

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Weekly Update

On Monday, the children from Years 2 to 6 were reminded how to keep everyone happy and safe in school, when Miss Campbell and Mrs Buchanan discussed our Home School Agreement in a virtual assembly.

Last week the children took part in a practise fire evacuation and this week classes talked about what they should do if they had to stay inside (invacuation). We have attached a copy of the presentation we shared with the children for you to see. Next week we will practise our invacuation procedure as a school. This is something we do every term to keep the children safe.

Also this week, the children dodged the raindrops on the rooftop as they took part in their weekly PE session. If you are unsure what day your child should come to school in their PE kit, please check their class Itslearning page and newsletter.

The London Marathon – Cheering on Ms Cairns



Ms Petra Cairns is running The London Marathon, this Sunday (4th Oct), to raise money for our school! She will start her 42km run from near her home at 7.30am. She hopes to be at Brindishe Green at approximately 10.30am, to run the last 10km around Hither Green, alongside other members of staff. **She aims to finish the Marathon outside Brindishe Green between approximately 11.30am.** We hope to see some of you along the route and at the finishing line (especially if it is raining), socially distanced of course. Please click on the attachment to see a map of her route.

If you can, please click on https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns?utm_term=4wGjKjRdX to donate whatever you can – every penny counts!

Good luck Mrs Cairns...and thank you for running the Marathon for Brindishe Green!

Outside the School Gate

Many thanks to all our families who come to collect their children on time and who wait patiently outside the school gate for their group to be called. We really do appreciate your support. In order for everyone to be able to socially distance, please can we recommend that you **cross to the far side of Beacon Road**, when walking back up towards Hither Green Lane, rather than using the pavement next to the school. This will help to reduce the number of people using the same footpath while others are waiting to enter the school premises. We do appreciate that this might not always be easy or possible but it will help to avoid further congestion.

Sharing Learning

The teachers would like to share photographs of the children and their learning with you on Itslearning, our password protected platform. If you do not want your child's photograph to be uploaded onto their virtual classroom, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk by Wednesday 7th October.

Jewellery

We politely remind parents and carers that children should not wear jewellery to school (rings, necklaces and bracelets). If your child wears earrings, they can only wear studs – no hoops or dangly earrings please. This is for safety reasons. If your child needs to wear a necklace for religious reasons, please inform a member of the senior leadership team.

Give a Garment

Our BFG (Brindishe Friends Group) is organising a clothes swap later this month as a way of allowing families to pass on some items of clothing that no longer fit their children. They will be collecting **coats, Brindishe Green jumpers and shoes**. The clothing must be washed and in a good condition. This will take place on **Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October in the morning**.

Get a Garment

On **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October** the clothes that have been collected will be displayed in the playground for families to take. Only one coat/jumper/pair of shoes can be taken per child. There will be a donation bucket if you would like to make a small contribution towards the school. More information from the BFG will follow next week.

School Uniform Sale

If you would like to purchase a new school jumper (£5.00), polo shirt (£3.00) or book bag (£5.00), please go to the main door on Thursday and a member of the office staff will be happy to help. Please note that we only have very small jumpers left (Nursery/Reception). Alternatively, you can visit www.myclothing.com to buy uniform with our logo. Please remember to label your new purchases with your child's name.

Online Safety Bulletin

When learning online at school, we remind the children they need to be SMART. This is an easy way to reinforce the ways we all have to be SMART when using the internet.

Are you being SMART online?

Safe

Meet

Accepting

Reliable

Tell

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/SMART-rules-Poster-A3.pdf>

We are a GOLD Rights Respecting School

At Brindishe Green we teach the children about their Rights and how these Rights are for all children, all over the world. Each week we will share an Article for you to discuss with your child at home.

Article 3: Best interests of the child.

Over the last few months many decisions have been made that impact on children's lives, often in ways that may have long lasting consequences. Article 3 states that the best interests of children and young people must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect them. And it is important that as adults we communicate to children the need to act in their best interests and seek their involvement in those decisions.



We hope you have a lovely weekend, despite the predicted wind and rain.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Important Dates

Harvest Collection – Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October (more information to follow)

Secondary School Applications – Saturday 31st October (at the latest)

Half Term Holiday – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Year 6) – Monday 9th November