

Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

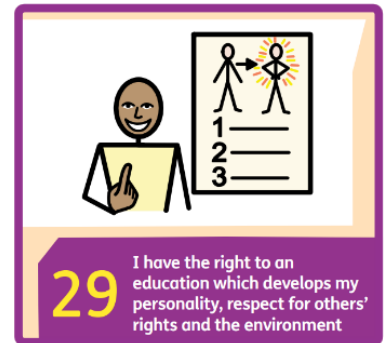
Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

What a wet and blustery start to the new term! It has been a very busy week for our teachers as they welcomed back their classes, settled the children into their routines again and held parent/teacher meetings.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended their child's Meet the Teacher meeting. It was great to be able to have these in school again so that we could meet with you in person and show you your child's learning. Thank you to the teaching staff for preparing for these meetings, and for staying in school later than normal. If we had to cancel your appointment, due to staff absence, we will be in touch with you over the coming weeks.

This week we welcomed Mr Alan Smith to our teaching team. Mr Smith will be taking over from Ms Amy Aris in Magpie class, when she goes on maternity leave. Mr Smith is an experienced teacher who has worked in Lewisham schools for many years and is looking forward to getting to know the children in Magpie class, and their parents/carers.

On Monday, most of our Year 6 children will be heading off on their residential School Journey. The children are all very excited to be going away for the week. They will take on exciting challenges which many have not faced before, develop independence, learn to work with others and explore their new surroundings. We hope they have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about it on Friday, when they return. We thank all the staff who are giving up their time and accompanying them, and hope that they manage to get some sleep during the week.



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

We praise all the children in school for being **curious, committed, confident, collaborative and compassionate.**

This week, the following children have stood out for going above and beyond, and really shining!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Amelia & Fatmata Rachel & Yusuf Eden & Phoenix	Malakai & Lema Mariam & Jahziyon Grace & Matteo	Martin & Tias Albert & Lex Skye & Marley
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Carter & Malik Sol & Alex Dvir & Och	Sirik & Jasmine Sarah & Nathaniel Noah & Megan	Kasey & Ellie Amelia M & Abigail Mya & Rafael Elissa & James

BFG – Get a Garment

Thank you to everyone who donated their children's old coats and warm jumpers to the BFGs Give a Garment event.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week (8th and 9th) you will have the opportunity to come and select a 'new' coat/jumper for your child. Choosing to wear second hand clothes is great for the environment in so many ways, and will hopefully allow families to save some cash this winter too. All items are free, but if you would like to make a small voluntary donation to the school, buckets for loose change will be available.



Children's Bags

While the Federation explores options for new book bags, we are very happy to see so many children bringing in their own bags so that they can bring reading books, reading records and Me Books into school and home again.

However, we have noticed that some children are bringing in very, very big bags/rucksacks. Unfortunately, these take up a lot space in classrooms/cloakrooms, and when there are 30 children in the class, we are finding it difficult to store them, alongside PE Bags and lunchboxes. If possible, can we ask that bags are big enough to carry a Me Book, but no bigger please. We really want children to bring in a bag, but thank you for your support in this matter.

Parent Workshop – Anxiety in Children

It is not too late to book a space on our parent workshop about anxiety in children. It is at 2pm on Tuesday 15th November, it will last about an hour and it will be hosted by our Educational Psychologist.

Please drop Ms Dee an email if you'd like to attend: idee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Year 1-6 Sportacus Lunchtime Clubs

Sportacus Lunchtime Clubs started this week but it is not too late to sign your child up if you would like them to take part. These include Lego, Dance, Football and Chess. [Please click here](#) to view more information on what is on offer this term.

And Finally...

When the clocks went back last weekend, we all noticed how early it started to get dark outside. In assembly on Monday, the Year 2-4 children will be reminded on how to keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school, crossing roads and using pedestrian crossings.

Although the responsibility is always with the driver to pay attention and be alert, our children should be encouraged to wear bright clothing in order to stand out and be seen when walking home from school. This picture has been viewed many times online, and demonstrates the importance of children wearing a bright coat as it gets dark.

The child in the bottom picture can barely be seen (it took us a long time to spot them, but they are there). For more information, please click here - <https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/why-be-bright/>



Important Dates

7-11th November – Year 6 School Journey

14th-18th November – Anti Bullying Week

18th November – Children in Need

21st – 24th November Celebrating Diversity Week

25th – INSET Day (no children in school)

6th December – Governors Meeting

9th December – Christmas Fair

6-14th Christmas Performances – Dates TBC

14th December – Festive dinner and jumper day

16th December – Last day of term

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

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