

Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022



Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

It has been a week jam packed with musical performances, educational visits, creative workshops and much more. If you were able to come to our Year 2, 3 and 4 performances this week, we hope you enjoyed the singing as much as we enjoyed having you back in school. For our Reception families, we hope that you enjoyed visiting your child in their classroom and getting to see how much they have achieved since they started school in September. We hope you left school feeling a little more festive.

This week, despite the cold, we had a number of children go out on educational visits. Puffin and Hornbill classes visited the Synagogue in Bromley and all of our Year 1 children visited our local church, St Swithun's. Thank you to all the parents/carers who accompanied the classes, and to the staff for organising such important visits.

On Monday, Year 5 will be visited by the History Man as part of their learning on the Mayan Civilization.

New Head of School at Brindishe Green

Everyone at Brindishe Green is delighted to let you know that we have appointed a new Head of School for Brindishe Green. Katie Matthews will be very familiar to many of you as she taught in our school for many years. After spending some time at both Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Lee, where she was Deputy Head, she returned to us in September and has been on the gates at the beginning and end of the day, supporting teachers, reaching out to families, forming relationships with the children and working closely with other members of the school community. Ms Matthews knows our school, our vision and values, our ethos, our curriculum, our children and our staff very well, and is in a fantastic place to lead our school, while being supported by Rachel Waite and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team. We hope that you will join us in congratulating her on her new role.

Goodbye and Thank You

Next Friday we say goodbye to two much loved members of staff, Mrs Emma Brookes and Mrs Petra Cairns, who both teach in Year 2 Parakeet Class. Mrs Brookes has recently returned from maternity leave and has decided to take a break from teaching to look after her daughter. Mrs Cairns, has moved house with her family and unfortunately, it is just too far to travel to Hither Green every day. Both members of staff have made a huge contribution to our school as class teachers and by leading areas of the curriculum, but they are also very respected and loved by both the children and staff. We wish them all the very best for the future and hope that they will come back and visit us very soon.

Welcome to Mr Jimmy Ingram

We are delighted to let you know that in January we will be welcoming Mr Jimmy Ingram to Brindishe Green as the new Parakeet Class teacher. Mr Ingram really impressed Ms Waite and Miss Campbell when he came to the school for his interview, but more importantly, he was a huge hit with the children in Parakeet class when he came to visit them a couple of weeks ago. We are all looking forward to introducing him to you when he starts his new role in the New Year and know that everyone will make him feel very welcome.

No Nuts in School

Please can we remind all families that **no nuts of any kind** are to be brought into school. This includes peanuts, packets of nuts, fruit & nut mixes and nut products such as hazelnut spreads. It is essential that no nuts or products are brought into school, in order to keep all our children and staff safe who suffer from allergies, especially airborne nut allergies.

Winter Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 14th December will be a very exciting day! Not only will we all have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Radish, but it is also our **Winter Jumper Day**. Children and staff are encouraged to wear their festive jumpers and money raised will be donated to the local charity – **Jumpers for Jimmy (The Mizen Foundation)**. Please bring in £1 or 50p if you can. There is no need to buy a new jumper! Reuse one you already have or create your own using decorations from your home.



Also on Wednesday, the children across the school will have the opportunity to watch an online pantomime and enjoy popcorn, sourced by the BFG and donated by Bryan & Keegan

Remaining Winter Performances

This winter, we are delighted to be able to put on an array of events for you to enjoy. Please see below the dates and times for the Nursery, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 performances. Please note that a maximum of two adults can attend for each child, due to space in the hall/playground/classroom. We really hope you can come.

Early Years

Nursery – Tuesday 13th December – Winter Stay and Play – AM and PM session

Year 1-4 will have their winter performance in the Main Hall at 9.15am.

Year 1 – Monday 12th December – Winter Wonderland

Year 5 & 6 – An Outdoor Winter Wonderland in the Main Playground

Thursday 15th December 5.50pm start

Children to return to school at 5.30pm

Bring warm coats, big scarves, blankets, a torch and hot chocolate!



