

Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024



Brindishe
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What has been happening this week?

We hope you all had a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend, despite the miserable weather. It has been wonderful to see the sun appear this week - long may it continue. This week our Early Years classes (Nursery and Reception) welcomed a family of wriggly caterpillars and gave them some very interesting names. We look forward to seeing them change into butterflies over the coming weeks.

What is happening next week?

Next week is a very important week for our Year 6 children and staff. The children will sit their end of Key Stage 2 Assessments that they have been working diligently towards all year. They have built on all the knowledge and skills they have learnt during their time at primary school and refined their ability to answer test questions this year.

- Monday - A punctuation and grammar paper and a spelling test
- Tuesday - A reading test with three different texts to answer questions on
- Wednesday - An arithmetic paper and a separate reasoning paper (Maths)
- Thursday - A second reasoning paper (Maths)

They will continue to work on their writing throughout May and June before their assessment is submitted.

We couldn't be more proud of the effort and resilience they have displayed and know that they are ready to shine. We wish them all the very best for next week and look forward to seeing them all from 8am each day for a shared breakfast.

As a reward, on Friday, the Year 6 team will take them to Greenwich Cinema to watch a film called Migration.

Warmer Weather

As the days become warmer and sunnier, please can we ask that all children come to school with a reusable water bottle with their name on it. Please can we also remind you that jumpers and cardigans should be labelled. Please talk to your child about taking care of their clothes - if they choose to take it off in the playground they should tie it around their waist so that they do not lose it. Also, please can we remind families of our **2 main summertime clothing rules:** shoulders/tummies must be covered and only closed shoes (no pumps, sandals or crocs). **We also recommend they bring in a sun hat with their name and class written on the inside.**

School Photographs

Brian, our school photographer, will be in school during the **week beginning 20th May** to take individual, sibling and class photographs. More information to follow next week.

Speech and Language Workshop -

Our next parent and carers workshop will be hosted by our school Speech and Language Therapist. Annie will be giving some tips and advice on how to support speech sound production, particularly relevant for some of our younger children. The workshop will start at 9am on Tuesday 4th June and last about an hour. As usual we are starting with 25 spaces, but if demand exceeds this we will either find a larger space to meet or run the workshop again. We look forward to seeing lots of you there. [Click here to book your place!](#)

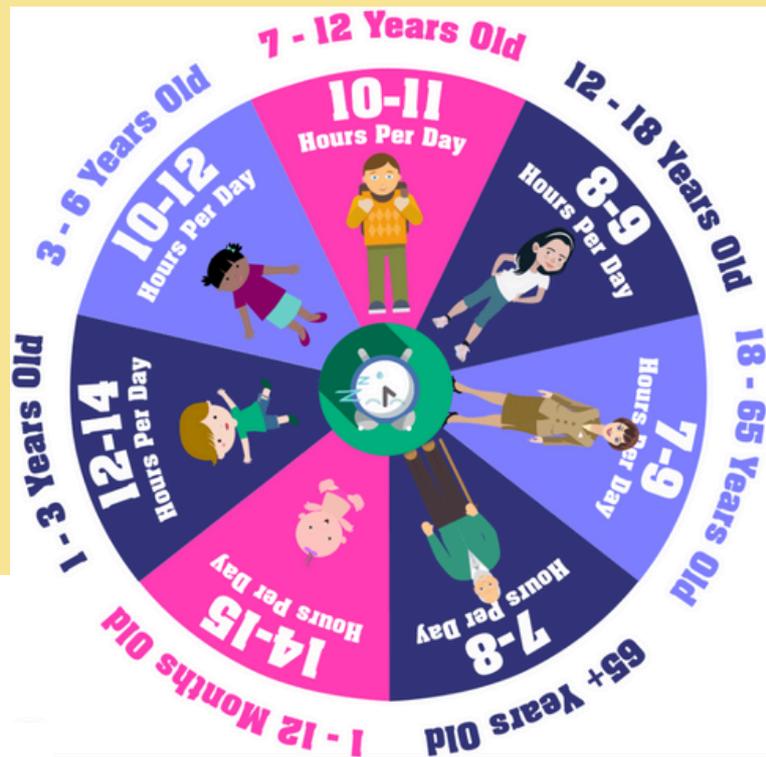
The Importance of Sleep

We all know that a good nights sleep is extremely important for children. It:

