## Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025



#### What has been happening this week?

On Monday, Shoebill class visited The Imperial War Museum and The Tibetan Peace Garden. On Monday the Breck Foundation ran an online safety workshop for all parents and on Wednesday the team visited the children and led workshops for children from Years 1-6. Thank you to Ms Chin for organising. Also on Monday, our Year 4 children began their cricket lessons, led by Platform Cricket. On Friday they also took part in a Gospel singing workshop.



#### What is happening next week?

Next week is an important week in school. Most of our Year 6 children will be going on their 5 day/4 night residential School Journey, alongside Ms Supple, Ms Harris, Ms Zoe, Mr Ingram, Mr Andy and Ms Paris. We thank all the adults who have given up their time and left their families to accompany the children. The remaining Year 6 children will stay in school for a fun packed week, including a trip to the cinema on Wednesday.

Also next week is our annual **Celebrating Diversity Week**. As the Brindishe Federation, we work together to provide fun learning activities to help children learn about our similarities and differences, including what makes us all special and unique. The week is split into 5 days:

Monday - Power for Good - **Odd Sock Day (Anti-Bullying - wear odd socks)**.

BFG Bake-Off and Cake Sale

Tuesday - Breaking Stereotypes, Developing Curiosity

Wednesday - Many Faiths, One Community (Lewisham Inter-Faith Week)

Thursday - World Kindness Day

Friday - Challenge Yourself - Develop Your Confidence!

**On Friday 14th**, we will have a school Pyjama Day. They can come into school in their PJs and Dressing Gowns. The only stipulations are that they **can not wear onesies** and they **must wear trainers**.

We will be collecting money on this day for 2 charities - <u>Children in Need</u>, and <u>UNICEF Hurricane Melissa Appeal</u>. Please bring in any spare change you have towards our collection.

Alternatively, you can make a donation online.





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#### **Respectful Communication Reminder**

We would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of respectful communication between parents/carers, and school staff. Whether we are chatting in the playground, speaking on the phone, meeting in person, or sending emails, it is important that our interactions remain timely, polite and considerate.

All our staff are dedicated to doing their very best for every child, and we deeply value the positive relationships that help our school community thrive. Thank you for helping us maintain a positive, supportive environment for everyone in our school community.

#### **Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal**

Year 6 children have been visiting every classroom this week to sell items for the Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal. These items include paper poppies, poppy key rings, poppy slap bands and poppy wrist bracelets. There are no suggested donation amounts for any of the items so you can give as much or as little as you like for a poppy or other items.

Please send your child into school with cash for poppy items this week and the Year 6 children will visit them over the course of the next few days.

#### **Date for Your Diary - Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings**

Nursery to Year 6 Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings will take place week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will send more information next week on how to book your appointment.

Please note that all school clubs, led by Brindishe Green staff, will not be taking place the week of 1st December – This does not affect Sportacus or Tea Club.

#### **Good Luck, Johannes!**

Year 6 Johannes has been chosen to represent Lewisham Borough in the U11 Male XC Race at the London Youth Games Cross Country event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath. He will also be representing London at the Inter Regional Duathlon event on Sunday, where triathletes from London, South-East and East Regions compete against each other.

We would like to wish him all the very best - we know he will do a fantastic job!  $\bigcirc$ 

#### **Please Check**

As we head into the darker, colder months, please can we encourage parents/carers to check that their child is coming home with all the clothes they arrived in school wearing. Lost items might be in the playground, the Lost Property box, or in the baskets in the foyer. They might also still be in the classroom. Also, please check that all coats and jumpers are labelled. Our aim is to reduce the amount of items in Lost Property, and the amount we donate to charity at the end of the term. Thank you.

#### **Something Wonderful to Celebrate**

E Penguin Reo & Cameron

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

Erenguin	Neo & Cameron	
Cormorant	Blake & Tracy	
Shoebill	Ernes & Hareem	
Macaw	Gabrielius & Devaani	
Heron	Reuben & Oscar	
Cassowary	Abner, Ronan & Frandy	
Hornbill	Elissa & Mia	
Red Kite	Lucia & Victoria	
Puffin	Sebastian & Yeshua	
Magpie	Noah & Layal	
Hawk	Edward & Finn	
Kingfisher	Kit & Chaela	
Woodpecker	Sofia & Kurt	
Parakeet	Jonah & Esmé	
Kestrel	Rylee & Mya	
Swift	Celia & Isla May	
Little Owl	Seung-Ho & Hoorain	
Goldfinch	Mya & Rylee	
Robin	Sienna & Shaygan	
Wren	Ellis & Natasha	
Sparrow	Amira & Riley	

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Overall school attendance this week:	95.72%	
Over 99% Attendance! Well Done Woodpecker!	Woodpecker Shoebill Heron Hawk	99.2% 98.7% 97.1% 96.3%
Amazing Punctuality This Week!	Kestrel, Little Owl, Hornbill & Shoebill! Well done to Everyone!	

#### Some Important Dates - Autumn Term

November 2025		December 2025			
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week! Year 6 School Journey	Week beg 1st Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings		
Open Classroom  3:15-3:45pm   Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5  Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 2  Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 4  Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Reception and Nursery  (8.40 - 9.15am)		Winter Performances/ Events 9th Dec - Year 2 – 9am 9th Dec - Year 3 – 2.30pm 12th Dec - Year 1 – 9am 12th Dec - Year 4 – 2.30pm 16th Dec - Reception – 9am 17th Dec - Year 5 – 9am 17th Dec - Year 6 – 2.30pm 18th Dec - Nursery – 8.45am			
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2026 Reception Open Day	Thurs 18th Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day		
Fri 28th Nov	Inset Day - No school for children	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec (5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day)	Last Day Christmas Holidays		

## A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



#### **Diary Dates**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November Great Brindishe Bake Off & Cake Sale

Drop your bakes off in the morning and stop by after school to purchase some prize-winning treats.

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November Festive Card Order Deadline

Order forms have gone home in book bags. Use your child's unique code to order online.

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December BFG Winter Fair

We can't wait to welcome you to the Winter Fair.



#### **Get Your Mixing Bowls Ready!**

Monday is our **One World, Many Flavours Great Brindishe Bake Off**. Bake something inspired by your culture, a favourite place, or a flavour you love, and bring it in Monday morning.

Bring your spare change after school for the Bake Sale to taste the creations and celebrate our brilliant school community.

#### Winter Fair - Help Make it Happen!

Preparations are underway for one of the year's biggest events. We'll be collecting...

- T Children and adult's Tombola prizes
- Raffle prizes from businesses and families
- **Craft materials;** toilet roll tubes and Pringles tubs with lids

We still need volunteers in the run-up and on the day. New to volunteering? No problem, check out our **Volunteer Q&A** for answers to all your questions.

Sign up to help



#### **New Library Wish List – Non-fiction**

Thanks to your generosity, last term over 120 books (£700!) were added to our library. So we've launched a new wish list focused on non-fiction across science, art, history, poetry, climate, and more.

Gift a book now

# Great Brindishe Bake Off ...AND CAKE SALE!

Calling all budding bakers!

Join our One World, Many Flavours
Bake Off to celebrate Diversity
Week! Bake something at home
that reflects your culture,
favourite flavours, or a special
family recipe, and help us
celebrate the amazing mix of
traditions and tastes that make our
school community so special!

### Monday 10th November

Drop off bakes in the morning with ingredients, name and class clearly marked, and a note about your bake and why you chose it. All bakes must be NUT FREE. Prizes for KS1 & KS2 bakes.

Cakes on sale in the playground at 3:15pm

