

Please remember, school is **closed** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, as it is one of our 5 INSET days.

## Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week, almost 100 Year 6 children went on a 5-day residential School Journey, alongside 8 members of staff. After a very, very, very rainy start to the week, the sun came out and they all had a wonderful time pushing themselves to try new activities including The Giant Swing, climbing, shelter building, archery, Jacob's Ladder and obstacle challenges. The children behaved impeccably all week and the adults were very proud of them all. We would like to thank all the staff who accompanied the children, giving up their own time and putting 100% effort into making sure that the children had a wonderful time...it would not have been possible without them.

The remaining Year 6 children who stayed in school also had a great week taking part in a range of creative and fun activities, including making Oreo cheesecakes, photography, DT and Art projects, Coding and daily PE sessions. On Wednesday they went to Hazard House in Lee to learn skills and information that they will need to keep themselves safe out in the community and as they become more independent.

Next week is a busy week in school. The teachers from Year 1 to 6 will be looking at the progress the children have made since they started back to school and what skills and knowledge they can remember. This will be through carrying out some informal tests, looking at their books, listening to them read and talking to others. It is nothing for the children (or you) to worry about and will all be carried out as part of normal classroom practice.

Also next week, it is national Anti-Bullying week. The children will be learning what bullying is, what it might look like, and how to speak out safely if they are worried that either they or someone else is being bullied. There is no place for bullying in our school, online, or in the wider community. We want to empower all our children to work together to 'call it out' but reaching out to members of staff or parents/carers, if they are worried or upset. This will lead into Children in Need on Friday, and the following week when we have our Celebrating Diversity week (more information to follow).



### 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, and really shining!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Maryam & Elissa Ziah & Eva Nazim & Sebastian	Alfie & Link Ryan & Zac Abdullateef & Rowan	Aisha & Naomi Cassidy and Blake Kingfisher Class
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Talia & Kamari Lucas & Joseph Puffin Class	Hugo & Prince Jack & Ramzi Imogen & Mylo	All of Year 6 – both on School Journey and those who were in school.

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Next Friday we will be collecting donations for Children in Need.

As this is the Friday before our annual Celebrating Diversity week, we would like to encourage all children, parents/carers and staff to **'Wear Your Happy!'** This might be a sparkly or colourful top, your team's football jersey, clothing from the country you come from, or simply something that makes you feel happy. It should be something that makes you feel good and proud of who you are.

## Remembrance Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November

Classes today learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day in the UK and across the world. They learnt about how soldiers from different countries, including India, Barbados and Ghana, came together to fight in the two World Wars and how the armed services today help to look after people in many different places. Most classes spent 2 minutes quietly thinking about those who were either hurt or killed in conflict and discussed different ways in which we can remember.

Thank you to those who kindly donated to The British Legion Poppy Appeal in school this year.



## Important – No Nuts in School

Please can we remind all families that no nuts, or nut products should be brought into school, as we have several children and staff who have severe allergies.

Please can we ask that there are no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as a snack. This includes: peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate hazelnut spreads, cereal bars, some granola bars, cakes that contain nuts, biscuits / cookies that contain nuts, peanut butter cakes, some Asian food including satay or other sauces that contain nuts. This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check but we know that you recognise the importance of it, especially as this allergy can be a life-threatening condition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

## New Brindishe Book Bags and Sweaters

We are very excited to inform you that new Brindishe book bags will be available to order through [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com) from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – [My Clothing](#)

They will be navy blue in colour and show our logo, and they will cost £6.50 per bag.

We are also currently awaiting new branded sweaters and will keep you informed as to when these are online to purchase.

## Parent Workshop – Anxiety in Children

It is not too late to book a space on our parent workshop about anxiety in children. It is at 2pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, it will last about an hour and it will be hosted by our Educational Psychologist.

Please drop Ms Dee an email if you'd like to attend: [jdee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:jdee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)

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

## Year 1-6 Sportacus Lunchtime Clubs

Sportacus Lunchtime Clubs started this week but it is not too late to sign your child up if you would like them to take part. These include Lego, Dance, Football and Chess. [Please click here](#) to view more information on what is on offer this term.

### Important Dates

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Week

18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November Celebrating Diversity Week

25<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day (no children in school)

6<sup>th</sup> December – Governors Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair

6-14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Performances – Dates TBC

14<sup>th</sup> December – Festive dinner and jumper day

16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

### **A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)**

**GIVE A GARMENT/GRAB A GARMENT** - Thank you to everyone who took part in our Give/Grab a Garment event. Now there are lots of previously outgrown warm coats and jumpers with proud and appreciative new owners!

**DATE FOR NEXT BFG MEETING** - This will be on **Monday 14 November between 6-7 pm at the school**. Please come if you can - lots of things to discuss and it's the best way to find out what's going on! If you want to know more about being involved then get in touch: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**FESTIVE FAIR** - Firmly on the agenda for the meeting on Monday will be our plans for a Festive Fair to be held at the school on Friday 9th December. We'd love your ideas for stalls and activities. Come to Monday's meeting or email us: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)