

## Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

Even though it has been a short week in school, we have definitely packed a lot in. Cassowary Class have continued with their swimming sessions and children across the school have begun their musical instrument and singing lessons. Children in Year 2 have been learning about the lifecycles of different animals and in Year 4 they kick-started their theme about The Romans with a Kahoot quiz. All three Year 3 classes have been studying poetry this week and have written their own beautiful masterpieces based on an animal of their choice.

Next week will be a very busy week with our Open Classroom afternoons, our Open Day on Thursday for parents who would like to apply for next year's Reception classes (contact the school if you would like to book a place), and our Mini Marathon event (see below). Also, Macaw class will begin their swimming lessons on Monday morning. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have already volunteered to walk the children to and from the pool.

### 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
Davi & Hannah. K Benjamin & Tommy Ollie & Sompá	Abner & Elliot Harvey & Alayah- Rose Rihanna & Rafi	Ambie & Hareem Andrew & Cameron Tracy & Jordan
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Yachen & Lincoln Navie-Mae & Maurice Eesha & Kadijah	Liam & Tanaya Malick & Jade Lois & Galliani	Kai, Kayden Isis & Temi Aisha & Kelvina Shea & Bea

### Coming Through the School Gate

As you know, we are a very big school with over 650 children coming through the school gate every day. In order to keep everyone safe, during drop off and collection:

- Please do not let children use their scooters or ride their bikes on school premises. They must wait until they have made it out of the school gates before climbing on.
- Please do not use your mobile phone in school. We encourage you to greet your child and talk to them about their day when you first meet them. Please finish your call before you come through the gate.
- Please do not bring cups of hot tea/coffee etc into school in case there is an accident
- Please do not bring dogs through the school gate.
- Please keep small children close to you. There are a lot of people during these times and it could be easy for a small child to be swept away in the crowd.

Thank you everyone for your support.

## Open Classrooms Year 1- 6

We would like to invite you to visit your child's classroom next week to see where they spend their day and what they have been learning since starting back to school in September.

- If you would like to attend the session, we ask you to **wait with your child in the playground**, and then the class teacher will walk you up to the room. The session will run from **3.30-4.00**.
- You will have the opportunity to ask the teacher some quick questions, but if you would like a lengthier discussion, you should email [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) and someone will respond
- Your child should accompany you to the classroom and they will show you their learning.
- All prams must be kept downstairs by the blue river, before you enter the building. If you are bringing a small child into school, you must keep them with you at all times – please do not let them walk freely around the room/school for safety reasons. We do not want them to pick up scissors, bump into table corners or touch electrical equipment.
- Please do not worry if you are unable to come on this occasion, as there will be other opportunities during the Autumn term. If you have 2 Open Classrooms on the same day, there will be enough time to spend 15mins in each.

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September

## Mini Marathon

As you know we have two members of staff, Ms Waite and Ms Cairns, taking part in this year's London Marathon to raise money for our children's sporting experiences and development in school. In addition to this, we have entered Brindishe Green into the Mini Marathon to get all the children from Years 2-6 involved in raising money for their school.

We would like to invite parents/carers of children to join their children next week for a Daily Mile. Each year group will have an afternoon to complete 10 laps of our playground. Children and their adults can either run or walk the laps with each other or they can do them in a relay style.

We would also like to encourage children to wear a certain colour allocated to their year group to further build team spirit. The gates will open at 2:30pm and you will have until 3pm to complete the mile. Parents/carers will leave the playground, and then collect their children from the playground as normal at 15:15.

It would be great if families could bring any spare change to this event to help us reach our end goal. Any and all contributions will be much appreciated. There will be a box for any donations made. You can also use the link below to make a donation that way.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns-1?utm\\_term=RPxGQnqnQ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns-1?utm_term=RPxGQnqnQ)

The timetable for next week's Mini Marathon is:

Monday - Year 2 – Blue

Tuesday - Year 3 – Green

Wednesday - Year 6 – Red

Thursday - Year 4 – Yellow

Friday - Year 5 – Orange

We hope to see lots of parents/carers joining us for this fundraising event.

