

Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

October is the start of Black History Month. Over the coming month we will be looking into the theme 'Reclaiming Narratives' and learning about some inspirational people in our community, country and across the world.



What is happening next week?

Next week, Heron class will begin their swimming lessons.
On Thursday 10th, Radish will be serving a delicious Greek themed menu - please see flyer for more information.
On Friday 11th, Year 1 will visit Mountsfield Park.

Attendance Information 2024 - Fixed penalty notices

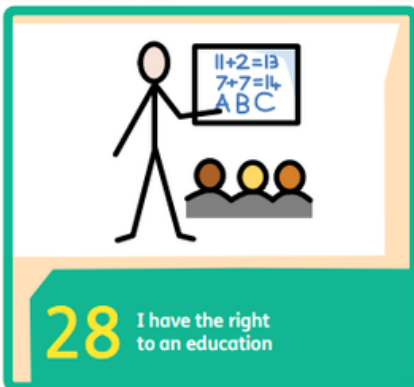
From 19th August 2024 the Government has introduced the following national threshold:

There will now be one single national threshold for attendance. Children who amount 10 sessions (a session is a morning or an afternoon) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks will automatically qualify for a fixed penalty notice.

Fines are £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 per parent, per child if paid after 21 days.

For example, a 5-day holiday in term time (term time leave) or 5 days of unauthorised absence due to irregular school attendance, would meet the national threshold.

Please be aware that the 10-school week period can span different terms or school years and school holidays e.g July and September absences.



Scholastic Book Fair

Today our Scholastic Book Fair arrived in school. Books can be purchased with cash or using a card, up until 10th Oct. For those who do not know, every book purchased provides the school with reward points that we can use to purchase new books for our book corners and new library space, which is being refurbished. Recently we were able to purchase over £1400 worth of books, simply from using our reward points.

Harvest Collection

On Thursday 24th October we will be doing a 'Big Harvest Collection' for the Lewisham Foodbank. On this day we will be collecting donations of dried food, tins, cereals, jars and toiletries. More information will follow nearer the time.

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).

Hello Yellow Day - Thursday 10th October

Brindishe Green will be joining thousands of schools on Thursday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) and taking part in **Hello Yellow Day, in support of YoungMinds**. We'll be asking everyone to wear something yellow.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health, but together, we can change this.

To take part, children (parents and staff) can wear yellow to school, and we'd like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health. You or your child can **bring money in £1, or whatever you can afford**, on the day if you wish to.

Finally, YoungMinds have resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: www.youngminds.org.uk/parent.



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Joseph & Elsie
Cormorant	Arthur & Josias
Shoebill	Basiru & Edie
Macaw	Hareem & Roshan
Heron	Ada & Alex
Cassowary	Cassowary Class
Hornbill	Lana & Lucas
Red Kite	Jahziyon & Iris
Puffin	Alfie & Ejla
Magpie	Jessica & Elissa
Hawk	Francis & Abigail
Kingfisher	Tilly & Hannah
Woodpecker	Chaela & Aydan
Parakeet	Sofia & Abisola
Kestrel	Zarar & Abraham
Swift	Diego & Emmanuel
Little Owl	Sophie & Hugo
Goldfinch	Zoland & Frida

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	96.36%	
Top class with attendance over 98%:	Cassowary	100%
A huge well done to Cassowary who achieved 100% attendance this week.	Magpie	99.66%
	Swift	98.67%
	Cormorant	98.43%
	Little Owls	98.26%
Top Classes for excellent punctuality:	Swift, Woodpecker, and Cassowary A huge well done 🏆	

Some Important Dates - Autumn Term

October 2023		November 2023	
Black History Month		Tues 12 th Nov 10am & 4:15pm	Rec/Nursery Open Day
Tue 15 th Oct - 10:00am & 4:15pm	Rec/Nursery Open Day	Thurs 14 th Nov - 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 5
Thurs 17 th Oct - 3:15-3:45pm	Open classroom Years 1, 3, 6	11 th – 15 th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week
Thurs 17 th Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6	Fri 29 th Nov	Inset Day - No school for children
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term		

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Thanks so much to everyone who came to our AGM yesterday (3 Oct). We'll share full notes from the meeting soon, but in the meantime here's our Committee Report on last year's activity.

2023/24 Committee Members Report

The BFG (Brindishe Friends Group) is a registered charity which exists to raise funds and organise activities that bring together the Brindishe Green community and enrich the experience of all children at the school. All parents and carers at the school are automatically members.

2023/24 was a year of major change for the BFG following the departure of co-chairs Dana and Charlie in Summer 2023. Thankfully, a number of new volunteers stepped up to continue the incredible work of the previous team. The committee grew from three to seven, with Hayley and Kate (co-chairs), Natasha (treasurer), Sam (secretary), Kasia, Alex and Lu elected at the 2023 AGM. In Autumn 2023 we became a registered charity.

It was the BFG's most successful fundraising year ever, with over £15,000 raised for the school. Events included a record breaking Winter Fair (which raised over £3,000), Brindishe Green's first ever school discos attended by over 300 children and a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale which raised over £200 in under 15 minutes. BFG parents and carers also raised nearly £400 from online retailers (at no cost) through Easyfundraising.

With these funds the BFG was able to make a substantial contribution to the school's activities, contributing £10,000 for the new playground stage as well as supporting book bags for Reception children, a panto afternoon (with popcorn) for the whole school and leavers t-shirts for all Year 6 children. We also supported the school community through a free food pantry for all Brindishe Green families and a winter clothing exchange.

We can only do any of this with the help and support of our incredible family of BFG members, supporters and friends. Huge thanks to all the staff, parents and carers of Brindishe Green who continue to offer your time, donations and contributions to make all of this possible.

October 2024 - BFG Committee (Kate, Hayley, Natasha, Sam, Lu, Kasia)

BFG Dates for your Diary

- 11 October - Pizza & Cookies night pick up!
- 22 & 23 October - Preloved Winter Clothing Hub clothes drop off
- 5 & 6 November - Preloved Winter Clothing Hub collection
- 11 November - Cake competition & Bake Sale
- 6 December - Brindishe Green Winter Fair
- 7 March 2025 - Spring Discos
- 27 March - Preloved Book & Toy Sale
- 4 July - Brindishe Green Summer Fair
- Date TBC - Summer term coffee morning



Pizza & Cookies night order deadline tomorrow!

Saturday 5 October is your last chance to order your pizza and cookie kits for collection next Friday. This is our last pizza night and every kit bought raises money for our school. Order now
<https://tr.ee/ddW1doO2hO>

A reminder that you can find details of all BFG news and events on our Linktree:
<https://linktr.ee/brindishefriendsgroup>