

7 February 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe Green,

Thank you to all the Nursery and Reception parents and carers who came along on Thursday to hear how to help their child with maths. The Early Years team led by Susan Jackson and Joan Cresswell shared lots of ideas and more information about early maths has been handed out to early years' parents and carers today.

Children across the school have taken part in a Lewisham Sumdog maths contest this week and Brindishe Green have done remarkably well. Mr Phipps our Maths Lead reports that, in the Overall Winners category, Banyan Class (Year 5) finished 2nd across Lewisham and were also named the Daily Winners for Sunday.

We had many other classes who finished in the Top 20: Palm, Bamboo, Magnolia, Lilac, Birch and Maple which, out of over 80 competitors, is a very promising start!



Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your children. Huge congratulations go to the following children who answered the most questions correctly throughout the contest and are among the top 10 students across Lewisham: Ankana, Valerie, Nevaeh, Laurel, Mihika and Basmat. A special mention goes for Ankana who was highlighted for being the third most accurate Sumdog student overall - a fantastic achievement!

Our parent association, Brindishe Friends Group (BFG), met this week to celebrate our hugely successful Christmas Fair where over £1000 was raised for the school. This money is going to help build up the outdoor equipment the children use at lunchtime so that they have a really positive play experience. Thank you to everyone who came along on Tuesday. Please see below for a message from the **BFG**.

Mid-term Review meetings Y1 – Y6 from 10 – 14 February

Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you next week to talk about your child's learning and progress. Children are invited to come along to these meetings and to help lead them! If you haven't booked your appointment yet, please speak as soon as you can to your child's class teacher.

Attendance and Punctuality this week

*Best **attendance** from Banyan, Beech, Maple and Chestnut 3.
Equal best **punctuality** from Oak, Redwood, Maple and Lilac.*
Well done to you all.



The importance of good attendance

Good attendance at Brindishe Green is 96%+. You can check your child's current attendance by logging into Arbor's Parent Portal at <https://brindishe-green.uk.arbor.sc>

Please note that if you take your child out of school during term time for a family holiday this absence will **always be unauthorised** and the absence noted in your child's school records.

Holidays taken in term time significantly impact a child's learning and their ability to feel included socially with their peer group.


Therefore only absences **for exceptional circumstances** can be considered by the school and examples of these are included in our Attendance Policy. Please ask for a copy at the school office.

If your child is absent from school on an unauthorised family holiday the school may ask the council to serve a Penalty Notice. This Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 (per child) which, if not paid within 21 days, rises to £120. If you are issued with a Penalty Notice and you fail to pay it within 28 days you will be prosecuted in court.

Good progress and achievement go hand in hand with good attendance and punctuality. Thank you to everyone who helps us to make this possible for their child.

Young Climate Warriors

This week Magnolia Class shared their learning in assembly about how plastics dumped in the worlds' oceans are damaging our sea life. They talked about how we can each make a small change to how we live our lives (for example recycling the things we might throw away) and how this can contribute to a much larger world-wide change to help our planet survive. Magnolia class also reminded us about Young Climate Warriors. They have great ideas each week for how to make these small differences and here is this week's below:



This week's challenge
7th February

Remember to Hit the RED BUTTON - CHALLENGE COMPLETED!

Nude food?! REFUSE snack-packaging
ALL snack-packaging - plastic, paper, foil, creates carbon emissions when it's made, transported, recycled or landfilled.
Keep and re-use plastic pots of all shapes and sizes.
Go for NUDE FOOD for your pack lunch / snack.
Cut up seasonal fruit and veg? grated cheese? dried fruit?
Buy a large packet of biscuits or crisps - and divide it up?
Bake your own snacks and share with friends?

In the UK, we eat 6 billion packets of crisps and 12.5 billion bars of chocolate a year - think of all that packaging - think of all those carbon emissions?!

Nude food is best for helping to tackle climate change - but if you sometimes eat crisps and chocolate remember to recycle their wrappers - 80% of the UK are within 4 miles of their nearest crisp recycling point - have you found yours yet? - <https://www.walkers.co.uk/recycle>.

To find your nearest confectionery wrapper recycling go to - <http://www.terracycle.co.uk/confectionery>

Young CLIMATE Warriors

www.youngclimatewarriors.org

Plastic typically uses less land, less water, and less energy to manufacture than alternatives - and therefore results in less carbon emissions. To combat climate change we need to have less packaging rather than alternatives.

Book Swap for parents and carers at Brindishe Green!

We are excited to share that we have started a 'Book Swap' for parents and carers! This will be available in the foyer where you can have a look at the books on offer and take one home to read. When you have finished with the book, simply bring it back and swap it for another one! We would love everyone to have an opportunity to explore a new book so we also welcome your donations! Please hand them to the school office.

We want to say a massive thank you to all the parents and carers who have recently donated children's books! This has enabled us to top up our library and classroom book corners. I know

the children have enjoyed exploring them. We always appreciate these donations so please keep them coming!

Diary dates

10-14 Feb Mid term review meetings

12 Feb 6pm Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Manor School, Leahurst Road – let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

13 Feb Y5/6 athletics team to London Youth Games

17-21 Feb Half term

4-6 March Challenge Partners Review at Brindishe Green

27 March Spring Cake Sale 3.15pm

I hear that there will be very high winds on Saturday night – please stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

Brindishe Friends Group

After the huge success of the Christmas Fair last term where we raised over £1000, the Brindishe Friends Group met this Tuesday to talk about future events. These plans include a Spring Cake Sale (March 27 – save the date!) and a summer fair. More events are also being planned such as a schoolwear swap shop and regular parent get-togethers at the Good Hope Café.

We are raising money to support the children's outdoor learning and play such as outdoor games, sports and play equipment for children at lunchtime.

More parents, carers and school staff are welcome to get involved. Do get in touch via bfgsocials@gmail.com and look out for posters around the school or in this newsletter advertising upcoming events.