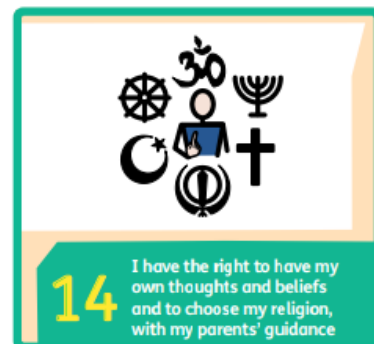


Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

This week we have really settled into the new term with classes starting their new learning and Sportacus clubs, music lessons and choir all starting up again. Next week, Year 6 Booster groups will begin.

On Monday in assembly, Years 2-6 learnt that this Sunday is World Religion Day and the importance of children knowing that they have the right to their own thoughts and beliefs. We talked about being respectful to others and learning from each other, and how we are fortunate to go to a school where so many different religions, faiths and no faiths are represented.



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children were whisked off to the circus. Well, not technically, but they all took part in a fantastic 'Perform for Schools' drama workshop that let them explore the circus through movement, expression and sound. The children really enjoyed the session and the staff commented on their confidence and eagerness to take part.

This week at Brindishe Green our families in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 were invited to Reading and Phonics Workshops, led by our teachers. In these workshops the staff talked about how we teach reading in school and the different ways that families can support their children at home. Thank you to all the parents who attended, and to the staff for planning and running the sessions.

On Wednesday morning we welcomed families with children who will start Reception in September, for a final tour of the school. These tours were led by some of our fabulous Year 6 children. Our visitors were very impressed when walking around at how calm the school was and how children were focused on their learning, no matter what year group they were in. If you have a child who will be ready to start school in September, please remember that the closing date for applications is this Sunday ([applying to start primary school](#)).

We hope you all have a very happy and safe weekend.

Best wishes,

The Brindishe Green Senior Leadership Team

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!

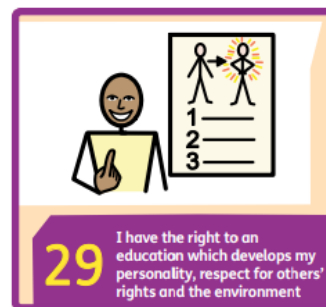
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Manahil & Noah Momo & Zayne Baxter & Ishmael	Link & Chadwick Ryan & Alayah-Rose Eliza & Christian	Roshan & Janan Margo & Zara Isaac & Skye
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Carter & Bethel Amara & Joseph Alfie & Sol	Sirik & Pavarshan Eliana & Aiden Jack, Emmanuel & Apishaline	Kasey & Melissa Abigail & India Thalytta & Muhalel Jayla & Tymon

Music Tuition

Would your child like to learn how to play a musical instrument? Research has shown that learning to play an instrument can have a very positive impact on their memory, mental health and academic outcomes.

We currently have spaces for children from Years 3-6 to learn how to play the flute, clarinet, trumpet or singing. The lessons are taught by tutors from Lewisham Music and cost £70 a term (10 sessions).

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk for more information.



Census Day – 19th January

On Thursday 19th January it is Census Day. On this day we would really like as many children as possible to sign up for a school dinner. Ms Matthews has chosen a special menu for the day: cheese & tomato pizza or spaghetti bolognese (with herby potatoes and sweetcorn), followed by chocolate sponge and custard. If you can, please support the school by signing up for a school lunch on 19th January.

Educational Visits – £20 Payment

We are still waiting for a number of families to make the annual **£20 educational visits/visitors 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 as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already. So far this year our children have been on a number of visits or welcomed visitors into school and the teachers are planning more for the spring and summer terms. These can only go ahead if payments are made. Thank you.

Year 6 and Reception – Height and Weight Check

Every year, throughout England, more than a million children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. This is done by a team of registered school nurses or trained health care providers, and will be carried out at Brindishe Green on Monday 16th January.

A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY – We just wanted to take a moment to say a big thank you to some of the people and businesses in the local area that have helped us over the last few years to achieve some of the amazing things that we've done for the school community. For example, Bryan and Keegan estate agents who supply the popcorn for the Christmas pantomime afternoon and a generous raffle prize; Le Delice for providing delicious treats that go into our school holiday food parcels, to ensure those families that need it have enough to eat across the school holidays; Billy and Nick at Found Hope who donates fresh produce for these parcels, as well as a range of amazing food related raffle prizes and the regular offer of free hot chocolate for events we have organised.

Without their generous and consistent support we would not be able to do half of what we have done. 🙌🙌🙌

COMING UP – In the next week or two we will confirm the date of our next meeting. If you would like to be there please let us know. Email us: bfgsocials@gmail.com so we can add you to our distribution list, and follow us on Socials: Twitter: @bfgthithergreen and Facebook (search 'Brindishe Friends Group').



Important Dates

Sunday 15th January - Closing date for primary applications
Monday 16th January – Reception and Year 6 Height/Weight Check
Thursday 19th January – Census Day
Tuesday 7th February – Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 10th February – Last day of term