

Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024



Brindishe
Green

What has been happening this week?

Thank you to all our parents and carers who came into school for their Meet the Teacher appointment. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school. Thank you also to everyone who completed their data check sheet.

Today, the BFG ran their hotly anticipated Winter Fair after school. We will be able to tell you how much was raised next week, but we wanted to thank everyone who organised the event, ran stalls, supported the BFG, and came to visit.

Christmas Cards

We are very happy for children to bring Christmas cards into school to distribute to their friends. However, we ask that this is only done during the last three days of school (**18th-20th Dec**), so that it does not disturb the learning. **Please note that we are unable to give class lists out with children's names on them.**



What is happening next week?

Next week sees the start of our Winter Performances for our children in Years 1-4.

On Tuesday our Nursery children and families will enjoy a Theatre Production in school.

Applying for Primary School

Do you, or someone you know, have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2025?

If so, please note that all applications must be submitted **to Lewisham** by **this Wednesday (15th January), at the latest.**

We understand that it can be a complicated process so please email the school office if you have any questions. Alternatively, the Lewisham website has all the information that you will need. [Click here!](#)

Goodbye and Thank You!

On Friday 20th December, we say goodbye to Ms Alex Bacon, one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants who is currently in Swift Class. Ms Alex is relocating up north to be closer to her family. We thank her for all she has done since she has been with us, and want her to know the door is always open!

The Time Has Come...

The time has come for us to say farewell to two longstanding, much-loved, and highly respected members of staff, as they begin the next exciting stage of their lives - retirement!

Ms Jonnette Bowen and Ms Jasmine Jayham have both worked at Brindishe Green for over 16 years, and although we are delighted for them both, it is with heavy hearts we say goodbye!

Ms Jayham, began her time with us teaching in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2, before becoming a PPA teacher. She has led English across the school and modelled her skills as a fantastic art and writing teacher for others. She has shared her knowledge on how young children learn with many members of staff though the years, and her compassion, sense of humour and kindness will be missed by everyone!

Ms Bowen, originally a Year 2, 3 and 4 class teacher, has worked with most year groups and classes in recent years covering PPA. As our formidable Creative Arts Lead, she has made a huge impact on how we teach Art throughout the school, ensured the children's learning is displayed beautifully and helped organise school performances. She has supported many new teachers in how to establish calm and purposeful classrooms. We will all miss her unique, confident and caring personality around school.

Thank you Ms Bowen and Ms Jayham for your commitment, creativity and enthusiasm in providing the best education for our Brindishe Green children. You have shaped many lives, for the better! It is now time to enjoy your retirement.

Winter Performances

All performances will take place in the **main hall** and will last about 30mins. You are able to take photographs and videos but these must be for private use only and **must not be shared on social media**.

We kindly ask that if you are coming to your child's performance that you arrive at least 5 minutes before it is due to start and that you **stay to the end**. They are not very long and although we appreciate you may need to get to work or have somewhere to go after, we would really like you to stay until all the classes in the year group have performed their songs. Thank you for your support.

During these events, and on our Winter/Festive Jumper Day (Thursday 19th Dec), we will be collecting money for **Save the Children - Gaza Emergency Appeal**.

Tuesday 10th - **Year 1 - 9.15am** and **Year 2 - 2.30pm**
 Thursday 12th - **Year 3 - 9.15am** and **Year 4 - 2.30pm**
 Wednesday 18th - **Year 5 - 9.15am** and **Year 6 - 2.30pm**
 Tuesday 17th - **Reception 9.15am**
 Thursday 19th - **Nursery Family Stay and Play**

Wrapping Up Warm!

It is so cold outside...and it is due to get even colder!

Even when it is very cold outside, the children still do PE on the rooftop and play in the playground. Please can we ask that all children come to school with a **jumper, coat, a hat and gloves**.

Please talk to your child about storing small items in their book bag...and **please** make sure they are clearly labelled with their name.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Sol & Abdesamad
Cormorant	Ase & Arthur
Shoebill	Basiru & Arlo
Macaw	Tias & Janan
Heron	Cuba & Cara
Cassowary	Romilly & Zahra
Hornbill	Devaani & Shinead
Red Kite	Chloe & Reuben
Puffin	Keziah & Ayub
Magpie	Alessandra & Harold
Hawk	Ka'mye & Sara
Kingfisher	Olivia & Sophia B-S
Woodpecker	Etta & Apollo
Parakeet	Eitlyn & Leila
Kestrel	Amiyah & Mikel
Swift	Phaedra & Ruva
Little Owl	Ali & Layla
Goldfinch	Hobie & Elettra

BFG Pantry

The BFG Pantry is Brindishe Green's free food pantry. It is stocked with cupboard essentials like pasta and rice, tinned and packaged foods, treats, toiletries and more. **The pantry is open to any family in our school community who need it.**

Parents and families are welcome to collect a bag free of charge from the pantry at any time during term time. Email or call in at the school office to arrange collection.

The pantry is **stocked by the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)**, our parent, teacher and friends association, as part of our commitment to supporting all children and families at our school. If you'd like to donate to the pantry or have ideas for what we could stock please email bfgsocials@gmail.com.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95%	
Top classes with attendance over 95%:	Macaw	99%
A huge well done to Macaw class who had 99% attendance this week	Swift	98%
	Red Kite	97%
	Woodpecker	97%
	Kingfisher	96%
Top classes with all children in on time:	Little Owl, Woodpecker, Macaw - Huge well done to them all 🥰	

Some Important Dates - Autumn Term

November 2023		December 2023	
Tues 12 th Nov 10am & 4:15pm	Rec/Nursery Open Day	Wk beg 2 nd Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 14 th Nov - 3:15-3:45pm	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 5	Winter performances/events 10 th Dec - Year 1 & 2 12 th Dec - Year 3 & 4 17 th Dec - Reception 18 th Dec - Year 5 & 6 19 th Dec - Nursery	
11 th - 15 th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week Yr 6 School Journey		
Fri 29 th Nov	Inset Day - No school for children		
		Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas lunch and jumper day
		Fri 20 th Dec (6 th Jan - INSET Day)	Last Day Christmas Holidays

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



Winter Fair

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone who made our Winter Fair such a success - to all the staff, parents and pupils that helped out, and to every member of the school community that came along and enjoyed the food, drink and activities.

We'll provide a full update in next week's newsletter.

If you loved the Fair and would like to be part of making events like this happen, why don't you join us on **21st January 2025** at our next Brindishe Friends Group (BFG) meeting? It is held at the school and **starts at 4.30pm**.

We'd be delighted to see some new faces and hear your ideas. Contact bfgsocials@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

Every Christmas present you buy is a present for us!



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Please remember to use **easyfundraising** when you do your Christmas online shopping this year.

Over 8,000 retailers including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Brindishe Green School for **FREE** when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

These donations really help us - we have already raised almost £800! All you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway. Simple!

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21 January 2025 - BFG planning meeting

31 January - Doughies Pizza Evening (buy a kit & make your own pizza at home)

7 March 2025 - Spring Discos

27 March - Preloved Book & Toy Sale

9 May - Doughies Pizza Evening (buy a kit & make your own pizza at home)

4 July - Brindishe Green Summer Fair

Date TBC - Summer term coffee morning

