

Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week, we have settled into the new school year by welcoming more new children, planning exciting events and visits for the Autumn term and starting a range of Sportacus clubs. We have seen our Reception children stay for their first full days, our Year 6 classes begin to learn about World War 2, and those in Year 3 and 4 start exciting new music lessons run by Lewisham Music.

In this week's Monday assembly, the children in Key Stage 2 learnt about what it means to be **compassionate and confident**, and Ms Debbie and Ms Dee used the reign of Queen Elizabeth II to demonstrate how we can display these important attributes in our every day lives.

This week Cassowary Class began their swimming lessons. Thank you to the parents and carers who have escorted the children to and from Lewisham Glass Mill Leisure Centre every morning. Without parental support, this would not be possible. Over the next 6 weeks, all three Year 5 classes will learn or develop their swimming skills, which is an important part of the PE curriculum.

School Closed on Monday

It was announced last weekend that Monday 19th September has been declared a Bank Holiday to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. School will be closed on this day, and will reopen again on Tuesday 20th.

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
Alessandra & Rahim Haseenah & Kiana Elijah & Frazier	Khalid & Isabella Rony & Jare Bolu & Emilia	Noah & Alice Poppy & Josiah Cuba & Madison
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Natalie & Fenella Youssef Alex and Nia	David & Chiraz Gniewko & Ellen Scarlett & Carmelo	Aby & Fanta Mya & Sabawoon Arselan & Kaina Asiyah & Thabani

Open Classrooms Year 1- 6

We would like to invite you to visit your child's classroom to see where they spend their day and what they have been learning since starting back to school in September.

If you would like to attend the session, we ask you to wait with your child in the playground, and then the class teacher will walk you up to the room. The session will run **from 3.30-4.00**. You will have the opportunity to ask the teacher some quick questions, but if you would like a lengthier discussion, you should email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk.

Please do not worry if you are unable to come on this occasion, as there will be other opportunities during the Autumn term. If you have 2 Open Classrooms on the same day, there will be enough time to spend 15mins in each.

We will share more information with you next week.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Tuesday 27 th September	Thursday 29 th September	Tuesday 27 th September
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Thursday 29 th September	Tuesday 27 th September	Thursday 29 th September

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.

Packed Lunches

While the weather remains warm and dry, we have invited the children in Year 3 to 6 to enjoy their packed lunches outside at our picnic benches. We have labelled trollies in the playground for the children to store their boxes/bags while they play, but they will continue to keep them in their classrooms before and after lunch.

When the weather gets too cold or on days that it is raining, they will bring their lunch into the main hall. If any child does not want to eat their lunch outside, they can bring it inside, but we felt this new arrangement would give them a little more independence, although there will always be members of staff outside to support and watch over them.

Educational Visits - Payment

Once you have logged into the new parent portal, you will be able to make the **£20 trip payment** (£10 for FSM families). This is the payment we ask parents/carers to pay at the start of the year to support all the trips and experiences that the staff are planning to enhance your child's learning. Please ensure this is paid before half term. Over the coming weeks the teachers will begin to tell you about some of the visits they are organising to support the children with their learning.

The London Marathon – 2nd October 2022

Mrs Rachel Waite, Executive Head of the Brindishe Federation and Mrs Petra Cairns, Year 2 class teacher at Brindishe Green, are very excited to be running the London Marathon and hope to raise **lots of money** to support our children's sport development. It would be great if every child's parent/carer could donate even just a small amount to support the school, or forward the link on to family members or colleagues.

As we all knowing, 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=Z4em9a 

Clothing and Jewellery

Please can we remind all our families and children that although we do not have a compulsory uniform, there are a couple of requirements that form part of our school policy:

- Children should come to school **prepared for the whole day ahead**. Please check the weather to see if they will need a raincoat, a sunhat, a warm jumper etc.
- Children should **not** come to school in a onesie, sleeveless tops with shoulders exposed or tops that show the child's middle.
- Children should wear **trainers, shoes or boots**. They should not wear wellington boots, clogs, backless shoes, crocs, shoes with a heel or shoes with toes exposed.
- Children are allowed to wear a **watch or stud earrings only**. They should not wear a bracelet or necklace unless it is for religious purposes such as a Sikh bangle.
- On days your child has PE, they should wear **suitable clothing to move freely in**, including trainers, shorts/jogging bottoms, a t-shirt and a sweatshirt. Children cannot do PE well or safely in jeans or a skirt/dress. Even if it is very cold, children will still do PE outside.

