

See you all on Monday 17th April at 8.45am



Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, it is hard to believe that we are now 2/3 of the way through the school year. This term we have welcomed families to our Open Classrooms and teachers have met with parents/carers to discuss their child's learning and progress. Children have been on a range of educational visits to places such as The Horniman Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, Sutcliff Park Leisure Centre, the 02 Arena, and Mudchute Farm. We have also welcomed in visitors such as a Victorian teacher, creepy crawlies and The History Man. We are already planning and looking forward to up and coming events in the Summer Term, and look forward to seeing how much all of our children progress in their learning.

This week we had some very special visitors. As you may know, Macaw class (Yr 5) are taking part in a research project alongside the University of Sheffield evaluating the Roots of Empathy programme. Roots of Empathy aims to develop empathy in children by studying the development of a baby. They are certainly enjoying the project and the children talk regularly about how they feel calmer and better able to understand each other.

We were honoured this week to be visited by founder Mary Gordon all the way from Canada. She chose us as the only UK school she visited because she'd seen how fantastic Mr Chris, baby Josephine, mummy Caroline and Macaw class were in a training video. Our thanks go to all of them, and a huge well done on such an accolade. We're very keen to run Roots of Empathy next academic year too, if you're currently pregnant and keen to learn more please do get in touch!



We hope you all have a lovely 2 week break, and for those who celebrate we hope you have a lovely Easter.

Best Wishes

The Senior Leadership Team

Goodbye and Thank you

Today we say goodbye and thank you to two very popular and loved members of staff: **Angela Dodd and Christine Tangsgaard.**

Ms Angela joined Brindishe Green in 2014 and has always ensured that the school has looked its best, staff have had a nice environment to work and rest, and supported in the running of the school office.

Ms Christine joined in 2016 and from the moment she joined, ensured that the school office has run smoothly. She knows every child in the school and if any member of staff has a question that needs quickly answered, Ms Christine is always the first person they go to.

We know many of you will want to join us in wishing both all the very best for their future, and want to thank them for their years of dedication to our children and the school.

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
All Swift class	Amelia & Lema	All Magpie class
All Little Owl class	Hugo & Ehan	Romilly, Melody & Abdul
All Goldfish class	Jakub & Rafi	Ismaeel & Marley
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hornbill class, Basiru and Fenella	Lilah, David & Kerem	Almedin & Kayden
Red Kite	Oliver & Hugo	Victoria & Ben
Puffin class, Moni & Olivier	Noah & Ankana	Grace & Emmelia-Rose
		Jahan & Shea

Sponsored Event - Raising money for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria

A couple of weeks ago we wrote to you to let you know that as a school community we hoped to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. We have decided to do a whole school sponsored event over the Easter holiday - something we hope all of our children will be able to take part in. The money raised from this will be put together with the money collected in the buckets outside school.

In assembly on Monday we shared with the children the challenges they could do, and how to complete their sponsorship form. We explained that they could do a couple of the challenges, most of them, or even all of them. The children should have already brought home a copy of the sponsorship form, and one is also attached to your Newsfeed on Weduc.

Sponsorship money and forms should be returned to school on **Wednesday 19th April**. The children are excited to see which class raises the most money.

Thank you for your support...and we hope you enjoy doing some of the challenges with your children.

Drop Off and Collection

As a school with 647 children, it is understandably busy at drop off and collection times, and whilst we appreciate that many parents/carers are keen to drop off and collect children quickly, we have seen an increase in adult frustration and conflict this term.

Prior to Covid 19, Brindishe Green **has always** operated a system where all children from Years 1-6 enter and leave the main gate at the start and end of the day. During the Covid pandemic, to increase social distancing, the car park exit was used to create a one-way system. This was always only going to be a temporary solution and robust risk assessments, staffing and time were put into place to allow this to happen. This is not a system we will return to.

We are in the process of finding ways to manage the stream of traffic, particularly at the end of the day, possibly with 'Way in' or 'Way out' markings or metal railings. In the meantime, we ask that all parents/carers/visitors please show mutual respect and patience towards each other and staff.

Changes to Sportacus Clubs – FSM places

From after Easter, only two Free School Meal eligible places (parent/carer pays 50% of the total cost) will be offered per club per term (lunch and after school). These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please note if a FSM eligible child would like to attend more than one club, and receives one of the 50% charge places, then parents/carers will be required to pay 100% for the second club.

The London Marathon 2023 – Sunday 23rd April Please support Mr. Durrant

This year, Mr. Matthew Durrant (Year 6 teacher in Cormorant Class) will be running The London Marathon on behalf of Brindishe Green. Please donate anything you can afford to support and encourage him through his cold training runs.



ALL proceeds will be spent on new sports and playground equipment for the children soon after the event.

Please click here to visit the Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mr-durrant?utm_term=Xvq9W6jP9



A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

EGG GUESSING CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations to the winners of our Guess the Eggs competition: **Ehan in Parakeet** and **Sidi in Shoebill** who guessed the egg-act number of eggs. The correct answers were:

242 in the chocolate jar

78 in the free-from chocolate jar

We raised £119.50 from all the guesses which, added to the sales from the cake bake (£143.16), leads to a grand total of **£262.66** which will go towards helping the school buy new equipment or similar. Thank you for all your support.

PIZZAS FOR FOOD PARCELS - Thank you also to everyone who has bought a Doughies pizza kit to make an at home pizza. This helps us raise money to pay for food and essential items which are distributed to families in the school community who need the help during longer school holidays.

And if you ordered a pizza kit, please remember to collect in the playground after school today 😊

GOODBYE - Lastly, we are sad to say goodbye to Angela and Christine from the school office. They have been unfailingly supportive of BFG and have helped us enormously. Thanks for everything ladies!



Head of School: Katie Matthews Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy
In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

Important Dates

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April – Easter/Spring Holidays
Monday 17th April – School starts again

Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

[Brindishe Federation - Home \(brindisheschools.org\)](http://brindisheschools.org)