

Don't Forget

School will be **CLOSED** to pupils for **TWO** days next week:

Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May is an INSET day (due to the school being used as a Polling Station)

Friday 29th April 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

This week has seen the re-start of clubs; dance workshops in school and of course, the wonderful children immersing themselves in learning. Watch out over the next week for the class newsletter to see what it being covered this term. Staff have also enjoyed speaking with families over Weduc, sharing learning, successes and the next steps during the virtual parent/carer meetings.

Over the past two weeks, some of our families have been taking part in Ramadan. The staff have enjoyed hearing about the predawn and nightly feast and the time being spent as a family. We wish you all a peaceful observance.



Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support and for following the procedures that we have put in place. We ask that you continue to follow the guidance and as the "roadmap" unfolds, we will be taking further steps to enhance what we are offering in school during the summer term. We are planning ahead while keeping a close eye on guidance and as a school we will continue to keep you informed with any updates.

Enjoy the long weekend! Stay safe and well.

Wonderful Work!

Every week in Brindishe Green, great learning outcomes are produced across the school, and special achievements are recognised with our 'praise cards'. Our Newsletter is a great opportunity to celebrate further, and so we are sharing the names of those who received a card this week. **Well done everyone** 😊



Year 1: Ousmane & Martin; Bella & Abdu; Cara & Eabha

Year 2: Joseph & Jessica; Chloe & Kwabena; Adam & Parkhi

Year 3: Hayley & Imogen; Jazmin & Ellen; Senthana & Emmanuel

Year 4: Aimuanmwonsa & Juan; Taye & Victoria; Joao & Marcelo; Tazrian & Aiman

Year 5: Mareks & Jayden; Lu-Li, Tyler & Holly; Eman & David

Year 6: Emmanuel & Jael; Luis & Arwel; Thusanth & Catherine

.....BUT, not only can we recognise wonderful work this week, but a further mention must go to the Brindishe Green running team, who ran a half marathon last weekend to raise money for the school. What an amazing bunch you are – thank you. Please read below for further information about the event!

Parent-teacher meetings

Thank you to all the parents that took part in this week's parent/teacher meetings via Weduc or phone call. There are still a number of families who did not sign up, so please do email in to info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk so your child's classteacher can arrange a time to speak to you.

School Street

Beacon Road became active as a Lewisham Council School Street this week, and is now closed to cars during between 8.30am-9.30am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm. This will be enforced with cameras, and the Council are currently consulting on whether Ardmere Cottages may also become a School Street. Although Beacon Road is a school street, some cars are still unclear of the rules and/or exempt so please still be mindful when crossing or standing in the road. For further information visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/schoolstreets



Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MORNING DROP-OFF TIMES

Don't forget.....the morning times have changed slightly.....please continue to drop children according to the timeslots below:

A-G group 8.45am – 8.55am **H-P group** 8.55am – 9.00am **Q-Z group** 9.00am – 9.05am

ALL children MUST be in school by 9.05am

Guidelines around social distancing and wearing face coverings are still very important during drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you very much for your co-operation in taking these steps to protect our community.

National Survey For Children – The Big Ask

On Monday the new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched The Big Ask – a consultation with children aged 4 to 17. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that children can be at the heart of the country's recovery from the coronavirus outbreak. We will be supporting our pupils to complete it during next week. Parents are also invited to complete the adult survey to share views about the future for children and young people today, and what you think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. If you would like to take part, please go to <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



Teachsport Clubs

If your child is registered for an afterschool sports club starting next week please make sure they come to school in sporty/PE clothes on the day of the club. Class staff will make sure the children are brought to the outside area where the club will take place. After the club your child will need to be collected at 4.15pm from the school office – the children will be dismissed one by one as they identify their adult - you need to wait outside and make sure to follow guidelines for social distancing.

A message from..... Danny Gray, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

We are planning to create a peaceful space in our outside area, which will be a quiet space where children can enjoy some calm. The children will be helping to design the area, perhaps to include a sensory garden, a seating area, outdoor mosaics, painted stones, chimes, maybe even a water feature! Watch this space...