It is unfortunate but sometimes losses occur within school. We take every effort to teach the children how to look after their belongings but you can help us by **labelling all items of clothing and footwear**. Thank you.

Important Dates

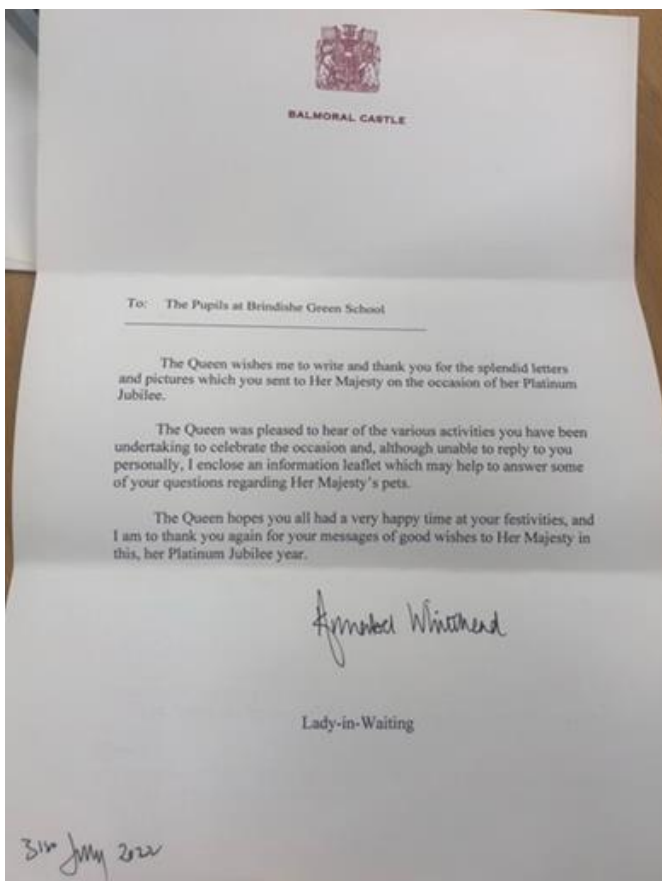
19th September – National Bank Holiday – Queen's Funeral
27th September – Year 1, 3, 5 Open Classrooms 3.30-4
29th September – Year 2, 4, 6 Open Classrooms 3.30-4
October - Black History Month
Wk 31st September – Year 1-6 Parent/Teacher Meetings
2nd October - London Marathon
7th October - Scholastic 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

Contact Details

If your contact details or your emergency contact details have changed, please email the office as soon as possible. If your child is going to be absent for any reason at the start of term (travel, isolation, illness), please email the office info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

And Finally...

Last week, we received a very special letter and card from Balmoral Castle and Buckingham Palace, dated 31st July. During the Platinum Jubilee, the children in last year's Reception class wrote to Queen Elizabeth to congratulate her on reaching such a special milestone. In the letter, signed by one of The Queen's lady-in-waiting, the children were thanked for their letters and pictures. We were all very moved to receive such a special delivery, especially at such a poignant time.



See you on Tuesday morning, at 8.45am.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Liz Murphy
In partnership with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor

A message from Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

VOLUNTEERS AND IDEAS - We are beginning to think about fundraising events for the school year ahead. We know that our regular cake bakes and the Xmas Fair are very popular! We'd love to know if you had other ideas for raising money you'd like to share. Plus if you would like to volunteer to help us run any of the events then we would love to hear from you too. Please contact us: bfgsocials@gmail.com

EMAIL - If you would like to be put on our list to receive updates and more detail about what we are up to please let us know: bfgsocials@gmail.com Look out for an email arriving in your inboxes in the next week or two.

MEETING - We are hoping to set a date for the first meeting of the school year shortly. These are usually held at the school in the evening. If you would like to attend, do get in touch: bfgsocials@gmail.com