

# Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023



Brindishe  
Green

## What has been happening this week?

Most of our **Year 6 children** have been away for the week to Swanage on their School Journey. They spent the week by the seaside taking part in many physical activities, as well as team building tasks such as orienteering. We believe School Journey is one of the most valuable experiences our children take part in during their time at Brindishe Green as it helps to develop their social and personal skills ready for secondary school. A huge thank you to all the staff who accompanied them.

Our remaining **Year 6 children** also had a fantastic week cooking, creating pieces of art, working with younger children across the school and going to the cinema. Thank you to Ms Hollie for planning such an exciting week for them.

**Year 5** classes were visited by the London Fire Brigade this week as part of their PSHE learning on how to keep themselves and their homes safe.

Also this week, **all the children** had an amazing time with our visiting athlete Courtney Orange. We hope they came home and told you about his inspirational assembly and the fundraising events.

## What is happening next week?

Next week is **Celebrating Diversity Week** at Brindishe Green! This is one of our favourite times of the year when we come together to celebrate and share what makes us and others unique. See below for more information on what we have planned...and remember to **'Wear You!'** on Friday!

On Thursday we welcome our **Year 2, 4 and 6 parents/carers** into school for their child's Open Classroom. This takes place straight after school from 3.15-3.45pm. Your child will show you their classroom and the learning they have done so far this year.

On Friday an NHS team of nurses will be in school to carry out the flu immunisation programme. Please ensure you have completed the online form if you would like your child to have the vaccine.

### Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

This weekend, many people across the United Kingdom will come together to mark both Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. More information on events that are happening in Lewisham can be found in the Federation Newsletter.



### Diwali Celebrations

On Sunday many people across the world will celebrate Diwali, including some Brindishe Green families. Diwali is an important Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival originating in India. If you celebrate, we hope you have a wonderful time with your friends and family.



## School Closed - Friday 24th November

Please remember that **school is closed to ALL children on Friday 24th November** as it is a staff training day (INSET).

Please help to spread the word!

## Start and End of the Day

Please can we remind all our families that the gate opens at 8.35am and **children should be in their classrooms at 8.45am** as this is when learning starts.

All children should be **collected from school at 3.15pm**. We have noticed an increase in the number of children being collected late from the front entrance over the past couple of weeks.

## Celebrating Diversity Week 2023

This year our Celebrating Diversity Week will take place from **13th to 17th November**. The theme will be **Kicking Out Stereotypes**. The week will start with assemblies led by Ms Matthews and Ms Campbell. The children will learn about inspirational people who have achieved great things by overcoming adversity and challenging stereotypes. They will also share what they have learnt and what makes them special with other children in the school.

**The beginning of the week will kick off with World Kindness Day**, which will be marked in classes - there is also a ME Book activity on kindness.

**On Friday 17th it is Children in Need and we will 'Wear You!'**

Children and staff will be encouraged to come to school in something special (a sparkly top, traditional outfit from your country, as many colours as you can, their favourite dress up costume, their teams sports kit) and we will collect donations for Children in Need.



## Something Wonderful to Celebrate - Who has been praised this week?

E Penguin	Whole class	★
Cormorant	Whole class	★
Shoebill	Whole class	★
Macaw	Whole class	★
Heron	Dominic & Kwabena	★
Cassowary	Saadhvika & Abdesamad	★
Hornbill	Noah & Ben	★
Red Kite	Jason & Marley	★
Puffin	Whole class	★
Magpie	Londi & Mariam	★
Hawk	Mila & Bolu	★
Kingfisher	Ronan & Ejla	★
Woodpecker	Sebastian & Somp	★
Parakeet	Thando & Amelie	★
Kestrel	Alessandra & Bertie	★
Swift	Kenzy & Mia	★
Little Owl	Bonula & Spirydon	★
Goldfinch	Jude & Almir	★

## Attendance This Week:

Overall school attendance this week:	95.81%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%: A huge well done to the following classes who had 100% attendance this week: Hummingbird (all day), Emperor Penguin and Puffin	Hummingbird (all day)	100%
	Emperor Penguin	100%
	Puffin	100%
	Cormorant	99.1%
	Red Kite	98.85%
Top classes with all children in on time	All children in on time in Hummingbird (all day) class	

## Important Key Dates - Nov and Dec

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



## A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

**WINTER POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS** - A big congratulations to all our poster competition winners. In KS1: well done to winner Honour and Lucia in 2nd place with Iris in 3rd. For KS2, the winner was Rafael with Averie 2nd and Maya 3rd. Winning pictures will feature on Winter Fair posters, signs and on the BFG Facebook page, but we hope to be able to display all of them at the upcoming Winter Fair on 8th December. More info and a sneaky peak of the winning entries on the poster below.

**REMINDER: WINTER FAIR MEETING** - The next BFG Committee meeting is this week on **TUESDAY 14th November 4:30pm - 6pm at the school**. This will focus on Winter Fair preparation and planning. Please come if you can - we need as many volunteers as possible! Do let us know by emailing: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**HELP US RAISE MONEY BY DOING PRACTICALLY NOTHING!** - We're registered with [easyfundraising](#) which means you can help raise money for us just by signing up and then using the easyfundraising site when you shop. It includes loads of major brands like Argos, Tesco, even Apple. 😊

**PRE-LOVED WINTER CLOTHES: THANKS** - Thank you for taking part in our pre-loved winter all the kind donations of coats, jackets, jumpers and shoes. The majority of items found loving new homes. Those that didn't are being taken to the Lewisham Donation Hub to benefit members of the wider community.

**JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST** - Never miss another announcement by joining the [BFG email list](#). Fill in the form to be added. Also, check us out on X @bfgthergreen and Facebook - search for 'Brindishe Friends Group'.

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# Poster Competition Winners!



Winner KS1  
Honour



Winner KS2  
Rafael

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Lucia



2<sup>nd</sup> place: Averie



3<sup>rd</sup> place: Iris



3<sup>rd</sup> place: Maya

A huge thank you for all your fabulous Winter Fair posters! You gave our judges Miss Eileen and Miss Swindells a very difficult job. Congratulations to the winners, whose posters will be used to promote the fair. And you'll be able to see all the entries on display at the Winter Fair.