Executive Head: Rachel Waite    Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

## Meet the Teacher – Parent/Teacher Meetings

Very soon we will be arranging our Meet the Teacher meetings and after a number of years when these had to be online, we are delighted to be holding them all in person, in school. You will be sent a message on Weduc letting you know that the booking system is open and how to make your appointment. The meetings will take place from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, straight after half term.

The teachers in Nursery and Reception will run a rolling program of meetings and therefore do not need to book a slot.

## Emails to info@

As we are sure you can all imagine, the beginning of the school year is extremely busy as we welcome new families and staff, settle the children into their new classes and familiarise ourselves with the new systems in place. We understand that you may have questions and if you cannot find the answer on Weduc, our newsletters or by asking a member of staff in the playground, we welcome your call or email. It may take us a couple of days to reply if your email deems a response, but if you feel it may have been missed, please bring it to our attention again. Thank you.

## Educational Visits - Payment

Once you have logged into the new parent portal, you will be able to make the **£20 trip payment** (£10 for FSM families). This is the payment we ask parents/carers to pay at the start of the year to support all the trips and experiences that the staff are planning to enhance your child's learning. Please ensure this is paid before half term. Over the coming weeks the teachers will begin to tell you about some of the visits they are organising to support the children with their learning.

### Important Dates

26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2-6 Mini Marathon  
27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1, 3, 5 Open Classrooms  
29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2, 4, 6 Open Classrooms  
October - Black History Month  
2<sup>nd</sup> October - London Marathon  
7<sup>th</sup> October - Scholastic Book Fair Week  
10<sup>th</sup> October – Hello Yellow Day  
21<sup>st</sup> October – Give Racism the Red Card Day  
21<sup>st</sup> October - School finishes for half term  
31<sup>st</sup> October – Return to school  
31<sup>st</sup> October – Closing date for secondary school applications  
31<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 1–6 Parent/Teacher Meetings

## And Finally...

Are you always looking for something different to do with your family over the weekend? Every week, 'Lewisham Local' and 'We are Lewisham' plan/promote a range of free fun and creative experiences to take your children to. We thought we would draw your attention to some of the things they have planned for this weekend:

- Salifest 2022 - Come to the 15th Salifest, a vibrant community music festival for all ages and abilities. The festival is held in memory of the late African drummer and Lewisham resident Salif Sylla whose love for music, culture and community inspired many lives locally and in Guinea. <https://www.lewishamlocal.com/event/salifest-2022/>

- Free Family Graphic Novel Workshop - Join Wild Rangers and award-winning local author Emily Haworth-Booth for an interactive comics workshop. We explore the theme 'growing for peace' and 'protest' to illustrate a story about the future we want to create. Emily will guide participants through the process of writing and illustrating their own story. No experience needed, just willingness to have some creative fun! <https://www.lewishamlocal.com/event/free-family-graphic-novel-workshop/>
- Fat Brass - Fat Brass are an explosive lip-splitting brass tour de force that flip samples from the very bottom of the crate, be it a DJ Premier instrumental or a N\*E\*R\*D B-side. Composed of eight up-and-coming horn players and drummers, the band seamlessly blends into one giant wall of sound that you can hear coming across the horizon way before you spot the trumpet bells glinting in the sunshine. <https://www.wearelewisham.com/event/discover-lewisham-fat-brass/>

See you on Monday morning, at 8.45am. Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

### **A message from Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)**

**WHO WE ARE** - The Brindishe Friends Group is a parent/carer/teacher association open to all who walk through the school gates. We raise money to be spent on things that will benefit the school for example new books and sports equipment. Please let us know if you would like to be put on our mailing list to get more detailed information on our future plans: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**COMING UP** - We have a meeting scheduled with the school next week to discuss fundraising ideas and events. After that, in the next few weeks, we will hold a BFG meeting for anyone who wants to attend. Please let us know if you would like to be there: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL** - You can follow us on Twitter: @bfghithergreen and Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group') for more information.