



Friday 14th July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

This week we were delighted to be able to have our Sports Days for our Reception and Year 1, 2 and 3 classes. The weather was very kind, despite the threats of rain. Thank you to the staff for running the events, our Year 6 helpers, all the parents and carers who attended, and especially Ms Adams who planned most of the proceedings. It was great to watch the children in action.

Today, our three Reception classes enjoyed a visit to Manor Park where they went river dipping. On Thursday our Nursery children went on a family picnic to Manor House Gardens. Thank you to the staff for planning the visit and to all the parents/carers who made it possible by supporting.

And finally we would like to thank Mr Henry this week who has come to the rescue again, this time by rescuing a little sparrow from one of the classrooms. A couple of months ago he rescued a cheeky squirrel who had made its way in and up the stairs. He is a man of many talents.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend!

Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

The End of the Year

With only one week to go until the end of the school year, we are beginning to bring things to a close.

Today, if you collected your child from school, you will have received their **end of year report**. The teachers have spent a long time writing personalised reports for every child. **We cannot send reports home with children or anyone who is not their parent/carer, so if you did not come to school this afternoon, please come by next week.** There will be an opportunity for you to give feedback and comment, if you would like to do so.

Also, we would like to remind all parents/carers who have not done so already, to **pay their £20 contribution** which pays for visits and visitors, and to **clear any other remaining debt such as school dinners and tuition.**

Next week, we ask all children and parents/carers to look through the books in their house and **return any school reading/library books** so that they are ready to be used in September. Thank you.



Changes to the Timings of the School Day

As of September 2023, the government have increased their requirements on schools to have children in school to 32.5 hours per week. This means that we need to increase the amount of time that children at Brindishe Green need to be in school by **15 minutes each day**. Therefore, in **September the school day will begin with lessons starting at 8:45am and gates opening from 8:35am and closing at 8.45am.** (where children can come into the classroom and read and get ready for the day). The end of the day remains the same – 3.15pm.



The school day will be from 8.45am to 3.15pm

Parent/Carer Survey Results,

Thank you to all the families who responded to our parent/carers survey in June – we were very pleased with what many of you had to say. We have created a document (attached) which gives the results of each question and comments that were made – rather than repeating ourselves several times we amalgamated some of the responses.

Naturally, some parents/carers raised worries or concerns, and we wanted to be transparent and address these with everyone. We have therefore responded to many of the comments with how we are currently tackling some of your concerns, and what we plan to do in the Autumn term.

Parents and carers who asked to speak to a member of SLT about particular queries or concerns have been emailed separately.

We hope that you find this document useful.

September 2023

We have been listening to your survey responses and want to make sure that we communicate as much as possible about what your child/ren is learning in class. In September we will be inviting parents and carers to come in to school and meet with the year group teaching staff and hear about the year ahead. This will include what the academic year looks like for each subject and what you can do to support your child at home. The dates are as follows:

| Year Group | Date of year group meeting | Time |
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| Year 1 | Monday 11 th September | 9am in Main Hall |
| Year 2 | Tuesday 12 th September | |
| Year 3 | Wednesday 13 th September | |
| Year 4 | Thursday 14 th September | |
| Year 5 | Monday 18 th September | |
| Year 6 | Tuesday 19 th September | |

Attendance and Punctuality

It is essential that children come to school every day they are well, and on time. All children must be **in their classroom by 9am** so that they are not registered as late. Our whole school attendance should be **more than 95%** each week. Has your child's class made it into the newsletter this week?

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| Overall school attendance this week: | 93.84% | |
| Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%: A huge well done to <i>Puffin</i> class who had 100% attendance this week! | Puffin Emperor Penguin Parakeet Cormorant Macaw | 100% 99.57% 97.67% 97.01% 96.79% |
| Top classes with all children on time: | There were no classes with all children on time every day. | |

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!

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 |
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| Anastasia & Maryam Amelie & Rachel Sebastian & Michelle | Sophia, Kevwe & Eliza Ny'Asia & Eliza All of Kestrel | Aaron & Magpie Class Margo, Diego & Tracy Manil & Ismaeel |
| Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Kamari, Elsie and Talia Whole class Ayla and Kadijah | Sirik & Mylo Joel & Amelka Tommy & Apishaline | Kasey & Jacob Temi & Ben Aisha & Arselan Sidi, Shea and Tymon |

Sumdog Competition

Our last Sumdog Competition of the academic year started this morning and will end next Thursday, 20th July. It is the Greater London Summer Maths Contest and will involve over 300 classes from 32 schools.

As this is the last competition of the year, it would be great if we could go out with a bang! Please encourage your child to take part at home- it is a great way for them to practise their maths skills.



A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

BIG HALF UPDATE - It's just over 7 weeks to go to the Big Half marathon. We have an awesome team of 20 running to raise money for Brindishe Green school. If you'd like to show your support, our fundraising page is now LIVE: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/big-half-2023>.

A NOTE FROM OUTGOING BFG CHAIRS CHARLIE AND DANA

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to the school community for helping to make the BFG such a wonderful, and important, part of the Brindishe Green school.

This group started just as a few parents holding cake bakes, and now is a large group of parents / carers that hold many successful events for the school, while raising incredibly important funds too.

Throughout the years the group have set up - and maintained - regular events including the winter fair, cake bakes and popcorn and panto festive events, acquired charity spots for the Big Half Marathon, make at home pizza nights, as well as many other adhoc events throughout the year. We stayed together, and thrived, through lockdown organising trails for holidays times, obtaining new notebook donations and setting up the incredibly important food parcel scheme.

This year alone we have held 2 amazing fairs - our summer fair raising over £2,000, donated a huge £1,000 to the library facilities at school, as well as holding all of the usual events. What an achievement!

During our time as chairs - we have seen this group grow and also had the chance to make friends both with parents in other years, and school members.

We just wanted to say a huge thank you for your continuing support of this group, and goodbye as well as our youngest move onto to secondary. The support from Ms Supple was invaluable - attending all our meetings and getting her hands dirty helping with all the setup of events - including last minute change of clothes for "wet the teacher", Ms Campbell and the rest of the Senior Leadership team.

A very huge and special thank you to the continued support of the maintenance team - getting events ready for us, moving all our donations and helping to store them safely (just to name a few things!) most of our events would not happen.

There is a wonderful group of parents continuing the work of the BFG but always need more support. We cannot say enough what an essential, and great group this is and we are sure you will support it and enjoy being part of it as much as we have.

Dana and Charlie