

# Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024



Brindishe  
Green

## What has been happening this week?

This week we were visited by a team of headteachers and a lead reviewer from Challenge Partners who visited classrooms, spoke to children and met with staff. Our team of dedicated educators and wonderful children impressed them immensely from the minute they arrived. We will share our report with you when it arrives but the team said:

“From Nursery to Year 6, the children reflect the school’s **strong culture and ethos**. They are well-behaved and know what is expected of them.”

“ **The 5Cs and Rights Respecting program infiltrate through every aspect of school life.**”

“The opportunities children are given, from learning about the world to being leaders and ambassadors, **help children to prepare for a future beyond Brindishe Green.**”

“All staff are **caring, aspirational, professional, skilled and dedicated.**”

## What is happening next week?

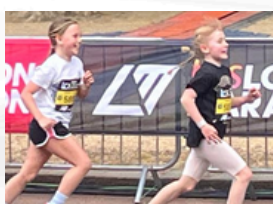
On Tuesday, Hornbill class will be visiting The British Museum. On Wednesday, all three Year 5 classes will be going to The Science Museum.

Our Nursery is closed on Thursday as it is being used as a Polling Station.

## London Mini - Marathon 2024

We hoped that it was going to be a great event, but it is safe to say that the London Mini Marathon on Saturday exceeded the expectations of the children and parents taking part. From the organisation, to the location, to the atmosphere...it was a fantastic day for all involved. One child from Swift class was even interviewed on the radio!

A huge congratulations to all the children who ran either 1 mile or 2.6 km and collected their medals at the end. Thank you to all the parents who took and supported their children.





## Well Done and Thank You, Mr Twyford!

As you know, Mr Twyford ran the London Marathon on Sunday, raising money for our school. He completed the course in an impressive 3 hours and 39minutes! We are all so grateful and impressed that he undertook such a challenge in order for us to be able to buy more books for our children.

Thank you to EVERYONE who has already sponsored Mr Twyford! You have raised an amazing £1,540 so far! The Crowdfunding page will be open for a couple more days so if you would still like to sponsor, please do :)

Please click on the link and you will be taken to his Crowdfunding page! [Click here!](#)

## Online Safety for All Children

As adults, we all have a responsibility to keep children safe online, no matter what age they are. More and more children from Nursery, all the way up to Year 6 and beyond, have access to online content. This might include watching videos on an Ipad, playing games on a phone, using a Smart TV/Speaker, communicating with others on Whatsapp, or using Apps on a tablet. The UK Safer Internet Centre provides excellent information for Parents/Carers on how they can make using devices safer and guides on social media. [Please check it out by clicking here!](#)



## May Day Bank Holiday

Please remember (and spread the word) that Monday 6th May is a national Bank Holiday and school will be closed to all children and staff.

## Passover

This year, Passover started at sundown on Monday 22nd April and lasts until nightfall on Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th, depending on the family tradition. "Chag Pesach sameach!" (which means "Happy Passover!") to all our Jewish families and staff.

## Something Wonderful to Celebrate

These children have been praised this week for their wonderful learning and behaviour in school.

|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| E Penguin  | Omar & Tahzeeb             |
| Cormorant  | Ra'kai & Anu               |
| Shoebill   | Florence & Noah            |
| Macaw      | Rihannat & Ayla            |
| Heron      | Basiru & Kwabena           |
| Cassowary  | Jessica & Jeremiah         |
| Hornbill   | Theo, Maissie, Noah & Lyra |
| Red Kite   | Isaac & Emin               |
| Puffin     | Romilly & Taku             |
| Magpie     | Gabriella & Mishal         |
| Hawk       | Devaani & Matteo           |
| Kingfisher | Kingfisher Class           |
| Woodpecker | Michael & Nazim            |
| Parakeet   | Eva & Ross                 |
| Kestrel    | Sebastian & Mia            |
| Swift      | Alfred & Eli M             |
| Little Owl | Zaydan & Noah              |
| Goldfinch  | Oliver & Gael              |



## Attendance and Punctuality

|   |                                 |        |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Overall school attendance this week:</b>   | <b>96.9%</b>                    |        |
| <b>Top classes with attendance over 95%</b>   | Shoebill                        | 99.46% |
|   | Puffin                          | 98.75% |
|   | Cassowary                       | 98.61% |
|   | Magpie                          | 97.69% |
|   | Empire-Penguin                  | 97.5%  |
|   | Macaw                           | 96.63% |
|   | Red Kite                        | 96.17  |
| <b>A huge well done to Shoebill, Puffin, Cassowary class who had 98% attendance this week</b> |                                 |        |
| <b>Top class with all children in on time</b>   | <b>Parakeet</b>                 |        |
|   | <b>Huge well done to them 😊</b> |        |

## Some Important Dates - Summer Term

| May 2024  |                          | June 2024  |                             | July 2024  |                                       |
|---|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Bank Holiday             | Wk beg 10 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 1 Phonics check        | 1 <sup>st</sup> July   | INSET Day – school closed to children |
| Wk beg – 13 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Year 6 SATs week         | June   | Year 4 Multiplication check | <b>Year Group Performance - 9.10am</b><br>Year 1 – Tues 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Year 2 – Wed 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Year 3 – Tues 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Year 4 – Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Year 5 – Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> |                                       |
| May/June  | Year 2 assessment months | <b>Sports Days</b><br>17 <sup>th</sup> June - Rec – Playground<br>18 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 – Playground<br>19 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 – Playground<br>20 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 – Venue TBC<br>6 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 / 5 / 6 – Ladywell Arena |                             | <b>Year 6 transition events</b><br>Performance – Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July<br>Festival – Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July  |                                       |
| Wk beg  | School photographs       |  |                             | Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> July  | Last day of school                    |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Half Term                |  |                             | Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> July  | Summer holidays                       |





## A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

**BIG HALF LATEST** - Thank you to everyone who signed up to run in the Big Half in September. All of our allocated places are now full. We will let you know if any become available. If you want to go on a waiting list then do email us: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com).

**YEAR REPS** - Are you a year 1 or year 3 parent who would be willing to join our PTA Whatsapp community group so you can share our posts with your year group? We currently don't have anyone with children in these year groups signed up. We want to make sure as many people as possible know about all the fun stuff we have planned and how we're helping the school. (We know that not everyone reads to the end of the newsletter every week 🙄)

Please get in touch if you want to be added to the group: [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)

**SUMMER FAIR HELP** - We will be holding an Olympic-themed School Summer Fair after school on Friday 5th July. Please let us know if you would like to help us put on this fun event or if you work for a local business that may be able to help with raffle prizes. Allez! [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com)



**DATE FOR DIARY** - Our next make-at-home pizza night is 21st June. A reminder of how this works: we send out a link for you to order the ingredients to create your own delicious pizzas at home. The hard work has already been done - you just need to roll out the dough, add the toppings and whack in the oven. The BFG gets £1 from every pizza sold to go towards buying equipment and putting on events for the school. Keep an eye out for the link coming in a few weeks time.