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
Sebastian & Manahil Jesse & Siyana Ishmael & Tilly	Chadwick & Ned Londi & Mishal Eliza & Gabrielius	Ethan & Hareem Alia and Ibrahim Kaylin & Johannes
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hornbill Class Sara and Abdesamad Rudy & Azaria	Emilio & Imogen Joel and Aaliyah Christian & Ryan	Luca & Hamza Keira & Josiah Ilyas & Seyi Praise, Bethany & Aminuanwonsa

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Winter Wonderland Sumdog Competition

It's time for round two! Over the next week, the children at Brindishe Green will be participating in the Sumdog Winter Wonderland competition. **The competition starts today, Friday 9th December, and runs until Thursday 15th December.** The children really put in a huge effort and achieved amazing results in our last Sumdog competition at the beginning of term. We hope that this time will be the same, if not better. We will spend some time competing in our classes next week and we hope that many of the children will be able to participate at home too!

Message from Liz Murphy – Chair of Governors

At last, we've had a term not dominated by Covid and it's wonderful to see the children enjoying being back to 'normal' school. They have been working very hard and the Governing Body extends our thanks to staff, parents and carers within the Brindishe community for the support they've given to help each and every child achieve their potential. It's also been a treat to see the return of Christmas performances, and the children have loved being able to perform to a live audience of family and friends again!

At our two governor meetings this term we've heard about how the children are doing in the classroom and about any extra support being put in place to help them progress to the next level. We've met with some very impressive rights respecting ambassadors, approved the budgets for all three schools, discussed progress made in the School Development Plan across the Federation, and set up groups to look at diversity and inclusion as well as how to improve our links with all parents across the Federation.

At the start of this term, we said goodbye to Lucy Lock and Jonathan Morris, both of whom had have been fantastic parent governors for the past four years. We extend our thanks for all their hard work. We also welcomed newly elected parent governors Claire Friend and Adrian Prandle. This week they attended their first Full Governing Body meeting, and I'm delighted to say they've taken on key roles - Claire as our new Safeguarding Lead Governor and Adrian as our Special Educational Needs Lead Governor. We also welcomed new staff governor Eleni Papastavrou who is our Health and Safety Lead Governor. Congratulations to all three on their elections this term, and it's wonderful to see them taking an active role so quickly.

And finally, on behalf of the Governors I would like to congratulate Katie Matthews who has just been appointed as Head of School at Brindishe Green. Katie has been a teacher in the Brindishe Federation for 14 years and worked in all of our schools, most recently as Deputy Head of Brindishe Lee before moving into the same role at Brindishe Green in September. We are thrilled to have been able to fill such a senior role from within the Federation and wish her all success when she starts officially in January.

As the term now draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We hope you have a restful holiday and enjoy spending time with your family and other loved ones.

Liz Murphy

Chair of Governors

Important Dates

14th December – Festive dinner and jumper day

16th December – Last day of term

4th January – Children return to school

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

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A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

REMINDER: FESTIVE FAIR AT SCHOOL TONIGHT ! - Runs from 3.30 to 5pm. Mulled wine/hot chocolate! Delicious dumplings! Tombola! Festive craft activities! Live music! Balloon entertainer! A cake stall! Gifts for sale! Second hand books! AND Santa's Grotto!!

Free entry, with a mix of free activities and others costing 50p/£1/£2. Please bring change if you can.

It all goes to raising money for the school.

BIG thanks to everyone who has donated gifts, prizes, bottles, books, cakes, sweets and chocolate, etc to make this a great event.

COLLECT YOUR PIZZA - If you made an order for the BFG make-at-home pizza night you will need to collect this from the Fair (unless by other arrangement).

Brindishe Friends Group (BFG) receives £2 from pizza packs sold, and £1 from every cookie pack which raises funds for the BFG food parcel fund. For more info or queries - please email bfgsocials@gmail.com.

RAFFLE - if you have bought tickets for this, it will be drawn on MONDAY. Prizes will be distributed through school.