

Thursday 6th July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

We are sending our weekly newsletter out to you a day in advance as many of our children **will not be in school on Friday**. Only Sparrow, Robin, Kestrel, Magpie, Red Kite, Kingfisher, Macaw and Cormorant classes will be attending tomorrow.

Today, the children across the school were told who their teacher will be in September and we hope that they will come home and happily tell you what class they will be in. Please read below for more information.

This week we have been welcoming many of our new families who will be joining our Reception classes in September. It has been wonderful to welcome the children and get to know them a little better in preparation for when they start school.

On Wednesday this week, Emperor Penguin and Cormorant classes visited Go Ape as part of their end of school celebrations. Many children conquered their fear of heights...and several adults gave it a go as well.

Today, our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes took part in their end of year Sports Day. We were all delighted when we woke up and saw the sun shining. They are currently on their way back to school so we will have more information on how it went in next week's newsletter. We look forward to holding our next set of Sports Days next week.



Last week, our Y4's Cricket Team played at Mountsfield Park and came 3rd in a tournament out of 11 teams from other local schools. The team supported each other superbly and were so positive throughout, only losing in the semi-finals to a team they had just won against in the group stages! The entire team can be tremendously proud with their bronze medals and a heroic performance all round. Well done to you all! Thank you also to Mr Durrant and Ms Shirin who accompanied and led the team.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy weekend!

Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

The End of the Year

With only two weeks to go until the end of the school year, we are beginning to bring things to a close. Next Friday, your child will receive their **end of year report**. The teachers have spent a long time writing personalised reports for every child, so please make sure you come to school on Friday 14th, or during the last week of term to collect it. **We cannot send reports home with children or anyone who is not their parent/carer**. There will be an opportunity for you to give feedback and comment, if you would like to do so.

Also, we would like to remind all parents/carers who have not done so already, to **pay their £20 contribution** which pays for visits and visitors, and to **clear any other remaining debt** such as school dinners and tuition.

Next week, we ask all children and parents/carers to look through the books in their house and **return any school reading/library books** so that they are ready to be used in September. Thank you.



Year 6 Dates

During the last week of term there are two events for our Year 6 families to be aware of:

Tuesday 18th July – The Big Production. Look out for more information on how to book your tickets for the children's end of year production.

Wednesday 19th July – The Final Festival. This event for the children will take place after school in the playground. Timings TBC.

Staff changes for September 2023

As the end of the academic year approaches, we have spent a great deal of time considering our staffing for next year's classes. At Brindishe Green, we always say goodbye to cherished members of staff who have decided to move on, and welcome teachers who bring new ideas and enthusiasm. Although the national picture is not a good one in terms of recruitment, we have worked very hard to make sure that we have the very best teachers in place for September. We are now pleased to share with you our teaching staff for September.

Goodbye and Thank You!

This year we will be saying goodbye to several of our teachers, who are leaving for a variety of reasons, either to gain new experiences, move to a school closer to home or take on a role outside of the classroom.



- **Matt Durrant** is moving over to Brindishe Lee to take on the role as Year 6 teacher and PE lead. He will continue to work closely with different Brindishe Green staff and we thank him for his hard work this year.
- **Maddy Pearce** returned from Maternity Leave recently but has taken a new role in a school much closer to home. We will miss the joy, energy and positivity she brings every day.
- **Ikram Ajami** has been part of the Brindishe Federation for many years, first as a Teaching Assistant at Brindishe Lee, then as a trainee teacher in Brindishe Manor, before making her way over to Brindishe Green to be a class teacher. We thank her for her commitment to the federation and wish her all the very best for the future.
- **Nikki Hearne** joined us two years ago from Brindishe Lee and has been a great asset to our Early Years Team. She has secured a new job in a very different school which will allow her to develop new skills.
- **Tina Cavanagh** has been with us for seven years in EYFS, where her enthusiasm and charisma has radiated the Reception classrooms. She has ensured many of our youngest children have enjoyed a happy start to their education, as well as ensuring the outdoor garden has blossomed and always looked beautiful.
- **Ella Richardson** has been part of the Early Years Team since 2011 and has supported so many of our youngest children to settle into school life. She has led staff across the school, helped to develop Early Years practice and led Challenge Partner Hubs across the borough. Although we don't blame her for moving to a job much closer to home, we will miss her knowledge and passion for supporting young children.
- **Alexia Barlow**, who has worked at our school since 2008, will continue her role as PPA teacher at Brindishe Manor. Ms Barlow has worked in our Early Years, Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2 and has impacted many of our children's lives. She has also been a great support to many members of staff. Watch this space though, as we really hope she may still return to us one day.
- And finally we say goodbye to **Liana Parker**. Ms Parker has been a rock in Brindishe Green for 15 years and has played an extremely influential role in our school's progress and improvement. Her passion for supporting children's and adult's mental health has radiated through our corridors and will leave a lasting impact. We are very pleased for her that she has secured an exciting new role working for another borough and we know she will continue to influence many more children's lives.

