

# Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Brindishe  
Green



## What has been happening this week?

We hope you all had a restful half term. We hope that our families and friends who celebrated **Lunar New Year** had a wonderful time, as we know that this was a very special time for many people in our community.

This week, our **Year 5** children enjoyed a Born Free Workshop, funded by money raised by the BFG. The children debated the question 'Should Animals Have the Same Rights as Humans?' One child said, "We learnt about how animals have adapted over time and how clever they are. Like humans, animals need different things to be able to survive so I think they should have the same Rights as humans. Humans are animals, after all."

Also this week, **Woodpecker class** visited Lewisham Market to buy fruits and vegetables to cook with. The stall owners were extremely welcoming and tried to give the children some produce for free (although the teachers explained that we wanted them to learn how to use money and receive change). Back at school, they made some delicious salsa, kebabs, fruit smoothies, carrot salad and guacamole with the items they had bought. Kestrel and Parakeet classes will visit over the next two weeks.



## What is happening next week?

**Year 2** will visit The Ragged School Museum as part of their History learning about the Victorians. Later in the week they will enjoy a Story Crafting Workshop led by visiting local author Allison Parkinson. On Wednesday, a group of **Year 5** children will perform at The Broadway Theatre as part of Lewisham Live.

And finally the Scholastic Book Fair will arrive in time for our **World Book Day celebrations on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** (please note we mark the day on Friday, rather than Thursday).

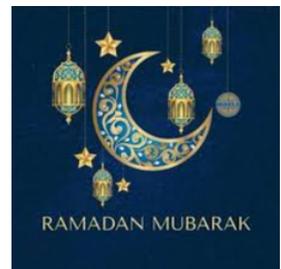
**See below for more information.**

## Ramadan

Fasting during Ramadan is an important religious duty for Muslims who have reached puberty. We would prefer children not to fast while at school, as this may affect their learning, concentration, and wellbeing, and instead encourage fasting at weekends or at home.

If you would like your child to fast during the school day, **please email the school office with their name, class, and details so staff can support them.** Children will not be permitted to fast in school without this information, and we will contact you if we have any concerns about their wellbeing.

We wish everyone observing Ramadan a peaceful and rewarding month.



## Young Artists' Summer Show

The closing date is fast approaching! If your child produces a piece of art for the Royal Academy of Arts, Young Artists' Summer Show, you can upload it on to the website. It can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme. **Submission date closes on 4th March 2026 at 5pm.**

[Click here](#) for more information, including guidance on what and how to submit.



## Earrings in School

We are seeing an increase in the number of children wearing hooped earrings to school. Although we do not have a uniform we have a number of points in our policy that should be followed. One states that children are only permitted to wear stud earrings to school, and never hoops. [Click here for more information.](#) Thank you for your support.

## Safeguarding Children

In school, **all staff** have a duty to protect every child and report anything they are worried about. If you are worried about a child, we have dedicated members of staff called **Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)**, who you can speak to - these include all members of the senior leadership team. **Debbie Hughes is our main DSL**, and Michele Barrett is also on hand as well.

**Debbie Hughes**  
Deputy Head and DSL



**Michele Barrett**  
Family Support and DSL



## Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin  
Cormorant  
Shoebill  
Macaw  
Heron  
Cassowary

Hornbill  
Red Kite  
Puffin  
Magpie  
Hawk  
Kingfisher  
Woodpecker

Parakeet  
Kestrel  
Swift  
Little Owl  
Goldfinch

Robin  
Wren  
Sparrow

Dina & Taku  
Naomi & Alex  
Ainara & Renaye  
Teilo & Alia  
Ryan & Londi  
Abner, Elliot, Ava, Chadwick & Jahziyon

Ross & Fatmata  
Red Kite  
Jacob & Michael  
Noah & Layal  
Gilson & Hawk Class  
Angely & Oliver  
Amber & Deron

Diego & Iyad  
Iris & Aria  
Rosie & Nala  
Ovie & Ixak  
Arvi & Rylee  
Aurora & Clemmie  
Constantine & Robin  
Miguell & Annalisa



## Meet the Teacher - Spring

Please note that our next round of Parent Teacher meetings will take place **week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. You will be able to book your appointment from next Friday. Look out for more information on Weduc next week.

### MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

Born: U.S.A - 1964  
Lives: San Francisco, U.S.A.  
Famous Song: Fast Car

### TRACY CHAPMAN

## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.1%	
Best Attendance 98% & Above	Swift Woodpecker Hawk	99.6% 99.2% 98.2%
Well Done Swift 😊		
Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Robin, Swift, Kestrel & Parakeet A huge well done to Everyone! 😊	

## Important Dates - Spring 2

March 2026		April 2026	
Wk beg 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
		Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer term

Go All In -

FOR WORLD BOOK DAY!!

IF YOU'RE INTO IT,  
READ INTO IT!



FRIDAY 6TH  
MARCH



This World Book Day, we are inviting you to dress in a way that shows something you are passionate about!

Love Maths? Into animals? Obsessed with space?  
Show us what you're into!



CELEBRATE  
WORLD  
BOOK DAY!



You can go as big or as small as you like - wear an accessory, a hat, a t-shirt or even your favourite colour.

On 6th March, bring in your favourite reading material linked to your passion too - a comic book, a non-fiction magazine, even Lego building instructions!



# A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



## Run the Big Half for the BFG!

Looking for a challenge? Fancy running London's biggest and best half marathon, with live music, stunning riverside views, and an amazing atmosphere?

We have **10 charity places for the 2026 Big Half on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**, and we want our runners to reflect the full diversity of our school community. To help with this, we'll prioritise applications from people not often represented on our team, while everyone still has a chance to be selected.

Apply by Fri 27th March.

[Find out more](#)



## Flower Power Discos Tickets Selling Fast!

Our Spring Discos coming up **on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, that's two weeks today!** DJ Sacha will be bringing the music, games, lights and snow machine for two high-energy discos. Drinks included, plus a snack bag at the end.

We have limited capacity and tickets are going quickly, so please book soon. Buy online or catch us in the playground for in-person sales.

We also need a few more parent volunteers to help with set-up and during the discos. Email [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) if you can help.

[Get your disco tickets](#)



## February £2 App-eal (ends Saturday!)

We've already had **16 new supporters** this month, that's **£44 raised** before anyone has even shopped! 🥳 There are only a few days left of the £2 App-eal, so if you haven't already, **please download the easyfundraising app** and select Brindishe Friends Group, now's the time!

[Sign up now](#)