

Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

Well...what a week! We were delighted to welcome the parents/carers of our Year 1-6 classes into school this week to see their children's learning, classrooms and teachers. It was fantastic to see so many children proudly showing their grown-ups around and talking about what they have learnt so far this year. One parent was overheard saying, 'I had such a lovely time, I didn't want to leave.' Thank you to everyone who came.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, families and staff from the Jewish community celebrated Rosh Hashanah. The festival, meaning "first of the year" or "head of the year," is a special time for reflection. We hope that they had a wonderful time celebrating and gathering with their families and others in the community. Next week it is Yom Kippur, the holiest day in Judaism. 'G'mar chatima tovah,'

On Thursday, some of our Year 6 children and staff showed around members of the community who have children that will be ready to start Reception next September. We haven't been able to do this for a number of years, due to Covid, so it was very special to hear our oldest children talk about what makes their school a great place to learn.

Also on Thursday, we had some very special visitors. Two police officers, and their magnificent horses came to visit the children in Years 1-4. This was part of their schools' outreach programme. The children asked very thoughtful questions, and the horses enjoyed munching on some delicious carrots. In addition to this, the children in Year 5 and 6 had a talk from another police officer about how they can keep themselves safe when they are out in the community without an adult, such as walking home from school alone.

We would like to send Ms Waite and Ms Cairns all the very best for their London Marathon run this Sunday. They are undertaking a huge task and although they are both enthusiastic and brilliant runners, we know that this will be a massive challenge. The school community sends you both lots of good wishes and will be cheering you on! We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday. Please see below for more information on how you can sponsor them.



Special Lunch – Thursday 6th October

On Thursday, Raddish will be cooking a special lunch and ALL children are invited.

The children will have a beef or Quorn burger, potato wedges, baked beans, peas...and yummy coconut and jam sponge! Delicious!

If your child does not normally have a school dinner, you are able to book a place for them on Weduc for this day. The lunch costs £2.51 and should be paid for online (please see the Weduc message earlier in the week). We hope as many children as possible will be able to come.

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
Harold & Anastasia Amelie & Gabrielle Sophia	Karine & Kyle Keziah & Reuben Alex & Alia	Theo & Janan Taku & Milo Ada & Alessandro
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nevaeh & Lars Zekia & Arthur Aamina & Lulu	Nadia & Jacob Lewis & Shems Edward & Apishaline	Rose and Malo Kaelan & Melani Kelvina & Esther Oscar, Bea & Ali

London Marathon - 2nd October!

Mrs Rachel Waite (Executive Head of the Brindishe Federation) and Mrs Petra Cairns (Year 2 class teacher) are very excited to be running the London Marathon and hope to raise lots of money to support the children's sport development at Brindishe Green.

It would be great if as many people as possible could donate even just a small amount to support the school, and forward the link on to family members or colleagues.

As we all know, running a marathon is a **massive task and commitment** and we want them to know how grateful we are for running it for our school.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/petra-cairns-1?utm_term=Z4em9aE34

Many thanks for your support! And thank you to those who have sponsored already!

Sumdog Competition

We have entered Brindishe Green into the Lewisham Sumdog Competition, which runs from Friday 30th September to Thursday 6th October. Traditionally, we have done very well in this contest, with many of our children and classes making the top spots. Children will spend some time in school answering questions, and we hope that many will be able to take part at home too.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are very pleased to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair to school next week. It will take place on 7th – 12th October in either the Playground or the Main Hall (weather-dependent) between 8:45am – 9:00am and 3:15pm – 3:30pm.

You can view the selection of books available to purchase by visiting the page below:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

For every book bought by you, the school receives tokens/credit that we can use to buy new books for the children to read in school.

We will be running a competition whereby the children can share their favourite and most unusual places to read. For more information, please take a look at the competition poster which was shared earlier this week on Weduc. Thank you, as always for your support!

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Inclusion Workshop for Parents/Carers

We have organised 2 parent events for this term:

Anxiety in Children - 2pm on Tuesday 15th November

The workshop will focus on anxiety in children – what is it and how you can support a child showing signs of anxiety. It will be hosted by our Educational Psychologist (EP) and our Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion, Jessica Dee. We will need to limit spaces to 25 so it's really important that you book a place if you would like to attend. If demand exceeds 25, we will either find a bigger space or repeat the workshop on another date, as we do not want anyone to miss out. To book please email Jessica, jdee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk.

Educational Psychologist Drop-In Sessions - Tuesday 6th December.

Our EP will be offering appointments between 9am and 2pm, and depending on demand, we expect each appointment to be about half an hour long. She will be able to talk to you about anything that is impacting on your child's education – it could be something specific like a learning need, or it could be a social or emotional need, for example friendship issues or a family separation. Please email Jessica to request an appointment jdee@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk.

Our Inclusion events were very well received last year and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. After Christmas we are planning for a parent workshop on Dyslexia. Please let Jessica know if there are any other topics you'd like to see on the timetable.

Lost Property

If your child misplaces an item of clothing, lunchbox or water bottle, and they are not in their classroom/cloakroom, they will usually make their way to our Lost Property coat pegs. These can be found either in the main foyer or outside the school's front door at the beginning and end of the day.

If you have put your child's name on their property then it is much easier for us to return it to them sooner.

Important Dates

October - Black History Month
2nd October - London Marathon
7th October - Scholastic Book Fair Week
10th October – Hello Yellow Day
21st October – Give Racism the Red Card Day
21st October - School finishes for half term
31st October – Return to school
31st October – Closing date for secondary school applications
31st – 3rd November – Year 1–6 Parent/Teacher Meetings

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 31st October to Thursday 3rd November, straight after half term.

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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.

Goodbye and Thank You

Today we say goodbye to Ms Kiki (Kyriakoula Kokavesi) who is leaving us. We would like to thank her for all her hard work in supporting the youngest children in our school as they begin their learning journey (Nursery and Reception). We wish her all the best for the future.

And Finally...

Although we believe it is essential to educate, celebrate, learn about and commemorate the history, achievements and contributions of Black communities in the UK every month of the year, October is national Black History Month.

In school this month, and throughout the year, we will talk to the children about inspiring Black role models and historical events, and share with them stories, music, art and traditions from the Black community.

Throughout Black History Month, there are lots of fantastic events taking place across Lewisham for you all to attend, many of which are free. Please visit the council website to find events for all ages - <https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/black-history-month>

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

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

CAKE BAKE - Save the date! The first cake bake of the new school year will take place on **Thursday 13th October**. Plus, we'll be running a "guess the number in a jar" competition - with prizes!

EMAIL - If you would like to be put on our list to receive more detailed updates and invites to our meetings please let us know: bfgsocials@gmail.com

FOLLOW US - You can follow us on Twitter: @bfghithergreen and Facebook (search ' Brindishe Friends Group').