

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

I have had the pleasure this week of putting together the 'Share and Celebrate' assembly for the children and what a joy it has been. As we draw to the end of this first half term, I have loved looking at all the work that the children have been doing in school and at home. What hard work you have all put in and look at what results you are achieving; you should be very proud of yourselves. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents at home for helping, as without your support the levels of engagement would not be possible. Thank you. And, of course, the staff. You are all amazing and we thank you for everything you are doing 😊

I know this half term will be very different but try to draw yourselves and your family away from the screens and take a break to enjoy the slightly warmer weather. Most importantly, ensure you keep yourselves and others safe by following all the guidance in place. We are really hoping that during the first week back announcements will be made about how we will start to get all children back into school. We will as always, keep you posted.

Here is an extract from one of the Year 6 poems this week...'*I believe in Summer, because of the sparkling sun, waking up all the good hope and light in the world.....I believe in Summer, because the moment you touch the cozy blanket with your legs and hit the soft cloud pillow with your head, all you wish for is that the next day would come quicker than anything else.....I believe*'

Let's all believe. That day will come. Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

Rachel Waite, Executive Head

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

[info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) – queries about online learning, accessing devices, Free School Meals, login details, concerns, general questions.

[support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) – if you need technical support with Itslearning or Weduc

## Chinese New Year, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

This Friday it is Chinese New Year. We wish all of our families and those in the community who are celebrating a Happy New Year, and hope that this New Year is filled with happiness and many precious moments with your loved ones.

Please see the video clip and Chinese lantern activity in the 'Something Different to Try at Home' folder on the Its Learning student page.



### Virtual Music Lesson Information

This week, the children who signed up for music lessons in school last term have started to receive their online pre-recorded lessons.

If you haven't registered your child up for lessons this term – it's not too late - sign up by emailing [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) and pay through Arbor. We will email you the weekly links to the pre-recorded sessions.

## Bug Club UPDATE

This week, you will find a 'Top Tips' documents on your child's Itslearning page. There will also be a BUG CLUB page on the Students Shared page, so please take the time to look out for information about our exciting reading scheme. To log-in to Bug Club, please use the same log-in details as those used to access Itslearning. Happy reading!



### Reminder: Sharing content

All video content produced by the school and placed on Itslearning must not be shared. This also applies to live sessions, which must not be recorded at home. Thank you for everyone your support in this.

### **PLEASE CHECK YOUR JUNK**

We have noticed recently that sometimes emails from school are ending up in your 'JUNK'. If you have emailed into school and are awaiting a response please do check your junk folder to ensure the reply is not sitting there. Thank you.

### The Virtual School Library

Don't forget to take a look at the Virtual School Library over half term. 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, **Konnie Huq**. You can read or listen to '[Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World](#)' completely free. Watch an exclusive video from Konnie Huq and look into her book recommendations.

### Half Term Break

School will now be closed for the half term break therefore no learning will be posted onto the Itslearning pages.

**Online learning will resume for children on Monday 22nd February 2021.**

School will also reopen for Critical workers and Vulnerable children at 9am on Monday 22nd February as well.

### CONTACT TRACING OVER HALF TERM

Attached with this weeks newlster is information about Contact Tracing over half term. Please read the letter carefully and email [info@brindishegreen.lewsiham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewsiham.sch.uk) if either you or someone in your household becomes unwell and tests positive for COVID-19 over the half term break. Help us keep everyone safe and help prevent the spread of infection.

### Free School Meals over half term

Over half term, any family in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a Sainsburys e-voucher for the value of £15 per child.

The National Free School Meals voucher scheme, Edenred, will commence after half term and remain in place during this school closure period. If your child is currently attending school they will be provided with a hot lunch and you will therefore not receive a voucher.

### Screen Free Time

Over the half term break, think about ways to entertain your children away from the screen. It has been a very busy half term and the screens, whether they be laptops, phones, televisions, play station have played a huge part of every child's life.

Try and encourage time away, rest the eyes and think about what else they could do to have a 'break away'.....

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Build with blocks.	Make a marble run.	Do a science experiment.	Bake a treat.	Learn about a country.	Make and sail boats.	Plant a garden.
Have a picnic.	Blow bubbles.	Make a meal.	Play a board game.	Ride a bike.	Make up a song.	Make play dough or slime.
Complete a craft.	Do a puzzle.	Camp in the yard.	Go on a scavenger hunt.	Read a book.	Write in a journal.	Visit the library.
Visit the park.	Go bird watching.	Color.	Play a sport with a ball.	Write a story.	Start a club.	Study the night sky.
Plant a tree.	Make paper airplanes.	Come up with a new invention.	Perform a play.	Try a new hobby.	Paint a picture.	Build a fort.

Wish you all a very peaceful and relaxing half term.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

## **A message from Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)**

Thank you to everyone who made it to our Zoom meeting on Wednesday. Following the success of the Festive Trail in the run up to Christmas, there was unanimous support for a similar Easter themed trail. And we also have a date for our long awaited virtual quiz night. Make sure Thursday 11 March is in your diary! More details on both of these to follow.

Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered to run the Big Half in April to raise money for Brindishe Green. We thought that each week we'd bring you an update on how training is going, spotlighting one particular runner. This week it's Laura:

"I'm not a runner. Just putting that out there now. When I was 10 I volunteered for the 5km in a county competition. I got a stitch 100m in (in the lead, thinking I was winning). They stopped me completing once the others had finished. Recently someone asked me if I was lame (like a horse). So I'm not really sure why I'm now on my 3rd Big Half. Last year I swore was my last (it was painful and I cried- no training) and the year before I did it injured (lots of training). This year I'm doing it properly. To train properly I need a running buddy, someone who is on my wavelength in terms of pace and chat topics. Thank you Michelle. Michelle and I have had 3 weeks of training runs. On the first we ran to Greenwich to buy a cocktail drink from M&S. Error. It was cold and our muscles hurt badly as we hobbled back to Hither Green. The second week we ran to Blackheath and back and had a coffee to walk from MHG. The last run was the sleety snowy Sunday. We did 7km and absolutely did not hope to slip and fall to drop out with dignity. #doingitforthekids So, all in all it's going well. Just got to get up to 21km (ish)"

Good luck Laura! We'll hear from another runner next week. As ever, if you have a brilliant idea on how we can raise money for the school please get in touch:

[bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com). Find out more about what we are doing on twitter (@bfghithergreen) or search for us on Facebook - 'Brindishe Friends Group'.