

Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week

Well done to all the BG runners who took part in the Big Half Marathon on Sunday. Thank you to Ms Supple, Ms Swindells, Ms Collins and Mr Aaron who represented the teaching team.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. We hope you found them useful. Everyone was given an 'Expectations for the Year' booklet and told about what the routines and learning would be like for this academic year. If you were unable to attend, the Powerpoint and booklet can be found on Weduc.

This week transition booklets and detailed information was sent to our Year 6 families, who are in the process of visiting and considering which secondary school they would like their children to go to. Further information can be found on the Lewisham website - [click here](#)! Please find attached a document showing which secondary schools our previous Year 6 children have just joined.

What is happening next week?

Next week, Year 5 Cassowary Class will begin their swimming lessons. Every morning for two weeks they will take part in intensive swimming lessons, which is part of the statutory PE curriculum. Thank you to the parents/carers who have volunteered to walk the children there and back.

On Wednesday, at 9am, we will welcome our Reception families to their Meet the Teacher meeting.

Educational Visits - Emergency Volunteers

As you know, when we take classes and groups of children on educational visits we have to take a certain amount of adults with us, depending on the age of the children. For this we rely on parents/carers to come and support us. If a class does not have enough adults, we have to postpone or cancel the visit. Nobody wants this to happen. If you are available during certain days of the week and would be happy to accompany a class (different to the one your child is in) as a volunteer, please email the school office and we will add you to the list of people we contact in an emergency. Thank you.

What We Believe at Brindishe Schools

At Brindishe Schools, we want the very best for all our children, staff and families. We share our vision and our values with our school community so that everyone knows we are all working together.!



Brindishe
Federation

We are all...

Committed - We are dedicated and devoted to being the best we can be.

Collaborative - We learn, work and play well with others.

Confident - We believe in ourselves and in each other.

Compassionate - We show kindness and respect towards others' feelings, backgrounds, beliefs and needs.

Curious - We are eager and ready to learn and know about the world around us.



Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility. If you are worried about a child, a family member, a neighbour, or a friend, at any time during the year, you should contact the Lewisham Safeguarding Team by email (mashagency@lewisham.gov.uk) or telephone (02083146660). [Click here for more information](#)

In school, **all staff** have a duty to protect every child and report anything they are worried about. All staff are Level 1 Safeguarding trained. If you are worried about a child, we have dedicated members of staff called **Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs - Level 3)**, who you can speak to - these include all members of the senior leadership team. **Debbie Hughes and Michele Barrett are our main DSLs .**

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858
Mind - 03001233393
No Panic - 08449678488
Bereavement - 08088081677
PAPYRUS - 08000684141
Samaritans - 116 123
SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258
Abuse - 0808 2000 247
Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe and take care.



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	Brandon & Ejla
Cormorant	Chloe & Imani
Shoebill	Isabella & Matteo
Macaw	Sebastian & Naeveah
Heron	Adam & Nayara
Cassowary	Eden & Michael
Hornbill	Aissatou & Nico
Red Kite	Elio & Kathiya
Puffin	Aaron & Aaliyah
Magpie	Magpie Class
Hawk	Hawk Class
Kingfisher	Kyra & Frida
Woodpecker	Osar & Soleil
Parakeet	Ilham & Oskar
Kestrel	Clea & Zakaria
Swift	Sisi & Vihaan
Little Owl	Ellis & Lexi
Goldfinch	Alexandros & Israa
Robin	Orson & Louis
Wren	Kiari & Raphael
Sparrow	Rayan & Ronan

ME Books

Today your child (Year 1-6) should have brought home their ME Books. It contains activities for families to do together. They are designed so that all age groups can do them, at a level that is right for each child.

- 1 - Every child should compete
- 2 - Every child could give it a go
- 3 - A final task for those who love to challenge themselves.

These activities encourage discussion within families and support children and families in learning about Children's Rights.

11th September - 24th September 2026

Activity 1 - For Everyone!
Welcome Back! We are all so pleased to see you, especially your new teacher! They want to know lots about you.
In your book, draw a picture of yourself and your family. Around the outside, write 5 (or more), interesting facts about yourself (your adult can scribe for you if you need them to!).

Activity 2 - Give It a Go!
The Mystery Object
With your grown up, choose a mystery object from home and write 5 clues about it without naming it. Bring the clues into school and see if classmates and teacher can guess what it is.

Challenge Yourself - Super Star!
Summer Explorer - Choose one place you visited this summer - this could be in London, the UK or abroad. Create an "Explorer's Guide" to the place:
Where is it and how you got there?
What was the weather/climate like?
Why did you go there?
What food did you eat there?
Include interesting facts about the place
Your own recommendation: Would you recommend visiting? Why?



