

Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

This week our KS2 choir performed at the Turning of the Year concert at Blackheath Halls. They sang an individual song and collaborated with choirs from other local schools on a number of beautiful pieces. We were very proud of them all and thank the members of staff who gave up their evening to lead and support the children. It was a very special event.

Puffin and Red Kite visited the Bromley Synagogue on Thursday and Friday as part of their RE learning on Judaism. Also this week, all three Reception classes went on their first educational visit to Manor House Library. The teachers were very proud of how the children walked there and back, and read quietly in the public library. Thank you to all the parents/carers who accompanied them - without you, the children would not have been able to go.

Finally, today we were visited by author and explorer Matt Dickinson who spoke to our KS2 children about his adventures and what it is like to be travel to some of the worlds most remote places, including Everest and Antarctica. The children were in awe, listening to his stories.



What is happening next week?

Next week it will be **Hornbill's** turn to visit the Bromley Synagogue and Year 2 will be visited by The London Fire Brigade to learn about fire safety.

On Friday it is the **BFG Winter Fair**. We would like to thank them all for organising one of the most special events in our calendar. Please see below for more information, and please give them all our support.



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I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment

Hanukkah will begin on the evening of Thursday, December 7, 2023, and end on the evening of Friday, December 15, 2023. To all our Jewish families, staff and friends we know this is a very special time and would like to wish you all a "Hanukkah sameach!"

Meet the Teacher - Autumn 2023

Next week we will be running our Parent Teacher Meetings for children from Nursery to Year 6. Most of you have now made your appointment and we look forward to seeing you in school next week.

If you have a **morning appointment**, the teacher will meet you in the front foyer and take you to a quiet place to talk.

If you have an **afternoon appointment**, please make your way up to the classroom through the main office. Please arrive **10mins before your appointment** so that you can look at your child's books which will be outside the classroom.

Winter Performances

Can you believe it is nearly that time of year? Our staff and children are beginning to prepare something special to share with you in the lead up to the Christmas/Winter break. All performances will take place in the main hall and will last about 30mins. Please make a note of your year group's day and time.

- Year 1 - Tuesday 12th December 9:15am
- Year 2 - Tuesday 12th December 2:15pm
- Year 3 - Wednesday 13th December 9:15am
- Year 4 - Wednesday 13th December 2:15pm
- Year 5 - Thursday 14th December 9:15am
- Year 6 - Thursday 14th December 2:15pm
- Reception - Friday 15th December 9:30am

During these events, and on our Winter/Festive Jumper Day (Tuesday 19th Dec), we will be collecting money for Save the Children - Gaza Emergency Appeal.



Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Leona & Carmelo
Cormorant	Vivaan & Khaleb
Shoebill	Jacob & Jean-David
Macaw	Abidah & Alfie
Heron	Salih & Lincoln
Cassowary	Abigail & Ase
Hornbill	Eli & Lyra
Red Kite	Red Kite Class
Puffin	Cassidy & Margo
Magpie	Jahziyon, Maya & Hugo
Hawk	Matteo & Rhianna
Kingfisher	Karine & Sophie
Woodpecker	Elijah & Hannah
Parakeet	Momo & Ben
Kestrel	Fatmata & Ellie
Swift	Daniel & Aissatou
Little Owl	Zayaan & CJ
Goldfinch	Genevieve & Hollie Mae



Lewisham Race Equality Survey

Lewisham Learning has asked The Centre for Education and Youth (CFEY) to conduct research with Year 5 & 6 pupils, school staff and parents in Lewisham about race equality, as part of its work under its Embedding Race Equality Pledge.

