

Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025



What has been happening this week?

Welcome back to all our children, families, staff and friends! We hope everyone had a lovely break and managed to avoid many of the illnesses and bugs that so many people caught over the holiday.

On Monday, Brindishe Green teaching staff joined together to receive training on teaching Maths and organising Educational Visits. All staff also learnt about the importance of developing children's self-efficacy in order to improve well-being, learning and personal aspirations. On Wednesday, **all staff** from across the federation joined together to learn about how they can support themselves and others who are experiencing peri-menopausal or menopausal symptoms, in school and at home.

This week we welcomed Fran Cavolina from Brindishe Manor. Ms Cavolina will spend the next 4 weeks in Reception, working alongside Mr Twyford, as she engages in the next stage of her teacher training. We are very pleased she is with us.

Also this week, Ms Eve Spence has taken on a new role in our school as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Many of you will know her as a TA in Year 4, but we are thrilled that she will now be working in different classes across the school.

On Wednesday, we were visited by members of the Hither Green Baptist Church who came to teach the children about Epiphany. Thank you to Ms Thompson who organised the visit as part of her role as Religious Education Lead.

What is happening next week?

Next week, the children in Years 6 and Reception will take part in their Height and Weight check.

Spring and Summer Educational Visits

The teachers are currently working very hard to organise educational visits for the children. **These visits can only go ahead if each class has the correct ratio of adults to children, which means they need lots of committed parent/carer volunteers.**

If you are available during certain days of the week and would be happy to accompany a class (different to the one your child is in) as a volunteer on an educational visit, please email the school office and we will add you to the list of people we contact in an emergency. Thank you.

Applying for Primary School - this Wednesday

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!](#)

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.



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.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Cyrus & Youssef
Cormorant	Sofia & Santiago
Shoebill	Janu & Edie
Macaw	Maissie & Theo
Heron	Éabha & Lotta
Cassowary	Taku & Lex
Hornbill	Jakub W & Thomas
Red Kite	Londi & Kiran
Puffin	Elianna, Malakai & Kevwe
Magpie	Jasmine & Davi
Hawk	Deshay & Farhane
Kingfisher	Aya & Andy
Woodpecker	Kit & Amira
Parakeet	Noah & Asna
Kestrel	Steven & Finn
Swift	Sorrel & Ebenezer
Little Owl	Yusuf & Phoebe
Goldfinch	Elettra & Rowan

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	91.23%	
Top CLASSES with attendance over 98%:	Cassowary Woodpecker Magpie	100% 99% 98.57%
A huge well done to Cassowary who achieved 100% Attendance this week!		
The top classes for BEST punctuality:	Robin, Little Owls, Macaw, and Shoebill	A huge well done to you all! 🎉

Some Important Dates - Spring Term

January 2025		February 2025	
Mon 6 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Tues 11 th Feb 8.35 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 1, 3, 5
Tues 7 th Jan	Start of Spring term	Wed 12 th Feb 8.35 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Reception
		Thurs 13 th Feb 8.35 – 9.15 am	Open Classroom Years 2, 4, 6
		Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	Half Term

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



BFG Planning Meeting - 21 January 2025 at 4.30pm

We will be holding our first BFG meeting of 2025 at Brindishe Green School on Tuesday 21st January at 4.30pm. Among other things, we will be discussing our two main events of the term: our Spring Discos and Preloved Book & Toy Sale.

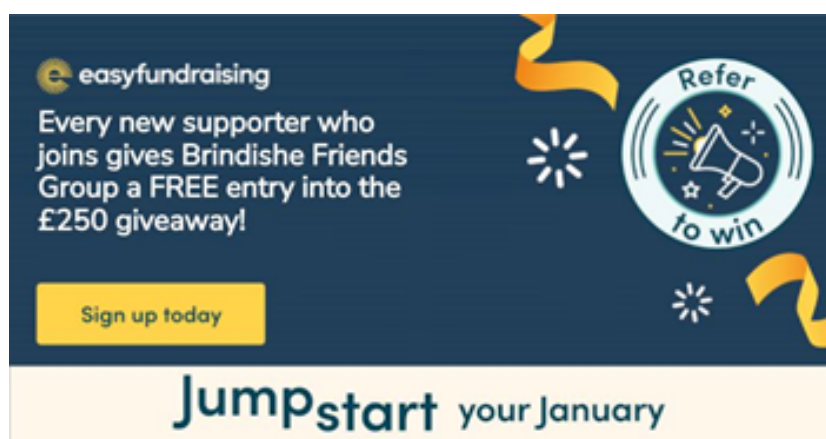
We are very keen to welcome some new faces to this meeting. It's really important that our group represents the whole school community, so it would be lovely to see as many parents and carers as possible. If you've never attended a BFG meeting before, why not come along and find out what it's all about? Or if you have been before, why not bring someone new? If you have any ideas or issues you'd like us to talk about you can email us in advance at bfgsocials@gmail.com - or just turn up on the day.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Easyfundraising

One really easy way to help raise money for the school is to sign up for easyfundraising. Every time you use this site to shop with certain retailers, they will donate to Brindishe Green FOR FREE! And for everyone who signs up in January there's a chance of winning £250 for the school. Just use this link to register and start shopping!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brindishefriendsgroup/>



BFG Dates for your Diary

21 January 2025 - BFG planning meeting

7 March 2025 - Spring Discos

27 March - Preloved Book & Toy Sale

4 July - Brindishe Green Summer Fair

Date TBC - Summer term coffee morning

