

# Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Brindishe  
Green

## What has been happening this week?

What a busy week! Cassowary class started their swimming lessons at Lewisham Glass Mill Leisure Centre, we collected tins for the AFRIL foodbank, we ran our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year and the BFG had their first cake sale. On Monday the children from Years 3-6 attended an assembly led by Bridget from Good Sheppard Church on how we can support each other to grow to be happy and healthy. She also spoke to the children about how we can support others in the community by donating to the foodbank.

Also this week, the children and staff from across the school wore yellow on Tuesday and took part in activities which encouraged them to think about how they can look after their mental health.

## What is happening next week?

On Tuesday, we will be welcoming parents/carers who would like to send their children to Brindishe Green Reception in September 2023 for a tour of the school.

On Wednesday, our **Year 1** families are invited into school for a Phonics workshop at 9am in the main hall.

On Thursday our **Nursery** families are invited in to meet with the teachers to find out how they can support their children at home.

Next week, our **Year 6** classes will be visiting The Imperial War Museum as part of their learning about World War 2. Thank you to the parents/carers who have offered to support on this visit.

## Open Classrooms - Years 1, 3 and 5

On **Thursday from 3.20-3.45**, we will welcome parents/carers of children in Years 1, 3 and 5 to come and look at their books in our first **Open Classrooms**. The class teacher will take you to the room from the playground at the end of the school day. This is an **informal opportunity** for your child to show you what they have been learning and to show you around their classroom. If you have two children in these year groups there will be plenty of time to visit one room and then pop along to the other. **Formal Teacher/Parent meetings will take place in Autumn 2.**

Year 2, 4 and 6 will have their Open Classroom after half term.

## ME Books

Look out for your children's new ME Book activities which came home with the children today. There is a focus on World Food Day and Black History Month. There are also some additional fun family tasks that can be completed over half term.

Books should be returned to school before Thursday 2nd November.

## Black History Month

This week, children across the school have been learning about inspirational Black Women such as Coco Gauff, Simone Biles, and different Motown singers.

Children have also learnt about Black women in the historical period they are learning about, such as Year 4 who learnt about the Ivory Bangle Lady who was alive in Roman Britain.



## Keeping our Children Safe in School

Due to the fact we are such a big and busy school, we ask all adults who come to drop off or collect children to come off their mobile phones before entering our playground and take their earphones out. This is so you can greet the children, talk to staff and be aware of what is happening around you. Thank you for making sure that you are keeping our children safe in our school building and playground.

## Communicating with Staff

If you need to get a message to any member of staff, please email [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk). Your email will be forwarded to the correct person and will be treated confidentially.

Please do not message members of staff using Weduc as these messages are not looked at regularly. We will endeavor to reply to your email as quickly as possible (within 48 hours), but if you think it may have been forgotten about, please forward it again.

Thank you for your patience and support.

## Children's Birthdays

We know that a birthday is a very special time for most children and their families. However, please can we ask that if your child is having a party, that invitations are distributed in the playground at the end of the day, or preferably away from the school. This is to avoid any upset.

In addition we can not give out any cakes, treats or party bags during the school day.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Sumdog Competition

The Greater London Maths Contest begins today! Over the next week, children from schools across London, including Brindishe Green, will compete for top spot both individually and with their classes. **The competition will close next Thursday 19th October.**



The children at Brindishe Green have really excelled in these competitions over the past years and have shown what competent mathematicians they are. We would really appreciate your support and encouragement by getting your child(ren) playing at home, if possible. We hope you all have fun and show off your skills!

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

E Penguin	Marrigold & Maya	★
Cormorant	Vittorio & Vy	
Shoebill	Mariam & Pavarshan	
Macaw	Arlo & Laderra	★
Heron	Neveah & Kamari	★
Cassowary	Shia & Aaron	★
Hornbill	Maissie and Remy	
Red Kite	Lina & Cameron	
Puffin	Lex & Bella	★
Magpie	Jare & Amari	
Hawk	Lana & Raphael	★
Kingfisher	Elliot & Alfie	
Woodpecker	Elias-Cruz & Michelle	
Parakeet	Aiden & Lily	★
Kestrel	Rinthushan & Jasmine	
Swift	Edward & Mia	★
Little Owl	Henry & Leyre	
Goldfinch	Genevieve & Aydan	



## Attendance This Week:

Overall school attendance this week:	94.05%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Hawk	100%
A huge well done to <i>Hawk</i> class who had 100% attendance this week	Cassowary	99.54%
	Red Kite	99.44%
	Heron	99.18%
	Puffin	98.89%
Top classes with all children in on time	All children were in on time in <i>Robin</i> class	

## Important Key Dates - Oct and Nov

October 2023		November 2023	
Black History Month		Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nurs/Rec families
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 10:00am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> November @ 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 3:15-3:45pm	Open classroom Years 1, 3, 5	13 - 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisations R-Y6
		Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Inset Day No school





## A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

**AGM LAST NIGHT** - Thanks to all those who came along to the AGM last night. We will share minutes and updates in due course including lots of exciting plans for the year ahead, but we're really pleased to say that **Kate** (year 2 and 4 parent) and **Hayley** (year 2 and 5 parent) put themselves forward and were unanimously voted in as new co-chairs of the BFG.

Members at the meeting also voted for **Natasha** (year 4 and 6 parent) to continue as Treasurer, **Sam** (year 2 parent) as Secretary, and to make **Lu** (year 5 parent), **Kasia** (year 4 parent) and **Alex L** (year 6 parent) committee members.

**If you would like to be actively involved with the BFG and our events please let us know.**

**CAKE BAKE** - Thanks to everyone who took part in the cake bake. There was an amazing array of goodies from ghoulish crispy slices, cupcakes laden with sprinkles and ghostly iced biscuits. Ms Mathews said she didn't think she'd ever seen it so busy! We'll let you know how much we raised next week.

**SEND US YOUR PIZZA PICS!** - Today is pick up day for the make-at-home pizzas. We'd love to see your creations. Send by email to: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) We'll try and feature some in next week's newsletter!

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