

Newsletter

Friday 13th June 2025

Brindishe
Green



What has been happening this week?

This week, our Year 1 children took part in their national Phonics Screening Check. These were administered by the class teachers. On Tuesday, we were visited by a Lewisham moderator who came to observe our practice and who said that all appropriate procedures were in place. We are very proud of all the children and how they demonstrated the progress they have made since September.



Our three Year 3 classes enjoyed wonderful visits to The Natural History Museum in South Kensington. This linked to their learning on Rocks. Thank you to the families who supported and the staff who planned the day.



What is happening next week?

Next week all 3 Reception classes are going to visit The National Gallery.

Year 1 are going pond dipping in Manor Park on Wednesday. On Thursday, Year 4 are welcoming a parent who will be performing a drumming session.

The federation choirs will be performing a special concert at Brindishe Green on Thursday after school.

On Friday, Year 5 will visit St Matthews Academy for an exciting Sportacus workshop.

Finally, on Friday, we are hosting an exciting Careers Day, with 15 guest speakers, for the Year 6 children from across the federation. We have arranged guest speakers to open and close the event. It should be a great morning.



Hot, Sunny Weather

We are all delighted to see the sun shine and welcome the longer days. Please remember that during this time:

- Every child should bring in a bottle of **water**.
- Shoulders and tummies should be **covered**.
- Children must still wear **trainers/closed toe shoes** - no sandals, flip flops or Crocs.
- Jumpers/cardigans should be **labelled**.
- **Sunscreen** must be applied before school. If it needs to be reapplied, please bring the bottle to the school office, where your child will have to apply it themselves.

Arriving Late for School

Just a reminder that if your child is late for school, you will need to take their bike/scooter home or to the rack at the side of the building.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, you will be asked to wait with them until a member of staff is available to take them to their classroom.

Can you read six library books this summer holiday?

Lewisham Libraries invites all primary school children to join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at their local library, starting 5th July.

Participants earn rewards for telling us about the books they have read (Slime! Colour-swap crayons! Magic seed bees! Medals!) and there will be nature-inspired events and activities to enjoy.

It's all **free** so sign up at your local library from 5th July.

Summer Reading Challenge



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Educational Psychologist Drop-Ins

We are delighted to be able to offer in person, drop-in sessions with our EP again this year. These will take place on **Monday 30th June**. She will be offering appointments between **9am and 2pm**, and each session is half an hour long. She will be able to talk to you about anything that is impacting on your child’s education – it could be something specific like a learning need, or it could be a social or emotional need, for example friendship issues or a family separation. Email Jessica Dee to request an appointment: BGinclusion@brindisheschools.org Please note appointments are limited and we will prioritise requests from families who have not already seen the EP or Drumbeat this year.

Makaton - Sign of the Week

Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. We use Makaton in school in the Early Years and KS1, and teach older children the signs as well. Every week we will share with you the sign the children have learnt, so that you can use them at home too.

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Lincoln & Joseph
Cormorant	Lulu & Anne
Shoebill	Malik & Lars
Macaw	Jimena & Abigail
Heron	Lina & Maya
Cassowary	Poppy & Diego
Hornbill	Hornbill and Matteo
Red Kite	Iris & Jared
Puffin	Ava & Eliza
Magpie	Magpie class
Hawk	Gabriele & Rocco
Kingfisher	Malik & Yeshiva
Woodpecker	Hollie-Mae & Elio
Parakeet	Sylvania & CJ
Kestrel	Valentina & Edward
Swift	Millie & Diego
Little Owl	Ali & Iris
Goldfinch	Euan & Moral

Dressing-Up Clothes

We are looking for dressing up clothes, role-play toys (such as kitchen toys) and games for young children (EYFS or KS1). If you have any that are in a good condition that you would be happy to donate, please bring to the school office for the attention of Jessica Dee.

This week’s signs are...

‘yes’ and ‘no.’

Bend your wrist downwards while saying “Yes”

Yes

Move your hand sideways, away from your chest while saying “No”

No

Yes - Hold your closed fist in front of your shoulder facing outward and bend downwards at the wrist.

No - Hold your open hand in front of your chest and swipe sideways away from your heart.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	94.5%	
Top CLASSES with 96% Attendance & Above:	Cormorant	97.72%
	Redkite	96.6%
	Macaw	96.5%
	Shoebill	96.00%
	Hornbill	96.00%
Doing Really Well Everyone!		
Top Classes for BEST punctuality: Well Done to You All!	Woodpecker, Swift, Goldfinch, Shoebill, Robin, Little Owl, Cassowary and Macaw A huge well done! 😊	



Some Important Dates - Summer Term

June 2025		July 2025	
Wk beg 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics check	Date TBC	End of Year Reports to parents/carers
Fortnight beg 2 nd June	Year 4 Times Tables	Year Group Performance - 9.00am Year 4 – Tuesday 1 st July Year 1 – Thursday 3 rd July	
27 th June	INSET Day – school closed to children	Open Classrooms – 3.15-3.45 Years 1, 2, 3 – Tuesday 8 th July Years 4, 5, 6 – Thursday 10 th July	
Sports Days – 9.10am 23 rd June - Rec – Playground 24 th June - Year 1 – Playground 25 th June - Year 2 – Playground 26 th June - Year 3 – Playground 5 th June - Year 4/5/6 – Ladywell Arena		Year 6 Transition Events Performance – Thursday 17 th July Festival – Monday 21 st July Leavers' Assembly – Tuesday 22 nd July	
		Tues 22 nd July	Last day of school
		Wed 23 rd July	Summer holidays

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group



🏠 Summer Fair - Friday 4 July, 3-5pm 🏠

- Our Summer Fair is on Friday 4 July after school. Make sure you put the date in your diary!
- Tickets for our Summer Fair raffle go on sale next week - we'll be selling tickets in the playground before and after school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- We will also be collecting tombola contributions and donations of pre-loved toys and chapter books, so please start clearing out your cupboards and help us collect a great selection of prizes.



🏠 Summer Fair – Volunteers Needed! 🏠 JUL 17 Friday 4th July 3:00-5:00pm

Can you spare an hour (or more) to help us run stalls, set up, clear up, or prep tombola prizes!

★ Find out more & sign up here:

<https://tr.ee/KtoTPRXh9b>

★ Or get in touch with your year / class volunteers

★ Email: bfgsocials@gmail.com

Every bit of help makes a BIG difference – thank you!

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Friday 4th July

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🏃♂️ The Big Half - 7 September 2025 🏃♂️



Please support our fabulous team of runners who'll be running the #BFGbighalf in September to raise money for Brindishe Green.

100% of all money raised goes towards supporting the children of Brindishe Green.

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For more information visit <https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/2025-the-big-half-229483>