This peaceful space will add to our provision for children to support mental health, with a focus on:

- exploring ways to ease the feeling of worry or sadness
- using mindfulness strategies
- supporting bereavement
- exploring the senses



We need to raise some funds for this project and so we are asking parents and carers and staff to support this by using the **Easyfundraising** app. **Easyfundraising** is an easy way to raise funds! It's free to use. All you need to do is download the app onto your phone / tablet / computer, then use the app when you do any online shopping. It has most shops on the app, whether you're buying some clothes, or booking your dog a haircut! It doesn't cost you any extras – if you do your online shopping through the app, you will automatically raise some money for Brindishe Green. Please find the link below. Many thanks in advance for your support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brindishegreen/>

School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners for children in Years 3-6 should be paid in advance through Arbor. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child is now entitled to Free School Meals, you should make an application online and inform the school office straight away. Applications can be made using the following link: [Applying for Free School Meals Online](#)



It's all over! The results of Sumdog's Lewisham competition are in! Across Lewisham, just over 500 students took part, answering an amazing 78,338 questions correctly between them. A special mention to Rowan Class, Cherry Class and Redwood Class all of whom were daily winners and huge congratulations to all the classes who finished in the top ten.

However, there are some individuals who thoroughly deserve a special mention for some outstanding performances. Out of over 500 students who took part in the competition, students from Brindishe Green once again put in a very strong performance. Nevaeh, Laurel and Tanika (Oak Class), Vivaan & Prince (Palm Class), Kelvina (Beech Class) and Eabha (Rowan Class) all finished in the top 10 – an enormous well done to all of you. You can see the results in full on Sumdog.

Again, thank you to everyone for taking part – great to see so many children getting involved.

Mr Phipps

A message from..... Mr Williamson

The Give it your Max foundation (<http://www.giveityourmax.org/>) have returned to Brindishe Green to deliver their ace tennis sessions. This week Walnut, the Yr6 A-G group, Maple and Redwood have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons with Sabia and Ali.

Contacting Teachers

As I am sure you all understand, at this time we are unable to facilitate face-to-face meetings with your class teacher. However, the staff are still available to you and can be contacted if you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish to pass on some vital information about your child. Please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and mark the email 'for the attention of' and your child's class teachers name, e.g. F.A.O. Mr Phipps. We assure you that these emails are sent directly to the teacher, who will contact you by phone or email as soon as they can.

Water Bottles

Please ensure you send your child in with their own, labelled water bottle. The weather will be warmer in the coming weeks, and the children will need access to their own water whilst in the classrooms.



Important Dates

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May - INSET Day/Polling Station – school closed to all children

Monday 31st May – 4th June - Half Term

Thursday 17th June/Friday 18th June – Class photos and Individual Year 6 photos (more details to follow)

Friday 23rd July - End of Term

For **2021 – 2022 term dates**, please visit <http://green.brindisheschools.org/termdates>

We wish you all a lovely weekend,
The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

POSITIVE COVID TEST

If your child or a member of your household becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk immediately providing the person/childs name, class, date and date of test

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Brindishe Big Half - Well massive done to all our runners who took part in the Brinidishe Big Half on Sunday! 22 of our fit and fabulous parents, carers and teachers took part, braving the peaks and troughs of Blackheath and Greenwich.

We have already raised a staggering £2,275 to buy school playground equipment. If you haven't donated yet there is still time - but you need to be quick. The page closes on morning of 7th May. Donate here: <https://www.rocketfund.org/bfg---big-half>

Here's a message from parent (and chief motivator) Hayley:

"The weather started a little chilly but other than that it was perfect! There were smiles and laughter and some painful hills but between 22 of us we ran a total of 288.2 miles. A huge well done and thank you to all of the runners! Thank you to the supporters at the start, en route and at the end. The fundraising has gone through the roof, we are all so thankful for your support. The page is only open for another 7 days so please please please give if you can. The children of Brindishe Green are going to be ecstatic!"

Next meeting - we're planning on holding our next meeting week of 10th May. Exact date to be arranged. If you are interested in joining us please email: bfgsocials@gmail.com. You can keep up with more of what we are doing by following us on twitter (@bfghithergreen) and FaceBook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').