

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

We have all been delighted to see so many of our children from across the school 'spring into action' this week as they have returned to school or to doing their learning at home. The teachers have enjoyed catching up with their classes on their Zoom calls, and giving feedback on all the assignments that have been submitted.

However, what we are most excited about is that all of our classrooms will be filled with children again very soon. As we are sure you know by now, the government announced on Monday that all primary school children will return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. At present, we are busy getting ready for their return and we will continue to keep you up to date with our plans and expectations by early next week. We want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to make school as safe as possible for everyone, and we plan to continue with the same routines and risk assessments that were put in place for September. Please continue to check your Weduc app, emails and text messages next week for further information.

The one key message we want to continue to reinforce is the importance of following the Government guidance. We will be sending out a number of reminders next week and really hope you take the time to read and remind yourselves of how to keep your children, your families and our community as safe as possible. It is more important than ever that you take a moment to read and respect what we are asking. We really do want this to work, with as little disruption to children's learning as possible, and we need your help in doing so.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Rachel Waite

### World Book Day...and Week!

Have you heard? **Next Thursday 4th March is World Book Day!** At Brindishe Green, we never let this special day pass us by, and this year is no exception. We have a **whole week of book-related fun** planned for you all... and the BEST bit (well we think so) is that we have an amazing '**Masked Reader**' event taking place across the week, for all year groups. Your child simply needs to watch the **Masked Reader Story Time videos on their ItsLearning page**, and then join their class Zoom to take part in the quiz to guess who is behind that mask! There may even be a few other videos popping up...a good reason to log in every day and find out!

**Dress-Up Day - Your child's class teacher will also tell them which day to dress up as their favourite character from a book** (it will be different for each year group depending on when their class Zoom is organised for and will not necessarily be on Thursday). **We also hope that the children in school will dress up on this day too.**

Keep checking your class ItsLearning page to find out more, and look out for a competition and other fun activities to complete across the week on the Brindishe Students Shared Page!



**Have a fabulous World Book Day ... or should we say week!**

### **LGBTQ+ History Month**

LGBTQ+ History Month takes place for the whole of February each year. At Brindishe Green we teach all our children that we are free to choose who we love, and free to choose the right person for us when we are ready for a relationship. There are lots of different ways that families are made and different ways to have children and become parents.

This week the children across the school have been exploring a range of books, videos and resources that help children to understand that 'love is love' and should be celebrated.

Acknowledging and celebrating LGBTQ+ History month is one of the ways that we celebrate diversity and show that we want a kind and happy world for everyone.



### **Telephone and Weduc calls**

With the announcement that all children will return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will not be making Weduc calls this half term. Your child's class teacher or teaching assistant will make one telephone call before the 8<sup>th</sup> March to make sure everyone is well and that the children have settled back into learning from home since the break. Class Zoom calls will still take place next week as planned.

### **Easter/Spring Break**

School will be closed for the Easter/Spring Break for 2 weeks in April. The children will be off school from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. The Summer term will begin on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Polling Station – School Closure**

A number of elections are scheduled to take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**, and despite our best efforts to not be used as a polling station, **we will have to close to all children on this day**. This is due to the size of space needed in order for the election to take place safely. We will use this as our 5<sup>th</sup> INSET (staff training) day of the year so that the children are not losing a learning day.

### **PLEASE CHECK YOUR JUNK**

We have noticed recently that sometimes emails from school are ending up in your 'JUNK'. If you have emailed into school and are awaiting a response please do check your junk folder to ensure the reply is not sitting there. Thank you.

**If you have any questions or queries** or during this time, please use the following email addresses so that the right person can get back to you:  
[info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) – queries about online learning, accessing devices, Free School Meals, login details, concerns, general questions.  
[support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) – if you need technical support with Itslearning or Weduc

### **COVID-19: Providing information**

If your child, or a member of your household, becomes unwell or receives a positive COVID-19 test result, please inform the school on [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) or phone the office as soon as possible. It is imperative we are made aware of children both in school and at home.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

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

**Save the Date!**

Thursday 11th March from 7.30pm – The BFG's first ever online quiz evening!

All you need is a pen, notepad and access to Zoom....glass of wine optional.

It is completely free.

Please email [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) to request the link to take part. We'd love to see as many people as possible.

