

Please wear a face mask/covering on school premises when dropping off or collecting your child; thank you!

Friday 9th July 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

As we begin to move towards the end of term, the school has been immersed in lots of different learning opportunities, along with preparations for the end of term and next academic year. On Monday we unfortunately saw our Year 2 bubble close, and we want to thank all the children and parents for showing their support in this and engaging in the home learning once more. We can't wait to have you back on Monday. We were also impressed with how sensible the children were when we had an emergency landing of the air ambulance in the playground on Tuesday. Seeing the helicopter land certainly caused quite a stir but we waved them off after half an hour.

At the beginning of the week, we heard that further restrictions will be lifted and changes will come in from July 19th. A letter has been sent to you regarding our response to this and the activities planned for the end of the term. Please take a moment to read the letter so you are clear about the last two weeks of term.

During a Lewisham meeting this week, we talked through the implications on schools for September. We will be in touch before the end of term to let you know about any changes that will be in place when we welcome you all back for the new academic year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and for those who are football fans, fingers crossed that England can indeed break the cycle and bring the trophy home.

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Wonderful Work!

This week, the following children have received an extra special mention as they have shown a fantastic attitude to their learning and produced some amazing learning outcomes. Look out for their 'praise card' which will come home with them today. **Well done everyone!**



Year 1: Elsa and Lota, Noah and Naomi, Sophia and Zara

Year 2: Averie and Daniel, Jessica and Ausar, Rudy and Arlo

Year 3: Kuzi and Gniewko, Anita and Megan, Arian and Kevin

Year 4: Jibril and Ghena, Cayden and Kaina, Oscar and Poppy, Renee and Joao

Year 5: Daniel and Jojo, Lukasz and Leland, Tiago and Elena

Year 6: Sami and Oscar, Abeer and Jena, Jorel and Tymoteusz

Important Dates

Please look on the Weduc Calendar for key dates and information regarding your child's class

Tuesday 13th July

Yr 1 & 2 Sports Day, in School

Wednesday 14th July

Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day, at Ladywell Fields

Thursday 15th July

Yr 2 Wild Science Workshop, in School

Yr 6 Go Ape

Friday 16th July

Reception Sports Day

Thursday 22nd July

Yr 6 End of Year Festival

Friday 23rd July

End of Term

Wednesday 1st September

INSET day

Thursday 2nd September

Start of Term 1

Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy

In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

Reports

Your child's end of term report will be given to you on Friday July 16th at the end of the school day. If your child walks home alone, your child will not be able to take their report, so please arrange to collect it in person.

Class Information for Next Year

On Tuesday 13th, your children will be told who their teacher will be next year, and parents and carers will receive an email with the relevant information. On Tuesday 20th, the school will take part in transition morning, where the children will meet their new teacher and visit their new classrooms, as well as take part in some fun activities linked to next year.

Gifts for Staff

We have been asked by a number of parents if they are allowed to bring gifts for staff at the end of term. Although staff at school do not expect any gifts from children, parents or carers, those wishing to bring something in the last week of term are more than welcome to do so.

Year 6 collection of medication

On Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July, Eleni Papastavrou will be in the playground at the end of the school day for any parents/carers of children in year 6 to collect any medication held in school.

Outstanding Dinner Money

Please ensure that all outstanding dinner money on your child's account is paid before the end of term. If you are unsure about how much is owed, please log in to your Arbor account or contact the school office.

FSM vouchers over the school holiday

Lewisham have announced that all children in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a £90 voucher per child to cover the summer holiday. This does not include Universal Free School Meals for those children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Summer Activity Camp at Brindishe Lee

Are you looking for an exciting activity over the summer holiday? Sportacus will be running an Activity Camp for 4 weeks over the summer. Please take a look at the flier attached or contact harry@sportacus.co.uk

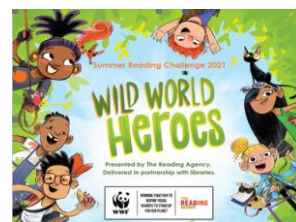
Summer Library Challenge

This year's Summer Library challenge is called Wild World Heroes. Our local libraries have teamed up with WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet! The challenge is open for all families to take part online from **Saturday 10th July**. The children will be able to borrow books from all of

Lewisham's libraries through click and collect, a lucky dip, or by reading e-books

online. Not only will they be able to access amazing books, they will also be able to play different games online, earn rewards and learn how they can make a difference to the environment too. Don't forget to share all of the new books they discover with their new teacher in September! Follow this link for more information:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Packed Lunches: Water only PLEASE

Please be reminded that **ONLY WATER** should be brought into school

We are seeing an increase in 'unhealthy foods' creeping into packed lunches. Why not log-in to the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> for more ideas on keeping your child's lunch box healthy.

Our Weekly online safety message from Ms Chin.....

Among Us



As the multiplayer game 'Among us' gains popularity among children and young people in the UK and around the world, it is important to understand what it is, how it works and what you should watch out for to keep kids safe in the game. **This game has an official age rating of 7+.**

To find out more about this game click on the websites below:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/among-us/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/is-among-us-multiplayer-game-safe-for-children/>

Morning Drop off - 9AM

Don't forget that the school gates will be closing at 9am, back to the original school time. There are an increasing number of families who are coming in late to school and the children are missing the start of lessons. Make sure you set your alarm 10 minutes earlier to make sure you are in school by 9am, before the gates close.

Group A-G: 8.45am- 8.50am

Group H-P: 8.50am-8.55am

Group Q-Z: 8.55am-9.00am

Nursery Place for September 2021

If your child turns 3 by 31st August this year, they are eligible to start in the Brindishe Green Nursery in September – please apply as soon as possible to ensure your child will have a space. Nursery places at Brindishe Green are part-time during term time – children are offered either morning or afternoon sessions Monday – Friday. Please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk if you would like more information or to request an application form.

