



Friday 5th February 2021

Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

We are entering into the last weekend before half term and once again the temperatures of dropping over the weekend, it is the chance to snuggle up and make the most of films and family time.

With the focus on mental health this week, we hope you have enjoyed sharing the range of activities prepared by staff across the school. A huge thank you to Liana Parker and the mental health team for all the extra resources they have put together to recognise such an important week. The theme this year was *EXPRESS YOURSELF* and all classes from Reception to Year 6 have enjoyed extra-curricular and enrichment activities. We particularly enjoyed seeing you dressed up in your best attire for the 'live' class Zoom sessions. There has been some fantastic learning going on this week so don't forget to watch the proud assembly on the students shared page, to celebrate all the hard work everyone has been putting in.

Unfortunately, this week, the Brindishe Green SLT have either been struck down with COVID or are having to isolate, but we all pass on a huge thank you to Aidan Phipps and Kate Porter for ensuring the school continues to support all the children and to all the staff for carrying on to provide the best during these challenging times.

We had confirmation from the Government that schools will close for half-term and will not reopen fully straight after the half-term break. We await further announcements but the Government are predicting the earliest schools will be fully back will be the 8th March. We can confirm we will continue with our remote learning provision alongside our Critical Key Worker provision in school until this stage, with the exception of the half-term week when we encourage all our families to have a break from their learning.

Along with other schools, we have now begun regular testing for our staff in school, to enable us to detect any possible asymptomatic cases. We continue to maintain all our distancing and safety procedures as before and we welcome the reassurance this testing brings to us all. As this period of lockdown continues, please keep yourselves and your families safe and remember that the latest guidance can always be found on the government website here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Rachel Waite

Executive Head
Brindishe Schools

If you have any questions or queries during this time, please can we ask that you use the following email addresses so that the right person can get back to you:

info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk – queries about online learning, accessing devices, Free School Meals, login details, concerns, general questions.

support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk – if you need technical support with Itslearning or Weduc

Exciting news – Bug Club

Don't forget, at Brindishe Green, we have now have access to the **whole school subscription to 'Bug Club'**. This is a great website where your child/ren can access **an eBook selected by their teacher suited for their current reading ability**.

They will also be able to complete different activities linked to the book to develop their skills in phonics and comprehension. Your child/ren will be able to log in to their account **using the same log-in details as those used to access Itslearning**.

Happy reading!



Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy

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Teacher/Child Video Catch Up Calls

Next week is video call week, giving an opportunity for **your child** to 'catch up' with their teacher and share/discuss their learning. If your child is currently in school, please do not make an appointment.

Please log in to the **Weduc app or to Weduc website** (<https://app.weduc.co.uk/>) **from 5pm tonight (05/02/2021)** to book your teacher/child catch up video call.

The detailed information, link and instructions will be provided under the "Newsfeeds" section of Weduc.

The **10minute video calls** will take place between 1.00pm and 3.30pm on the following days:

Nursery Wed

Reception	Tues/Wed
Year 1	Thurs/Fri
Year 2	Tues/Wed
Year 3	Thurs/Fri
Year 4	Tues/Thurs
Year 5	Tues/Wed
Year 6	Tues/Wed

Once you have made your appointment, make a note of the day and time. Please make sure you are set 10mins before the meeting to ensure your child is ready to meet their teacher.

If you have forgotten your log-in details or have problems booking an appointment, please email support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

The teachers are very much looking forward to seeing all the children again on video call next week.

Free School Meals over half term

The National Free School Meals voucher scheme has been giving out Edenred vouchers for the last few weeks.

These £15 supermarket vouchers will be sent weekly, up to the week commencing the 8th February. Families will be able to use the vouchers to buy food for their child as soon as they receive it. Vouchers can not be used to buy age-restricted items such as, alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets.

Edenred vouchers will stop during the week of half term and will recommence when we start back to school on the week beginning 22nd February 2021. Sainsbury's vouchers will be available during half term.

The Virtual School Library

Last week we let you know that The Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch their Virtual School Library to keep children reading during lockdown. Every week, a popular children's author will become 'Author of the Week' and provide a free book or audiobook and exclusive videos and activities aimed at primary school children: <https://library.thenational.academy/>

The Author of the Week this week is, **Sally Gardner**. You can read or listen to '[Mr Tiger, Betsy and the Blue Moon](#)' completely free. Watch an exclusive video from Sally Gardner and look into her book recommendations.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February 2021

On Tuesday 9th February 2021, we will celebrate the 18th edition of Safer Internet Day. With the theme once again of 'Together for a better internet', the day calls upon us all to join together to make the internet a safer place for all and especially for children and young people.

Look out for further information on how each year group will mark the day, plus don't forget to watch the weekly online safety bulletin videos which will include a new app that parents/carers and children can use.

Live Interactive Sessions

The sessions will continue **next week** and we would really like all the children in the class to attend the session.

Remember to look at the **Announcements Page** on Itslearning, the day of the zoom, where your teacher will write a message to remind you of the time and provide the zoom link.

These live sessions will be designed so they are suitable for the year group and a chance for the children to see their friends and teacher.

Reception – Monday and Friday, 1.30pm

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday, 1.00pm

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday, 10.00am

Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday, 11.00am

Year 4 – Wednesday at 9.30am and Friday, 10.00am

Year 5 – Monday and Thursday, 9.30am

Year 6 – Monday and Friday, 9.30am

When your child attends their zoom, we **must** stress the importance of safeguarding them and others in the group. Please ensure that your child is ready for the session at least 5 minutes before it is due to begin and talk them through the following points:

- The microphone is kept on **mute** throughout the session, unless the teacher turns it off
- An adult should be **present** in the room whilst the session takes place
- Ensure there is **no one** else visible on screen – only the child and parent/carer should be visible
- **Turn off** all background noise (TV, radio, music etc) in case the teacher asks your child to speak
- The session **must not be recorded**

Wish you all a very peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

A message from Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

BFG's next online meeting will be on Weds 10 Feb at 8pm. We have lots to discuss including fundraising, a Big Half update and Easter events. Do join us - we would love to see more faces. Email bfgsocials@gmail.com for the link to take part.

It's 11 weeks until Race Day for everyone taking part in The Vitality Big Half marathon on behalf of Brindishe Green. Hope your training is going well. There are still a few slots left so do get in touch asap if you want to take part. Brindishe parent Hayley Farrant has set up a Facebook group for runners taking part - search 'BFG - The Vitality Big Half'. Here you'll be able to get more information about the race as well as share routes and pictures.

We're still looking for a host for our online quiz. We need someone who knows how to use Zoom to organise teams and breakout rooms and has maybe hosted similar before. Could that be you?? Please don't be shy! It's just a bit of fun.

Have a great weekend!