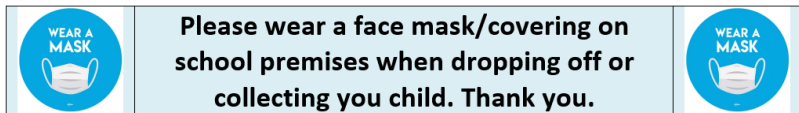


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Friday 20th November 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

A Message from Gerlinde Achenbach

Thank you to those of you who have sent kind messages and good wishes - they are much appreciated. Unfortunately, I have not been well enough to be at school and I have missed the Brindishe Green children, staff and community very much.

At the end of the summer term I let the governors and staff know that I would be leaving Brindishe Green at the end of December. My family and I are moving out of London and we are looking forward to a new way of life at the coast for 2021 and beyond.

I want to thank you for your huge support over the past two years - Brindishe Green is a unique and very special place and I greatly enjoyed my time working here. Brindishe Green children are a joy to work with. The staff at Brindishe Green are highly talented and dedicated to keeping each child's best interests at the centre of all they do - they are truly outstanding.

I have worked in and been associated with all three Brindishe Schools for more than 30 years, firstly as a teacher, then a parent and finally as Headteacher of Brindishe Manor and then Brindishe Green. I hold each of the schools dear to my heart and will remember them with great fondness and gratitude.

I am sorry not to be with you for the remainder of the term but wish you all the very best for the future.

Gerlinde Achenbach

This Week at Brindishe Green

This week at Brindishe Green, the children learnt about the importance of respecting and protecting everyone's **identity**. They learnt that our identity is what makes each and every one of us special and unique, and that we should celebrate the fact that we are all different. They also learnt that their thoughts and feelings are as important and as much a part of them as their appearance and the things they do. They watched a video that taught them about what the word identity means (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRzRAh2M2Ao>).

Keeping Our Children Safe

This week there was an incident outside school involving a child and a moving car. Thankfully the child was not seriously hurt, despite being very shaken. In school next week we will remind the children again about the importance of keeping themselves safe, especially now that it is getting dark very early, and we ask that you please do the same at home. Please talk to your child about:

- The importance of crossing the road safely.
- How to use public transport safely.
- How to keep safe by wearing reflective clothing, putting mobile phones away (if age appropriate) and being aware of their surroundings
- Representing our school, your family and the community in a positive way when in public.
- What they should do if they are lost – where they can go and who they should talk to.
- What they should do if a stranger approaches them.

It is important that we have these conversations with our children on a regular basis so that they do not forget.



Change to the start of the school day

From **Monday 23rd November**, we are going to shorten the drop off times at the beginning of the school day. The new timings will be as follows:

8.45 – 8.55 - Family Surname A – G

8.55 – 9.00- Family Surname H – P

9.00 – 9.05 - Family Surname Q – Z

The schools gates will now close at **9.05am**, so please ensure your children is in school on time.

The end of the school day will remain the same as it has been since September for collection.

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We are delighted that **most parents** with children from Year 1 to 6 have now signed up for their child's virtual Parent/Teacher Meeting. These will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Please look out for an important letter on Monday which will give you more information on what you can expect from this meeting. This letter will also give information on what you can do to help the meeting run as smoothly as possible, including the importance of being on time for your allocated slot.

The teachers are really looking forward to 'meeting' you and letting you know how your child has settled into school since returning in September.



Brindishe Green Online Winter Book Club/Fair

As you know, every term we run a very successful Scholastic Book Fair in the main hall. This is a very important event in our school calendar because each book that you purchase, helps us to buy **new books** for the classrooms and library. This year we have been unable to run a book fair due to Covid19 restrictions, but we are delighted to be able to invite you to our new....

Brindishe Green School

Welcome to your November Book Club

Brindishe Green Online Winter Book Club/Fair

For every £1 you spend in this month's BookClub/Fair, Brindishe Green will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. This will allow us to buy new books for our book corners in our classrooms.

Visit <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/brindishe-green/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. Please see the attached poster for more information on how you can order books **before 30th November**

Online Safety Bulletin

Password Protection

As children begin to get their own devices and accounts, they need to know how to keep themselves safe using a strong password. **The longer and more unusual your password is, the stronger it becomes and the harder it is to hack.** The best way to make your password long and difficult to hack is by using a sequence of three random words you'll remember. **You should also have different passwords for different accounts.** Using the same one for everything, leaves you open to have every account hacked.

Test your passwords here: <https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password/>

We are a GOLD Rights Respecting School.

This week's article for you to talk about with your family is...

Article 8 (protection and preservation of identity) Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

This article fits in with the learning we have done this week on celebrating everyone's uniqueness and identity. We are very lucky to go to a diverse and inspiring school.



Primary School Applications for September 2021

The application process for September 2021 Reception places **has already opened**

Applications can be made until **15th January 2021**.

You should apply online directly to your home Local Authority (i.e. the borough where you live and pay council tax) at: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

For further information, visit the Lewisham Council website....

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>



Christmas is on the way!

This year things may be a little different but we want to reassure all our children and families that we are doing **all we can** to make it a special a time for everyone. The Christmas trees have been ordered, Chartwells are preparing a delicious Christmas dinner, the children will soon begin to learn a special song to perform in a virtual concert, the BFG are organising an mysterious festive event AND we have planned an exciting online pantomime for classes to watch.

16th December will be our festive jumper day... please do not buy one especially; you could try to decorate and upcycle an old jumper, create something from an old top, and go wild with your imagination! Bear in mind sustainability and being eco-friendly with your creations. This year, donations will be made to ***Jumpers for Jimmy – Mizen Foundation***.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,
The Brindishe Green Senior
Leadership Team

Important Dates

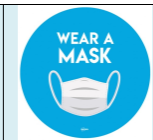
Teacher/Parents Online Meetings – Week beg 23rd November

Christmas lunch and Festive Jumper Day – Wednesday 16th December
(more information to follow)

End of term – Friday 18th December



Please wear a face mask/covering on school premises when dropping off or collecting you child. Thank you.



And finally....

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Virtual Meeting – Tuesday 24th November

On **Tuesday 24th November**, we're holding our first (virtual) meeting since the March lockdown. This meeting will take place at **8pm and should last approximately 30 mins**.

There are lots of exciting things to discuss, including Christmas events such as a top secret festive mission, and a special raffle.

If you would like to join the conversation, help to organise the event or donate a prize for the raffle, please email us at: bfgsocials@gmail.com and we will be in touch with how you can access the meeting.

We're also looking for some help....

Are you a parent or carer who has the skills to build us a website? We'd love to have our own site so we can keep everyone up to date with what we are working on. Please let us know if you think you can help.

In the meantime, you can keep up to date with what BFG is up to on Facebook (search for 'Brindishe Friends Group') or follow us on twitter (@bfghithergreen).

We hope to see you at the virtual meeting on Tuesday!

BFG (Brindishe Friends Group)