

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Welcome back from half term to all our children. Despite the rather chilly start, we are pleased to let you know that the children have settled back quickly and wonderful learning has already taken place across all the year groups.

This week we had our first whole school Invacuation of the year, which ran very smoothly. All the children were very calm and mature while they quietly waited under their table until they were told they could come out – well done children. Year 4 also took part in some exciting cricket sessions with coaches from Platform Cricket.

Yesterday you will have received **our Covid Bullietin** – Please read it through carefully so that you can see the changes that have been implemented as a result of the National Lockdown. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

On Monday 9th, children across the school will have their **flu nasal spray** administered by the NHS. You will have received an email and text on Wednesday giving you information on how to register your child. Paper packs are also available for you to complete if you are unable to do it online.

Wednesday 11th November is **Armistice/Remembrance Day**. This is when many people across the United Kingdom take time to remember and think about those who lost their lives or have been injured while serving our country in the army, navy and airforce. It is also a time to thank those still serving in the armed forces today.

We will hold a short virtual assembly and a one-minute silence on Wednesday at school. We will also continue to sell red poppies in the playground early next week (mornings only). Money collected goes straight to The Royal British Legion.



Warm Layers

The weather has got noticeably colder this week and it is very important that all the children come to school wearing layers and a warm coat. If the weather is dry, the children still go out to play or to do PE, no matter how cold it is. Please make sure these clothes are clearly labelled so that we can make sure they stay with their owners.

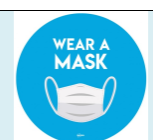
Also, following key government guidance, classrooms need to well-ventilated. **Windows and doors will remain open** to maximise ventilation therefore it is very important that the children, and staff, come to school wearing layers, including a warm jumper/hoodie/fleece. Please make sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Parent Teacher Meetings

As you know, we were due to hold our Parent Teacher Meetings next week. We have sourced an online platform that will allow us to do this through video calling and we are finalising our contract with the company to ensure that it is secure. Parent Teacher Meetings will now take place week beginning 16th November. Thank you for your patience.



Please wear a face mask/covering on school premises when dropping off or collecting you child. Thank you.



Children in Need 2020

Friday 13th November is 'Children in Need'. This annual fundraising event aims to raise money which is used to transform children's lives across the United Kingdom. From the One Show's Rickshaw Challenge to the live television event on the BBC, millions of pounds can hopefully be raised to support children who struggle with mental health, who are young carers, who are disabled, who are escaping domestic abuse...the list is endless.

On Friday, we would love everyone to come to school wearing their brightest, most colourful clothes and donate whatever they can afford to this very worthwhile cause.



Online Safety Bulletin

TikTok - The minimum age rating for a child to use TikTok is 13. TikTok allows users to watch, create and share videos, often to a soundtrack of the top tracks, right from your phone. When you sign up for TikTok, your account is **public**. This means anyone can see your videos, share them, send you private messages and use your location information. TikTok does have a 'family Safety Mode', but you should make your information private, so only contacts you know can see your videos. However, when sharing off the app (such as via Whatsapp) videos can then be forwarded without your consent.



We are a GOLD Rights Respecting School.

This week's article for you to talk about with your family is...

Article 6 – Life, Survival and Development. Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential. Article 6 links and overlaps with many of the other articles of the Convention and it is a General Principle as well. This means that it helps us understand the other rights of the Convention and ensures children can enjoy those rights too.



Recovery Email

We recognise that all families are having different experiences at the moment and some of you may be finding this time especially challenging. We have kept our recovery email account active, in order to sensitively support you and your child during this time.

If you feel there is anything that you would like the school to know about your family or about your experience, please contact us via the following email address: recovery@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk.

All emails will be treated confidentially.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,
The Brindishe Green Senior
Leadership Team

Important Dates

Teacher/Parents Online Meetings – 16th – 20th November

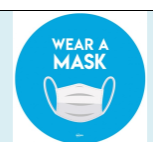
Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Year 6) – Monday 9th November

Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day – Wednesday 16th December
(more information to follow)

End of term – Friday 18th December



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And finally....

Earlier this year, some children across the school entered a competition to design a poster for The Edible Garden. These posters will be used in the growing beds to show which year group are in charge of looking after each bed.

We are pleased to announce that Daphne, Emma, Elsie, Lilah, Gabriel and Rishi were all winners and I am sure you will agree, that they did a fantastic job at creating colourful, eye-catching posters.

Congratulations children!



WINNERS!
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