We wish all of these teachers every success as they move into the next chapter of their life!

New staff

In September we are warmly welcoming several new teachers to Brindishe Green.

- **Josh Twyford** is joining us from a school in Croydon where he was an Early Years Lead and outstanding teacher – he brings experience and expertise to the team. We are delighted he is joining us.
- **Honor Collins** has successfully completed her teacher training and will join the Reception team as a new class teacher. She is very driven and enthusiastic and knows how we do things at Brindishe Green.
- **James Campbell-Warner** will be moving across from Brindishe Lee in September. Some of you may know him already as he spent some time with our Year 6 children in the Spring term. He is excited to be returning and getting to know more of our children and families.
- In September we will also be welcoming back **Ms Amy Aris and Ms Jess Waghorn** from maternity leave. We are delighted that they will be teaching in school again as we have missed them very much.

September 2023 – New teachers and classes

Today the children across the school have been told which class they will be moving into in September and who their new teacher/s will be. We shared a presentation with the children, showing photographs of the staff in the year group and we let them know what their new class name will be.

We have also let them know that on Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 19th July they will visit their new classroom at 9.30am and spend time with their new teacher. Teachers will also spend time with each other, finding out about their new classes. The children will receive a transition booklet to take home.

Classes and Teachers - 2023-2024				
Year and Current Class		Sept 2023	Sept 2023 Class Name	New teacher
5	Year 5 mix	6	Emperor Penguin	Ms Supple
5		6	Cormorant	Ms Harris
5		6	Shoebill	Mr Richardson
4	Puffin	5	Macaw	Mr Ingram
4	Hornbill	5	Heron	Ms Lewis (4 days) Ms O'Brien (1 day)
4	Red Kite	5	Cassowary	Ms Cliftlands (3days) Ms O'Brien (2days)
3	Kingfisher	4	Red Kite	Ms Cosin (3 days) Ms Ikiz (2 days)
3	Hawk	4	Puffin	Mr Henry
3	Magpie	4	Hornbill	Ms Thompson
2	Woodpecker	3	Kingfisher	Ms Adams
2	Parakeet	3	Magpie	Ms Chin
2	Kestrel	3	Hawk	Mr Campbell-Warner
1	Little Owls	2	Parakeet	Mr Smith
1	Swift	2	Kestrel	Ms Waghorn (3 days) Ms Aris (2days)
1	Goldfinch	2	Woodpecker	Mr Shafiq (4 days) Ms Jayham (1 day)
R	Robin	1	Little Owls	Ms Kugathanan
R	Wren	1	Goldfinch	Ms Jackson
R	Sparrow	1	Swift	Ms Sharrock
		Reception	Robin	Mr Twyford
		Reception	Wren	Ms Faletas
		Reception	Sparrow	Ms Collins
		Nursery	Hummingbird	Claire (3 days) Joan (2 days)

PPA time

All teachers are allocated a set amount of PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time based on the number of hours they work with children in school. From September our PPA team will include Ms Jonnette Bowen, the Senior Leadership Team and Higher Level Teaching Assistants who know our school and the children very well. We will try to keep to the same person each half term, whenever possible.

Changes to the Timings of the School Day from September 2023

As of September 2023, the government have increased their requirements on schools to have children in school to 32.5 hours per week. This means that we need to increase the amount of time that children at Brindishe Green need to be in school by **15 minutes each day**.

Therefore, in September the school day will begin with lessons starting at 8:45am and gates opening from 8:35am, and closing at 8.45am The end of the day remains the same – 3.15pm.



The school day will be: 8.45am to 3.15pm

September 2023

We have been listening to your survey responses and want to make sure that we communicate as much as possible about what your child/ren is learning in class. In September we will be inviting parents and carers to come in to school and meet with the year group teaching staff and hear about the year ahead. This will include what the academic year looks like for each subject and what you can do to support your child at home. The dates are as follows:

Year Group	Date of year group meeting	Time
Year 1	Monday 11 th September	9am in Main Hall
Year 2	Tuesday 12 th September	
Year 3	Wednesday 13 th September	
Year 4	Thursday 14 th September	
Year 5	Monday 18 th September	
Year 6	Tuesday 19 th September	

Parent/Carer Survey

We thank everyone who responded to our parent/carers survey a couple of weeks ago. We have already reached out to parents who would like to talk to us individually about their responses. Soon you will all receive information of the results, including what we are doing/will do as a school and federation in response to your concerns or queries.

Best wishes,
Brindishe Green Leadership Team

A Message from The Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

DRINKS TONIGHT - please do join us for a Drink at Bob's (Hither Green Lane) tonight, Thursday 6th July, for an end of year get together. We look forward to seeing you there!

