

Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

This week, we were all delighted to welcome our new patrol officer, Cheryl, who will be supporting families to cross the road safely on Hither Green Lane. There was much excitement when she arrived on Monday and we know that so many of you have made her feel welcome already. Welcome to our Brindishe Family Cheryl! On Thursday and Friday, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Perform drama workshop. Today marks the last day of Heron classes swimming lessons and Ms Lewis as been super proud of all the children who took part. Next week, Cassowary class will be making the splash.

Black History Month

This week we have been starting our Black History Month Celebrations. The theme this year is 'Saluting Our Sisters' - recognising and celebrating the crucial role that Black women have played in building communities, inspiring change and shaping history in the UK and around the world. This month our year groups will work together on projects and we look forward to sharing some of these with you over the coming weeks.

In assemblies this week, children across the school heard stories from women who came to the UK as part of the Windrush Generation. 2023 sees the 75th anniversary of the HMT Empire Windrush arriving in Britain on 22 June 1948.

One of our ME Book tasks this fortnight is for you to work as a family to find out about an inspirational Black person and to share what the children have learnt with their class. We look forward to learning so much from each other.



What is happening next week?

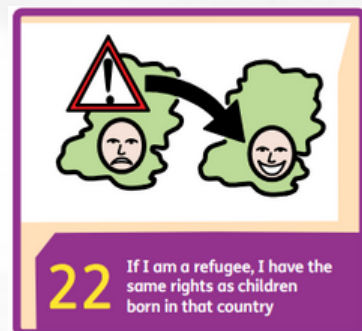
Next week, on **Tuesday 10th October**, we will be coming together as a school to celebrate Mental Health Day. This is a national day in the year which promotes the importance of looking after our mental health. The children will take part in a range of activities and assemblies throughout the week, and on Tuesday we will all wear something yellow to school as part of Hello Yellow Day. We hope you will all join with us in giving our children the message that it is important to open up and talk about our feelings



AFRIL Helping Hands Foodbank

On 11th, 12th and 13th October we will be collecting tinned tomatoes for AFRIL Helping Hands Foodbank. On Monday 9th, Reverend Juliet will come and speak to the older children in assembly on the importance of helping to look after others who are less fortunate.

The 'Helping Hands Foodbank' is a joint project between the Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter (in Lee) and Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL). AFRIL is a small, locally-run charity based in Lewisham. They work to relieve poverty and social isolation amongst refugees and asylum seekers, by providing education, family support services, and access to emergency supplies. They are always very appreciative of the support and generosity of Brindishe Green families.



Keeping our Children Safe in School

Due to the fact we are such a big and busy school, we ask all adults who come to drop off or collect children to come off their mobile phones before entering our playground and take their earphones out. This is so you can greet the children, talk to staff and be aware of what is happening around you. Thank you for making sure that you are keeping our children safe in our school building and playground.



Communicating with Staff

If you need to get a message to any member of staff, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk. Your email will be forwarded to the correct person and will be treated confidentially.

Please do not message members of staff using Weduc as these messages are not looked at regularly. We will endeavor to reply to your email as quickly as possible (within 48 hours), but if you think it may have been forgotten about, please forward it again.

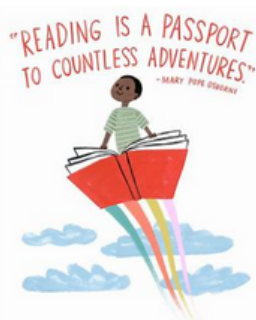
Thank you for your patience and support.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

With every book purchased, a reward is given to the school which allows us to purchase new books for our reading areas and library.

We are very grateful to everyone who is able to buy a book.



Reading and Learning Volunteers

If you would like to be a regular volunteer in school who supports children with their learning or helps them to learn to read, please email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk and ask for an application form.

Under safer recruitment, please note that all volunteers will need to have a conversation with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, are required to provide 2 professional references, and obtain a clear DBS, which the school will organise.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate - Who has been praised this week?

E Penguin	Jack & Jade	★
Cormorant	Nadia & Nathaniel	
Shoebill	Elsie & Florence	★
Macaw	Rudy & Esther	
Heron	Malik, Jersha & Heron	★
Cassowary	Santiago & Cade	★
Hornbill	Hornbill, Brayden & Aaron	
Red Kite	Melanie & Madison	
Puffin	Albert & Taku	
Magpie	Albie & Ryan	★
Hawk	Romeo & Christian	
Kingfisher	Mia & Link	
Woodpecker	Ava & Sophia B	★
Parakeet	Rocco & Siyana	
Kestrel	Davi & Rico	★
Swift	Elsie & Finn	
Little Owl	Ethan & Camilla	
Goldfinch	Amira & Elio	★

Attendance This Week:



Overall school attendance this week:	93.88%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Swift	99.23%
	Hornbill	98.89%
	Puffin	98.89%
	Sparrow	97.79%
	Goldfinch	97.04%
No classes with 100% attendance this week.		
Top classes with all children in on time	All children were in on time in Goldfinch (2nd week running) and Kestrel classes	

Important Key Dates - Oct and Nov

October 2023		November 2023	
Black History Month		Tues 14 th Nov 10am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nurs/Rec families
Tue 17 th Oct - 10:00am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Nursery/Rec families	Thurs 16 th November @ 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
Thurs 19 th Oct - 3:15-3:45pm	Open classroom Years 1, 3, 5	13 - 17 th November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term	Fri 17 th Nov	Flu immunisations R-Y6
		Fri 24 th Nov	Inset Day No school



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER! - The deadline for orders of the make-at-home pizza and cookie kits is this weekend (Saturday 7th October).

Use this link: [School Pizza Kit \(makes 1 x 12" pizza\) for Brindishe Green School | Doughies Pizza Kits.](#)

They will be here to collect from school pick up on **Friday 13th October**. If your child goes to Afterschool club please put that on the order and you will be able to collect from there. The BFG gets a small portion of the money made selling the kits which goes towards creating food parcels for families in need over the longer school holidays.

AGM THIS WEEK - Our AGM is taking place at the school on **Thursday 12th October 4.30pm - 5.30pm**. Please do come if you can - we would love to see as many new (and old) faces as possible. This meeting will help shape the events and fund raising we do this year so it's a great opportunity to share your thoughts. If you have any questions please email: bfgsocials@gmail.com

CAKE BAKE - Also on **Thursday 12th October**, it will be our first cake bake of the school year. Please drop your best baked or faked (shop bought!) goods at morning drop off. The sale begins straight after school. Everything priced 50p or £1 - please bring plenty of change!

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST - Never miss another announcement by joining the [BFG email list](#). Fill in the [form](#) to be added.