

Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024



Brindishe
Green



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I have the right to have my own thoughts and beliefs and to choose my religion, with my parents' guidance

What has been happening this week?

This week our children in Years 3-6 learnt about **World Religion Day**, and the importance of learning from and respecting people of all faiths and none, in our community and across the world.

On Tuesday our **Nursery** children visited Manor House Gardens, on Friday **Puffin and Red Kite** went to St. Paul's/Tate Modern and **Year 3** took part in an exciting Egyptian Workshop.

On Tuesday, Ms Kugathan, Mr Keith and our **Eco-Warriors** attended the **Big Schools' Climate Event** at The Horniman Museum. The children took part in a variety of workshops where they discovered many strategies they can use to protect the environment. Using the 710 Christmas cards you kindly brought in to school to be recycled, they got the chance to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills in a pitch that resembled Dragon's Den. **We are thrilled to tell you they won £400 worth of funding**, which will go towards improving our Edible Playground. Well done Eco-warriors!

What is happening next week?

Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week** and children across the school will be learning how important it is to use their voice and to be heard. They will learn ways to look after their mental health and how to communicate if they are feeling sad, anxious or afraid.

Also next week Years 1-6 will hold their **Open Classrooms**. Years 1, 3 and 5 will be on Tuesday 6th, and Years 2, 4 and 6 will be on Thursday 8th. Please come up to the classroom with your child in the morning. The session will finish at 9.15am.

Finally, on Friday we say goodbye to **Ms Shirin Shabestari Khiabani** who will be moving across to work at Brindishe Lee as an HLTA, and also starting an exciting new job linked to her love of running (she ran The London Marathon for our school). Ms Shirin has been at our school since 2018 and has worked with many children as a TA and an HLTA. We thank her for how she has supported children and staff, and wish her all the best for the future.

Parent/Carer Governor Elections

If you haven't already, please do make sure you have your vote counted for the Brindishe Federation Parent/Carer Governor. On Wednesday this week, all families in our federation community were sent the 8 supporting statements from our nominees and your ballot papers. **The ballot boxes will close at 9am on Friday 9th February** and we will let you know the outcome of the elections on Monday 19th February. **It is vital that each parent/carers plays their part in this process and has their vote counted.**

New Signing - In System for Children

If your child arrives after 8.45 and the gate is closed, or is returning from an appointment, you will need to accompany your child to the main door.

You will then be asked to sign your child into school using the signing-in screen in the front foyer.

MMR Vaccinations

With Measles cases rising in London, Lewisham's Public Health team is monitoring the situation and working closely with healthcare partners to raise awareness and to ensure those who need the vaccination get it. The key message from council and healthcare partners is that **two doses of the MMR vaccine** provide the best protection against measles, mumps and rubella.

If a child has missed one or both doses, their parent or carer should contact their GP practice to book an appointment or visit the NHS website for more information.

BRECK FOUNDATION - Children's Workshops and Parents/Carer Talk

The Breck foundation is a charity organisation that was founded in 2014 in response to the tragic loss of Breck Bednar, a 14-year-old boy who was groomed and murdered by someone he met online. Their work aims to prevent this from ever happening again. They reach thousands of children and young people in schools and other community settings every year with Breck's story. Their talks and educational materials fill a gap in the current UK curriculum that otherwise leaves children vulnerable to online grooming and exploitation.

On **8th February**, the foundation will deliver a powerful and compelling **online safety presentation** using Breck's story to educate everyone on the dangers that children and young people face online for all children in **Years 3-6**.

In addition, there will be a **parent workshop via Zoom on 7th February at 6pm**. We hope to see many parents as possible since our children's safety is extremely important to us all.

Parent talk - Thursday 7th February 18:00pm to 19:00pm

Speaker: Joanne Slater



Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 838 5882 1249

Passcode: 486702

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83858821249?pwd=LHpUO13cEB27tPPVwVeFCKcgkxNjJ.1>



Nursery Open Days

Do you or a friend have a child who will be 3 years old come September? Would they like to apply to come to Brindishe Green Nursery? If yes, then please come and see the environment and talk to the staff during one of our Open Days: **Tuesday 5th March or Thursday 6th June 2024 at 3.45pm**

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour in school.

E Penguin	Liam & Willow
Cormorant	Alan & Mylo
Shoebill	Pavarshan & Oliver
Macaw	Ayla & Dvir
Heron	Naryoris & Bethel
Cassowary	Janushan & Edie
Hornbill	Hornbill Class
Red Kite	Cuba & Poppy
Puffin	Nailah, Cherrilyn, Ainara
Magpie	Baye & Hugo
Hawk	Gabrielius & Mila
Kingfisher	Chadwick & Ejla
Woodpecker	Honour and Baxter
Parakeet	Victoria & Deshay
Kestrel	Leo & Rahim
Swift	Finn & Eli M
Little Owl	Abisola & Aaron
Goldfinch	Kimberley & Almir



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95%	
Top classes with attendance over 95%:	Shoebill	100%
	Swift	99%
	Cassowary	98%
A huge well done to Shoebill lass who had 100% attendance this week	Macaw	96%
	Heron	96%
Top classes with all children in on time	Hawk, Robin, Goldfinch and Swift! Huge well done to them all 😊	

Important Dates in Feb and March

February 2024		March 2024	
Tues 6 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5	Week beg 18 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 8 th Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6	Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term	Fri 29 th March – Fri 12 th April	Easter Holidays



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER PIZZA! - Orders for our latest make-at-home pizza night fundraiser is tomorrow, 3rd February. Each term we partner with a company called Doughies to sell pizza and cookie kits. The BFG receives a proportion of each sale to help fund projects for the school. The link to order is here:

<https://doughies.co.uk/products/brindishe-green> The flyer below has more info. Dairy free, vegan alternatives available. 100% delicious and fun to make!

WORLD BOOK DAY CAKE, BOOK AND TOY SALE - This will be is happening after school on **Thursday 7th March**. We'll be collecting donations of unwanted good quality toys and books after half-term so please keep an eye out for more information and put anything aside now you think is suitable. Thank you!

PLAYGROUND REDESIGN CONSULTATION - The school are planning to redevelop the Brindishe Green playground. They want to create an outdoor classroom and make better use of the space available. Previously the BFG had agreed to fund a reading shed. This now has the potential to be a much bigger, more exciting project! A number of you have already been in touch to let us know your thoughts and ideas and offering to help but we'd love to hear from more people. Please email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

You can find out more information in the BFG meeting minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1os3N6mw1bJr2L9uFSbw2V2METHfeFbf0W4IMV2BJ1sk/edit>

Comments will be passed on to the school.

