

# Newsletter

## Friday 20th December 2024



### What has been happening this week?

This week our Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 children performed for their families. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended, and to the staff who prepared the children so well. Thank you to our Nursery families who attended their child's Stay and Play session on Thursday. We hope you had fun and enjoyed the beautiful singing!

On Wednesday, parent James Wilkes, thrilled the Y4 cohort with an inspiring pottery lesson!

Christmas jumper and pantomime day was a roaring success on Thursday. Dressed in their festive jumpers, the children enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by Radish, an online pantomime and a BIG bag of popcorn.

This week, Ms Clifflands shared our first Creative Arts Bulletin on Weduc. Did you see it? This term our children have shone on stage and in the classrooms.

And finally, today, we say farewell to Alex Bacon, Jonnette Bowen and Jasmine Jayham as they begin the next chapter in their lives. We will miss all three, very much.



### What is happening next week?

As you know, we finish today for our Winter Break. We hope that you are all able to spend time with friends and family, enjoy not having to get up early and ready for school, and that you are able to find some time to rest. If Santa Claus visits your home, we hope that it is a happy, magical time - merry Christmas!

For our Christian and Jewish families who celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, we hope that you enjoy this special time with your faith communities.

We also understand that this can be a very difficult time for some children and families, and we will be thinking of you too.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7th January 2025. Happy New Year to you all!



### Use of X (formally Twitter)

With immediate effect, Brindishe Schools will cease to use the platform X to celebrate our children and successes. All three school accounts have been disabled. Over the last few years and most significantly the last few months, the social media platform does not align with our school vision and values and everything that Brindishe stands for: **respect, equality, equity, understanding and diversity**. The Senior Leadership Team from across Brindishe will take some time now to decide how best we communicate with you going forward.

### Applying for Primary School

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2025?

If so, please note that all applications must be submitted **to Lewisham by this Wednesday (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. [Click here!](#)

## Keeping Our Children Safe

We always tell the children that keeping them safe, is the most important thing we do in school. However, **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**. England Football have produced a free safeguarding course for parents/carers (30mins), which is designed to help you to make an informed choice about the football setting you enrol your child in. Although it has a football theme, the questions and knowledge can be used when enrolling your child in any club - swimming, Guides, gymnastics, music lessons etc. [Click here for more information!](#)

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858  
 Mind - 03001233393  
 No Panic - 08449674848  
 Bereavement - 08088081677  
 PAPYRUS - 08000684141  
 Samaritans - 116 123  
 SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258  
 Abuse - 0808 2000 247  
 Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe this Christmas.



## Safeguarding Children

If you are worried about a child over the half term break, or at any time during the year, you should contact the Lewisham Safeguarding Team by email ([mashagency@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:mashagency@lewisham.gov.uk)) or telephone (02083146660).

[Click here for more information - Lewisham Safeguarding.](#)



**Lewisham Safeguarding**  
 Children Partnership

## Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Basmat, Daphne & Rihannat
Cormorant	Niko, Lulu & Jersha
Shoebill	Cade & Edie
Macaw	Noah & Hareem
Heron	Cameron, Elsa, Johannes & Maya
Cassowary	Alexandra & Blake
Hornbill	Gabrieluis and Rhianna
Red Kite	Ryan & Mariam
Puffin	Sophia & Puffin Class
Magpie	Jessie-John & Esther
Hawk	Lily & Rachel
Kingfisher	Ishmael & Sebastian
Woodpecker	Amber & Gabriel
Parakeet	Lilly & Aaron
Kestrel	Valentina & Mia
Swift	Esme & Millie
Little Owl	Iris & Avesta
Goldfinch	Eva & Dylan

## Attendance and Punctuality

<b>Overall school attendance this week:</b>	<b>89.63%</b>	
<b>Top 4 classes with attendance over 96%</b>	Emperor Penguin	98.41%
A huge well done to everyone who achieved great attendance this week!	Macaw	97.55%
	Cormorant	96.89%
	Shoebill	96.03%
<b>The Top Class with 100% punctuality:</b>	Little Owls A huge well done to you all! 🎉	

## Some Important Dates - Spring Term

January 2025		February 2025	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day – No school	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring term	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
		Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term



## Thank you!



This term we've raised a record breaking

# £7,406.49

for our school, which will help fund...



A huge thank you to everyone who joined in, supported and helped with BFG events this term. Have a fabulous Winter break!



Brindishe Friends Group (BFG) is Brindishe Green's parent, teacher and friend association (PTA). We are a group of volunteers who raise funds and organise activities for our school. Charity no 1207252 | [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) | [linktr.ee/brindishefriendsgroup](http://linktr.ee/brindishefriendsgroup)

## BFG Dates for your Diary

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21 January 2025 - BFG planning meeting

31 January - Doughies Pizza Evening (buy a kit & make your own pizza at home)

7 March 2025 - Spring Discos

27 March - Preloved Book & Toy Sale

9 May - Doughies Pizza Evening (buy a kit & make your own pizza at home)

4 July - Brindishe Green Summer Fair

Date TBC - Summer term coffee morning