Young Climate Warriors Update from Mrs Smith

'It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are'

Albus Dumbledore to Harry Potter, J.K. Rowling,

[Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets](#)



This week's challenge relates to making choices. Sometimes it's more difficult to continue being a Young Climate Warrior when out in the sunshine and having fun, but having picnics, relaxing in a park, or going to the beach still provides many opportunities for helping to combat climate change. Young Climate Warriors are challenged this summer to move beyond the

'cheapest', 'easiest', 'peer-led' choices to making informed carbon-cutting choices that can help benefit our natural world and all the people with whom we share this planet which is our common home.

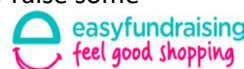
The London Marathon fundraising event

This week, training has come to a standstill for our poor running Ms Shirin as she isolates due to the bubble closure, but fear not, she will be back on track from Sunday! Please check out the justgiving page and make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shirin-shabestari>

A message from..... Danny Gray, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Don't forget to sign up to the **Easyfundraising** app. **Easyfundraising** is an easy way to raise funds! It's free to use. All you need to do is download the app onto your phone / tablet / computer, then use the app when you do any online shopping. It has most shops on the app, whether you're buying some clothes, or booking your dog a haircut! It doesn't cost you any extra – if you do your online shopping through the app, you will automatically raise some money for Brindishe Green. Please find the link below. Many thanks in advance for your support.



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brindishegreen/>

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

Time's running out to get your raffle ticketsand the chance to win some amazing prizes! Strips of tickets are £1.50 each. Find us in the playground before & after school (Tues - before school only). The draw will take place on Friday afternoon. Prize winners will be notified (via your child).

- The money raised will be used to fund a surprise event for pupils at the end of the year.
- Here's just a few of the amazing prizes on offer:
- 2 x tix for Matilda West End matinee
- Lewisham Lanes – free game for 4 people
- Private Yoga 3 x vouchers for yoga or reiki treatment
- Mission Green - instore voucher
- Kindle Fire donated by Bryan and Keegan
- Hamper from Good Hope
- Cocktail bundle courtesy of Drink at Bobs
- Pizza kit voucher from The Groovy Goose
- Wanderlust Eatery - £25 voucher
- Ottos flower shop - £10
- Steph's cakes and bakes - 2 x box of 6 cupcakes
- R&M Barbers - instore voucher
- Plus many more!

More ideas! - And if you have thoughts about what we could be doing for further fundraising events please let us know. Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

And you can keep up with more of what we are doing by following us on twitter (@bfgthiergreen) and FaceBook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').

COVID-19 walk-in clinics near you

Over the next few days, there's several places to get your COVID-19 vaccination. Second doses will be available if it is at least eight weeks since the first dose.

Millwall FC, Saturday 10th July, 8am – 8pm. [Book in advance](#) or walk-in on the day. Pfizer vaccine will be on offer for everyone aged 18 or over. If you book between Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th July, you can enter into a [ticket draw](#) for an invitation to the Euro final at Wembley.



Sydenham Wells Park, Saturday 10th July, 9am – 1pm for a walk-in vaccination clinic for everyone aged 18 or over. AstraZeneca and a limited supply of Pfizer will be offered - no need to book, just walk in. Second doses will be offered if it is at least eight weeks since the first dose.

Walk-in vaccination clinics will also run at several pharmacies across the borough and the following venues:

University Hospital Lewisham – every Tuesday and Friday, 8am – 4pm

Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP – every Saturday, 9am – 6pm

Waldron Health Centre – every Saturday, 9am – 1pm and 2pm – 6pm

Find out about [walk-in and pop-up clinics near you](#).

UCKG HelpCentre in Catford will host a COVID-19 vaccination Q&A on Saturday 10th July at 12pm followed by a pop-up vaccination clinic on Saturday 17th July from 12pm - 4pm

COVID UPDATES

Restrictions are lifting, but specific guidance remains in place. Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

HANDS: We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children to do the same at home.

FACE: Our expectations remain in place. We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds.

SPACE: Maintaining a distance of at least 1m between us where possible will help reduce risk for all.

Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up outside in larger groups, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or two households
- Indoor hospitality can reopen
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation can reopen
- You may also go on holiday or travel abroad, following government guidelines

Travelling

If you or any member of your household are travelling outside of the UK to either a RED, AMBER or GREEN country, you must inform the school (info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

Covid Symptoms – If you, your child or a member of your household becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk immediately providing the person/child's name, class, date, and the type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days. **Please let the school know straight away of your child's test results.**

PCR testing

If you or your child is showing any symptoms of COVID-19, you must isolate as a family and book a PCR test on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

WHEN SHOULD I HAVE A PCR TEST?

- **If you currently have symptoms** that may indicate COVID-19, this is the test you should have to diagnose the infection.
- **If a lateral flow test is positive.** The purpose of the PCR test is to confirm the diagnosis, since it is a more accurate test than the lateral flow test.

WHEN SHOULD I HAVE A LATERAL FLOW TEST?

- You should only have this test **if you don't have any symptoms** and have been invited to take one as part of an exercise to identify infected people without symptoms.

Continuing to keep Brindishe Green Safe and Our Children at School

We ask that all families support us in keeping the children, staff and community safe:

- Please wear a face covering/mask when on school premises, if possible
- Please follow the one-way systems in school
- **Please try to cross to the far side of Beacon Road once you have collected your child, rather than walk in front of the gate where parents are standing and waiting to enter the school.**
- Contact the school office via email (info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone 02088527245.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information