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	96.4%	
Best Attendance This Week:	Kestrel Shoebill Woodpecker	100% 99.6% 99.2%
Well Done to Kestrel with Perfect Attendance 😊		
Top Classes for BEST punctuality	Red Kite, Robin & Kestrel A huge well done to Everyone! 😊	

Important Dates - Autumn 1

September 2026		October 2026	
Wed 2 nd Sep	Inset Days - No school for children	Black History Month	
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Start of Autumn term Y1-6	Open Classroom 3:15-3:45pm Monday 12 th Oct - Year 1 Tuesday 13 th Oct - Year 3 Thursday 15 th Oct - Year 6	
Year Group meetings - 9.00am Friday 4 th Sept - Year 6 Monday 7 th Sept - Year 1 Tuesday 8 th Sept - Year 2 Wednesday 9 th Sept - Year 3 Thursday 10 th Sept - Year 4 Friday 11 th Sept - Year 5 Wednesday 16 th Sept - Reception		Fri 2 nd Oct	Flu immunisations R-Y6
Tuesday 22 nd Sept 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day	Tues 13 th Oct 10am and 4.30pm	Sept 2027 Reception Open Day
		Mon 26 th Oct - Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term

A Message from the Brindishe Friends Group



We NEED Your Help!

Big love and thanks to BFG treasurer Alex, who is stepping down as he's moving to Japan in January, and to co-chair Barbara, who is stepping down for health reasons. Both have done an incredible job for the BFG. We'll miss them hugely and send Barbara all our love for a speedy recovery! ❤️

We can't run the BFG without a Treasurer – could that be you? We're on the hunt for someone who knows their numbers (and loves a spreadsheet), to join us now so there's time for a handover with Alex. Please email us at bfgsocials@gmail.com if you can help.

Find out more about what being on the committee involves on our Linktree.

 **Find out more**



Well Done Our Running Stars!

Huge congratulations to all the amazing runners who took on the Big Half and Big Mile last weekend and thanks to everyone who cheered them along! **You've raised an incredible £2,324 so far, and we know we can do even better.** If you haven't already, please pop a donation towards our runners, **every pound makes a real difference** to Brindishe Green.

Sponsor our BG Runners



BFG Meeting Round-Up

We held our first meeting of the year this week and talked through plans for the year. Curious what's coming up? **Read the full minutes here.**

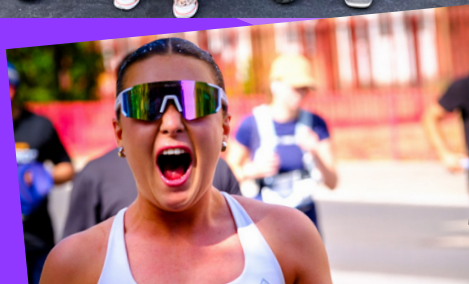
And don't forget to join us for **Drop-off Coffee & Chat on Friday 25th September at 8.45am.**

Brindishe Friends Group (BFG) is Brindishe Green's parent teacher & friends group. Charity no. 1207252. **Check out our Linktree** for news and updates | Email us bfgsocials@gmail.com. @brindishefriendsgroup

**BIG
HALE
NILE**



WELL DONE TEAM BG!



Sponsor our BG Runners!



Moving On



As we start our new academic year at Brindishe Green, we send our best wishes and good luck to our old Year 6 classes who have now started their new secondary schools. Our children have moved on to 26 schools in total, some with a group of friends and some on their own. Below is a list of the schools they are now attending, alongside the number of children who have gone there. Most of our children went to a school in Lewisham, but there are also a number who are further away, either because it is close to where they now live or because they sat an additional entrance exam.

Different schools have different admissions criteria and parents/carers carefully consider this when choosing a school for their child. Schools and boroughs take into consideration if a child is in care, has a medical or special educational need, has a sibling/s, and the distance between the home and school. Some schools also require the children to sit an entrance exam, but this is not the case for Lewisham secondary schools. More information on how to apply to a Lewisham school can be found on [The Lewisham Website](#).

Secondary School	Number of children	Lewisham School
Beths Grammar School	1	Bexley
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	1	✓
Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	1	Bexley
Chislehurst School for Girls	1	Bromley
Colfe's School	1	✓ Independent
Conisborough College - a Colfe's Associate School	1	✓
Dartford Grammar School for Girls	1	✓
Forest Hill School	1	✓
Haberdashers' Knights Academy	1	✓
Harris Girls' Academy Bromley	1	Bromley
Harris Academy Greenwich	1	Greenwich
Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich	1	Southwark
Kingsdale Foundation School	1	Dulwich
Leigh Academy Blackheath	1	Blackheath
Newstead Wood School	1	Orpington
Prendergast Ladywell School	2	✓
Prendergast School	4	✓
Prendergast Vale School	5	✓
The Ravensbourne School	1	Bromley
Sedgehill Academy	2	✓
St Dunstan's College	1	✓ Independent
St Matthew Academy	27	✓
The Ravensbourne School	1	Bromley
Thomas Tallis School	5	Greenwich
Trinity Lewisham Church of England School	15	✓
Abroad	1	Abroad