

# Newsletter

## Friday 13th December 2024



### What has been happening this week?

This week our **Year 1, 2, 3 and 4** children filled the hall with beautiful singing. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended, but also to the staff who prepared the children so well. We hope you enjoyed the performances.

Also this week, a group of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in **Bikeability** training. The two leads from Lewisham were very impressed with their behaviour, concentration and skills. Thank you to the families who allowed other children to borrow their child's bike.

Year 6 also took part in a workshop, led by **The Anne Frank Trust**, which focused on prejudice, stereotypes and unconscious bias. The children took part in discussions and really challenged their thinking.

On Thursday, our **Nursery** children enjoyed an interactive performance. It was wonderful to see our smallest children having so much festive fun.

### 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 we have much to look forward to. On Monday the team from **Sportacus** will be leading assemblies and giving out awards. On Wednesday **Year 4** have a poetry workshop. On Tuesday and Wednesday our **Reception, Year 5 and Year 6** children will perform for their families. And on Thursday it is our special **Christmas lunch, festive jumper, pantomime and popcorn (provided by the BFG) day**. We will be collecting donations throughout the week for Save the Children - Gaza and Lebanon appeal.



**Friday 20th is the last day of school before the winter break.** It is also the day we say goodbye to Ms Alex, Ms Bowen and Ms Jayham.

### 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!](#)

## 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.



Tuesday 17th - Reception 9.15am

Wednesday 18th - **Year 5 - 9.15am** and Year 6 - 2.30pm

Thursday 19th - Nursery Family Stay and Play

## Keeping Our Children Safe

We always tell the children that keeping them safe, is the most important thing we do in school. However, **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**. England Football have produced a free safeguarding course for parents/carers (30mins), which is designed to help you to make an informed choice about the football setting you enrol your child in. Although it has a football theme, the questions and knowledge can be used when enrolling your child in any club - swimming, Guides, gymnastics, music lessons etc. [Click here for more information!](#)



## Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Lincoln, Ismail & Alfie
Cormorant	Rita & Dominic
Shoebill	Navie-Mae & Averie
Macaw	Ben & Anja
Heron	Marley, Ismaeel & Manil
Cassowary	Tracy and Reo
Hornbill	Hornbill Class
Red Kite	Brandon & Gabriella
Puffin	Daniel & Imani
Magpie	Magpie Class
Hawk	Abigail & Aiden
Kingfisher	Eden & Michelle
Woodpecker	Hollie-Mae & Amira
Parakeet	Asna & Princess
Kestrel	Ilaai & Milo
Swift	Swift Class
Little Owl	Leo & Elsa
Goldfinch	Goldfinch Class

## Attendance and Punctuality

<b>Overall school attendance this week:</b>	<b>92.88%</b>	
<b>Top classes with attendance over 96%:</b>	Parakeet	97.79%
<b>A huge well done to everyone who achieved excellent attendance!</b>	Cormorant	97.37%
	Swift	96.58%
	Cassowary	96.05%
<b>Top Classes with excellent punctuality:</b>	Little Owls and Cassowary A huge well done! 😊	

## Some Important Dates - Spring Term

January 2025		February 2025	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day – No school	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring term	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.45 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
		Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term

# A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



## Winter Fair

We were delighted by the success of our Winter Fair last week - we hope you enjoy the photos. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone that came along, and a special thanks to our wonderful parent and staff volunteers who gave up their time to help make it such a spectacular event!

We hope to share the amount we all raised for the school in next week's newsletter.



## 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](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com).

## BFG Dates for your Diary

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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