They want to explore views on racial equality in the borough by asking you to complete a 10-15min survey. Please click on the link to find out more information and the short survey:

Click here - [Race Equality Survey](#)



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95.52%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Hummingbird (am)	100%
	Hummingbird (all day)	98.72%
	Puffin	97.78%
	Emperor Penguin	97.7%
	Shoebill	97.1%
A huge well done to Hummingbird (am) class who had 100% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	No classes with all children in on time this week	

Important Dates in Nov and Dec

November 2023		December 2023	
Tues 14 th Nov 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families	Week beg 4 th Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 16 th November @ 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6	Winter performances/events – See newsletter for more details on times	
13 - 17 th November	Celebrating Diversity Week	12 th Dec - Year 1 & 2	
		13 th Dec - Year 3 & 4	
		14 th Dec - Year 5 & 6	
		15 th Dec - Reception	
		19 th Dec - Nursery	
Fri 17 th Nov	Flu immunisations R-Y6	Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Fri 24 th Nov	Inset Day No school	Wed 20 th Dec	Last Day
		Thurs 21 st – Fri 5 th January 2024 (8 th Jan – INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays –



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

REMINDER: WINTER FAIR NEXT FRIDAY! - A reminder that NEXT FRIDAY (8th December) it's our Winter Fair. The fun starts straight after school at 3.15pm until 5. It's free entry, with lots of games and prizes including tombola, face painting, biscuit decorating and badge making 🎁 Food and drink including mulled wine & mince pies 🥧🍷 plus the chance to buy gifts as well as meet Santa! 🎅 Most activities 50p-£1 (bring your change). 🎄

FINAL FAIR MEETING - Our final meeting for everyone helping out at the fair is at the school on Tuesday 5th December at 8.45am. We would love a couple more volunteers so get in touch if you can help: bfgsocials@gmail.com or just come along on Tuesday.

RAFFLE TICKETS STILL ON SALE - Look out for BFG members selling Winter Fair raffle tickets before and after school on Wednesday, Thursday and before school on Friday. We have some amazing prizes with more being added all the time, including ice skating, food hampers, days out, panto tickets etc, as well as a selection of vouchers and giftcards (see poster). Tickets are £2 per strip.

DONATIONS FOR WINTER FAIR STALLS STILL NEEDED - On these days we are also collecting donations for Winter Fair stalls. These include:

- Tombola Prizes: bottles and boxes, plus toys.
- Unwanted gifts for our wrapping room
- Christmas jumpers for our pre-loved Christmas jumper stall
 - Second hand books
 - Craft bits for card making

EASYFUNDRAISING - We've raised a massive £350 just by people registering to use easyfundraising. Over 7,000 shops will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them for free! You can download it onto a desktop computer or laptop and there is also an app. More information here: <https://bit.ly/3p17zLZ>



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Winter Raffle Prizes

Experiences

Family skate • Ice Rink Canary Wharf
2 x tickets • Stephen Sondheim's Old Friends
Annual family pass • Wonderlab at Science Museum
4 x tickets • Jack & the Beanstalk, Catford Broadway
4 x tickets • Cutty Sark, Royal Museums Greenwich

Gifts & stores

£50 Love2Shop voucher • donated by Bryan & Keegan
2 x £70 Smyths Toys vouchers • donated by EdEx
air up water bottle • donated by EdEx
Festive wreath • Crimson & Clover
£25 gift card • Sainsburys
£10 voucher • The Find Store Lee
£10 voucher • Present Catford

Prizes from Next, Sophie Home, Smyths Toys, Squishmallow and more...

Food & drink

£50 Hamper • Found Hope
3 x £50 vouchers • Forza Wine & Forza Win
£25 voucher • Yard Sale Pizza
£20 voucher • Ed Baker artisan bakes
£20 gift card • Cook
£15 voucher • Le Delice
£10 voucher • Plenty SE13
Coffee & cake for 2 voucher • Oscars

Wellbeing & culture

Five free classes • Yoga House London
30 minute Holistic massage • Lorraine Gill
Beautician voucher • Natalie Kursteiner
Two piano lessons • Tessa Marchington
Half term voucher • Catford Sings with Xenia Davis
One month membership • Hither Green Soul Choir

**Tickets
£2 per
strip**