

Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Children, Families, Staff, Governors and Friends,

Despite it being a short week, the children and teachers have continued to pack things in here at BG. Reception had a fantastic day at Paradise Wildlife Park on Thursday. I am told that the tigers especially were a big hit but the huge anaconda less so – at least with the parent helpers! Many thanks to those of you who were able to support the visit and who made the day such a success.

Our thanks also to all the Nursery parents who supported us in delivering our civic duty this week in being a polling station. A big extra thank you to the staff, including the premises team, who turned a classroom into a polling station, and then back to a classroom, at breakneck speed to ensure we could welcome the children back today as if nothing had happened!

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy weekend

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team**Wonderful Work!**

This week the children across the school have impressed the adults with their focus and dedication to their learning. The children listed below have really shone throughout the week and will be bringing a praise card home:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Elliot and Lily Basile and Albie Bolu and Jacob B	Remy and Renaye Noelle and Poppy Cassidy and Taku	David and Adam Serif and Cyrus Fenella and Lincoln
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emilia and Malick Florence and Senthan Emilio and Karem	Tymon and Aiman Femi and Jahan Said and Eliza India and Marcello	Tiago and Amerah Tyler and Seth Wiktor Abena

Year 6 SATs

A final reminder that next week, from Monday to Thursday, our Year 6 children will be sitting their end of KS2 SATs tests. The children must be in school on these days at 8.15am and will be given a healthy breakfast to start the day. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best...each and every one of them have worked extremely hard this year and they are ready to show what they can do. We couldn't be more proud of them.

Radish Survey

As you are aware, since September, Radish have been our new catering company. We are interested to find out what your views are about school dinners and encourage to complete a short survey **by Wednesday 11th May**.

Please follow the link below and thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3PVTXMQ>

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Important Dates

We want to remind you of when the school will be closed to children over the next couple of months:

Half Term Holiday – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday (school) - Monday 6th June

Staff INSET Day – Monday 4th July

Last day of summer term – Friday 22nd July

Summer Holiday begins – Monday 25th July

Sportacus Half Term Holiday Club

This May half term Sportacus have **3 action packed days** for your children to enjoy. They will be based at Brindishe Manor, Darrick Wood Junior & Heronsgate Primary Schools and we will be offering Dance, Football and Multisports (Football at Darrick Wood Only), all set in an environment your child will flourish in.



As its the Queens Jubilee a full week booking is 3 days this time round. You can book all three days and save money or pick and choose individual days to suit you. To book your child's place or to find out more about half term programme please visit our website or click on this link – [Book Now](#).

Head Lice and Nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families, and they do not have anything to do with dirty hair. They are picked up by head-to-head contact.

You should regularly check everyone in your house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

For more information on how to treat headlice, please follow this link www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits

FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:



1: INSPECT

If you suspect head lice, check



2: TREAT

Use lice treatment product as directed.



3: REMOVE

lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.



4: CLEAN

home and personal items.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School

This week was **World Press Freedom** week. It was a great opportunity to remind the children of the importance of Article 13 and Article 17.

Article 13 (freedom of expression) Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 17 (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



Our Weekly Online Safety Message from Ms Chin – World Press Freedom Week

Checking you and your child are critical of the information you see online is important. Here's what to look for to spot real news from fake news:

Story – what is it trying to say? Can this piece of news be found elsewhere and is it reported in the same way?

Emotions – how does the story make them feel? Fake news tries to manipulate people's feelings to make them click. Beware of the "woah" feeling and pause before sharing. It might even be a joke!

Picture – is it fake or out of context? Check with a reverse image search to find where it's from originally

Author – what's the URL? Check the address bar at the top – most trusted URLs end with ".com", ".co.uk", ".net", ".gov", ".org", ".mil" and ".edu". If not, it might be fake. Are there any experts named or quoted?

Shares – even if it's shared by a friend or famous person, it doesn't mean it's correct.



Young Climate Warriors

'Climate change is already causing great harm. As our rains become less reliable and our reservoirs dry up, girls of my age spend more time fetching water for their families and less time in school.'

**Beatrice Caroline Phiri, Climate Change Ambassador,
and youth reporter in Lusaka, Zambia.**

To play our part in combatting climate change we can all help by changing some of our 'habits' – we need to be prepared to change 'how we do things'. This week's challenge asks Young Climate Warriors to change their habits to help save water – having 5-minute showers, turning the tap off whilst brushing their teeth or stopping a dripping tap. We are also encouraging children to think about the water issues experienced by other children around the world, which are being greatly exacerbated by climate change. We include a WaterAid video ['What has climate change got to do with Water'](#).

Combating climate change needs us to change our habits ...
... can you save water this week?

Have you noticed many 'April showers' this year?
Weather patterns are changing.

Climate change is causing more extreme and unpredictable weather – too much water or too little water. Increased floods and droughts are making many lives – particularly in Asia and Africa – much more difficult.

Do we sometimes take 'water' for granted? How much water do you use in a week? Can you switch off your tap whilst brushing your teeth? Set a 5-minute shower limit?

Wateraid.org works to provide clean drinking water to communities around the world – check out their website?

This week's challenge:
6th May

When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!

YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

A message from Brindishe Friends Group

BIG HALF SPACES GOING FAST - If you want to take part in the [The Big Half 2022](#) to raise money for Brindishe Green please let us know ASAP as places are going fast. It's a community-focussed half marathon running through the boroughs of Lewisham, Greenwich, Southwark and Tower Hamlets and takes place in September. It costs £20 to enter and you'll need to raise a minimum amount. Email: bfgsocials@gmail.com to take part.



If a whole half marathon doesn't appeal, we have also requested some spots for **The Big Half Relay** where the distance is split into varying lengths between 4 runners. More info will be shared as it becomes available, but - if this appeals to you - you can start thinking about your relay team now.

CAKE BAKE - We are planning to hold a cake bake on **Friday 20th May**. This will take place after school. This is always one of our most popular events so please let us know if you would like to volunteer to bake a cake: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

More dates for our 'make at home' pizza nights coming soon too.