Newsletter Friday 8th November 2024

What has been happening this week?

We welcome back all our families and staff after the half term break. Whether you were relaxing at home, away on a holiday, marking Halloween or celebrating Diwali, we hope you all had a great week.

This week in school, our Year 2 and 5 children were visited by The London Fire Brigade who came to talk to them about the importance of fire safety and knowing what to do in an emergency.

Year 4 began their Cricket lessons, led by Platform Cricket, and also began a series of singing workshops led by gospel singers from Blackheath Halls. Both workshops link to the Year 4 PE and Music curriculum.

What is happening next week?

Next week, most of our Year 6 children will be going on their residential school journey to Kingswood. They will leave on Monday morning and return on Friday afternoon, and will be accompanied by 7 members of staff. We know they will have a wonderful time, and make us proud. We thank all the staff who have volunteered to give up their time to take them.

On Thursday, parents/carers of children in Years 2, 4 and 5 are invited into school to see their child's classroom and learning (3.15-3.45pm).

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Celebrating Diversity Week 2024

Next week is our annual Celebrating Diversity Week in school. Although we celebrate diversity every day, next week is a time for the children to think about what makes us all unique and special, and how we should all feel valued and safe. It is a time for us to learn about people in our community from different backgrounds. We have a number of themes this year:

Monday - Celebrating Diversity Launch (including BFG Cake Competition)

Tuesday - Anti-bullying - Choose Respect, Choose Kindness Wednesday - Celebrating Languages and Cultures Thursday - Inter-Faith - Understanding and Respecting All Friday - Celebrating Diversity, Celebration

On Friday, it is **Children in Need**. As a school we would like to raise money for this wonderful charity that helps support children with different needs and from different backgrounds. On Friday, we encourage **everyone** to come to school wearing something that makes them happy or proud - sparkles, national costume, team shirt, favourite dress, Brownie/Cub uniform.... something that will make them shine .





No School - Friday 29th November

Please remember that there is NO SCHOOL for children on Friday 29th November, as it is our 3rd staff INSET day (the 4th is in January and and the 5th is in July). Please help spread the word!

Speech and Language Workshop

We are re-running our Speech and Language workshop about speech sounds next week, on **Tuesday 12th November**. It will be especially useful for parents/carers of children new to school and older children who have difficulties with their speech. *Please note, it will be the same workshop that was run in the Summer Term, but if you attended then, you are very welcome to come again - just be aware the content is the same!* Please register via Eventbrite - tickets are free and available here - <u>BG SALT Workshop</u>.

Volunteers

Ask not what your school can do for you, but what you can do for your school! Educational Visits - Emergency 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.

Reading Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer some of your time, once a week, to read with our children, please email the school office and a member of staff will be in touch.

Please note that you will need to complete an application and provide references (legal requirement).

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Kamari & Youssef
Cormorant	George & Jeremiah
Shoebill	Adam & Maurice
Macaw	Jimena & Renaye
Heron	Madi & Lizzi
Cassowary	Arthur & Cherrilyn
Hornbill	Hornbill Class
Red Kite	Eliza & Sona
Puffin	Ronan & Chadwick
Magpie	Zayaan, Rahim & Sebastia
Hawk	Rocco & Harper-Rose
Kingfisher	Baxter & Malak
Woodpecker	Kimberley & Kit
Parakeet	Sharon, Sofia & Olivia
Kestrel	Alfred & Ava
Swift	Jonah & Crystal
Little Owl	Nicholas & Arielle
Goldfinch	Euan & Isabella

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	95%	
Top classes with attendance	Cassowary	98%
over 95%:	Cormorant	97%
	Wren	97%
A huge well done to Cassowary	Puffin	95%
class who had 98% attendance this week	Shoebill	95%
Top classes with all children in	Woodpecker, Little Owl,	
on time:	Swift and Hawk -	
	Huge well done to them all	
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Some Important Dates - Autumn Term

	November 2023		December 2023		
an	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 – 9.15am 10 th Dec - Year 1 & 2		
	11 th – 15 th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week	17 th Dec	ec - Year 3 & 4 ec - Reception ec - Year 5 & 6 Dec - Nursery	
		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	Last Day	
			(6 th Jan – INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays	

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



The Great Brindishe Bake-off & Cake Sale - 11 November 2024

Don't forget to get baking this weekend! Bring your **kindness-themed bakes** into school on Monday. More information on the attached poster. **Keep scrolling to the next page for more information.**

Cakes will be sold after school on Monday, so come prepared to taste all the wonderful competition entries.

Winter Fair - 6 December 2024

Thank you to everyone that came to the Winter Fair planning meeting at school yesterday afternoon. Lots was discussed - we'll post the minutes on Linktree soon.

Please Help!

We still need **lots of helpers** for the Fair, which is after school on **Friday 6 December**, so if you'd like to help out on a stall or have any other ideas for how we can make this Fair our best one yet, please do get in touch. **Contact us on bfgsocials@gmail.com or come and have a chat next week when** we're selling raffle tickets.

Winter Fair Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be on sale **before and after school on Wednesday**, **Thursday and Friday next week** (see attached poster for more details). There are some fantastic prizes, including a **Nintendo Switch**! Card payments are accepted as well as cash.

BFG Dates for your Diary

11 November - Cake competition & Bake Sale
6 December - Brindishe Green Winter Fair
7 March 2025 - Spring Discos
27 March - Preloved Book & Toy Sale
4 July - Brindishe Green Summer Fair
Date TBC - Summer term coffee morning



A reminder that you can find details of all BFG news and events on our Linktree: https://linktr.ee/brindishefriendsgroup Find details of all BFG news and events on our Linktree:





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The Great Brindishe Bake Off ...and cake sale!



Calling all budding bakers!

Put your baking and cake decorating skills to the test and enter your **kindness themed** bakes for our competition as part of diversity week. Your bake could feature hearts, rainbows, smiley faces, messages of kindness, anything that represents kindness!

Star baker prizes!

Monday 11th November

Drop off bakes in the morning with ingredients, name and class clearly marked. Bakes will be judged during the day. Prizes for KS1, KS2 and adult bakers.

On sale in the playground at 3:15pm

All bakes must be **NUT FREE**

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