossing, creating a safer route to school for pupils. For more information, [click here!](#)

We would encourage as many parents/carers as possible to have their say, by completing the survey - [Click here!](#)

The consultation closes on the 2nd October.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Nevaeh & Cyrus
Cormorant	Aaron & Talia
Shoebill	Jacob & Navie-Mae
Macaw	Lyra & Harrison
Heron	Emin & Lina
Cassowary	Lex and Sophia
Hornbill	Jacob B & Eli
Red Kite	Janat & Amari
Puffin	Elliot & Lily
Magpie	Anna & Corin
Hawk	Yusuf & Gabriele
Kingfisher	Honour & Phoenix
Woodpecker	Marcus & Maddie
Parakeet	Luca & Eitlyn
Kestrel	Zakary & Hope
Swift	Alicia & Rafik
Little Owl	Oliver & Amelie
Goldfinch	Hobie & Amber



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.06%	
Top classes with attendance over 98%:	Shoebill	99.62%
	Kingfisher	99.34%
	Macaw	99.19%
	Little Owls	98.34%
	Cassowary	98.43%
A huge well done to Hummingbird who achieved 100% attendance this week.		
Top Classes for excellent punctuality:	A huge well done to Robin, with 100% punctuality! Well done 😊	

Some Important Dates - Autumn Term

September 2024		October 2024	
Mon 2 nd and Tue 3 rd Sep	Inset Days - No school	Black History Month	
Wed 4 th Sep	Start of Autumn term Y1-6	Tue 15 th Oct - 10:00am & 4:15pm	Rec/Nursery Open Day
Thursday 26 th Sept - 10am & 4:15pm	Rec/Nursery Open Day	Thurs 17 th Oct - 3:15-3:45pm	Open classroom Years 1, 3, 6
Year Group meetings - 8.50am Friday 6 th Sept - Year 6 Monday 9 th Sept - Year 1 Tuesday 10 th Sept - Year 2 Wednesday 11 th Sept - Year 3 Thursday 12 th Sept - Year 4 Friday 13 th Sept - Year 5 Wednesday 18 th Sept - Reception		Thurs 17 th Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6
		Mon 28 th Oct - Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 3 October, 5:00pm at Brindishe Green School. All parents and carers are invited to our AGM next Thursday 3 October at 5pm. Come along to hear what we've got planned for the next school year, and share your thoughts and ideas. Email bfgsocials@gmail.com if you'd like to come along. If you would like a particular issue raised at the AGM, please do get in touch.

The Big Half

We are delighted to announce that the Big Half raised over £3,200 for the school - this is a fantastic achievement and well over double what we raised last year! A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who trained hard, gathered sponsorship and took part in the half-marathon earlier this month.

Playground Improvements

We were excited to see the artificial grass being put in place around the stage this week. It looks just as good as we hoped it would, and we can't wait to see the children enjoying their new performance space.



Pizza & cookies night

🍕🍪 Order by 5 Oct, collect at pickup on 11 October 🍪🍕

For the past few years the BFG has teamed up with Doughies for make-at-home pizza & cookie nights. For every order we get a donation which goes towards the children of Brindishe Green.

Our Autumn term make-at-home night will be Friday 11 October.

Sadly this will be our last pizza night before Doughies closes its doors at the end of 2024, so let's make this our biggest pizza night ever! Order now at <https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green>.



PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT FRIDAY 11TH 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.



Order via the link below by Saturday 5th October
<https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green>

Orders to be collected at school pickup on Friday 11th October