- Helps children learn and remember things, and it boosts immunity.
- Helps children grow. For example, children’s bodies produce growth hormone when they’re asleep.
- Helps children play, learn and concentrate during the day.
- Is crucial for physical health, brain function, emotional wellbeing, safety, and ability to function day to day.
- Can help children be happier, helps them to concentrate and remember things, and improves their behaviour.
- Plays a crucial role in the development of young minds.
- Impacts alertness and attention



Despite this, many children find it difficult to fall asleep and bedtime can cause a lot of stress and worry for parents/carers. The Sleep Charity website has many great ideas and information for families which could hopefully help.



The Sleep Charity

[- click here!](#)

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

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

E Penguin	Marrigold & Lewis
Cormorant	Sarah & Vy
Shoebill	Nathaniel, Anu & Edward
Macaw	Nia & Idrees
Heron	Elsie & Neveah
Cassowary	Zekia and Abigail
Hornbill	Whole Class
Red Kite	Noelle & Ada
Puffin	Poppy & Jordan
Magpie	Eliza & Hugo
Hawk	Lana & Rosalind
Kingfisher	Frandy & Kevwe
Woodpecker	Yeshua & Felix
Parakeet	Amelie & Siyana
Kestrel	Harold & Amelia
Swift	Summer & Mia
Little Owl	Olivia & Leila
Goldfinch	Yousouf & Angely

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	96.49% 😊	
Top classes with attendance over 95%	Emperor Penguin	100%
	Hornbill	99.49%
	Shoebill	98.77%
	Macaw	98.36%
	Hawk	98.35%
A huge well done to Little Owl, Hornbill and Swift class who had 99% attendance this week		
Top class with all children in on time	Wren Huge well done to them all!	

Some Important Dates - Summer Term

May 2024		June 2024		July 2024	
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday	Wk beg 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics check	1 st July	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wk beg – 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week	June	Year 4 Multiplication check	Year Group Performance - 9.10am Year 1 – Tues 16 th Year 2 – Wed 17 th Year 3 – Tues 9 th Year 4 – Thurs 18 th Year 5 – Wed 10 th	
May/June	Year 2 assessment months	Sports Days 17 th June - Rec – Playground 18 th June - Year 1 – Playground 19 th June - Year 2 – Playground 20 th June - Year 3 – Venue TBC 6 th June - Year 4/ 5 / 6 – Ladywell Arena		Year 6 transition events Performance – Tues 23 rd July Festival – Wed 24 th July	
Wk beg 20 th May	School photographs			Thurs 25 th July	Last day of school
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May	Half Term			Fri 26 th July	Summer holidays



A message from the Brindishe Friends Group

REMINDER OF DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Please put these dates in your diary. These are the activities we have lined up for the summer term - more details coming soon:

🍩 **23rd May - After school Krispy Kreme donut sale**

🍕 **21 June - Make at home pizza and cookies night**

☀️ **5 July - Summer Fair**

🌐 **19 July - Years 1-5 School Disco**

We'll be looking for volunteers for all these events. Please do let us know if you can help:
bfgsocials@gmail.com.

FYI: Alongside organising and funding these events, we also contribute to things like new starters book bags, panto and popcorn at Christmas, food parcels / pantry, year 6 leavers t-shirts, books for the library. Every time you support us it really does make a difference to the lives of the entire school community. 😊

RAFFLE PRIZES - We are planning to hold a raffle as part of the Summer Fair and want to match the amazing prizes we had for the Winter Fair but need your help. **Do you play an instrument and would consider offering a lesson as a prize? Could you gift a supermarket/theatre/restaurant voucher? Perhaps you'd consider donating a plant/a coffee/tickets for a fun day out etc?!** Maybe you work somewhere that might be happy to offer something? If you can help in any way we'd love to hear from you: bfgsocials@gmail.com

PLAYGROUND NEWS - We've mentioned before that the school have plans to redevelop the playground to make better use of the space and create an outdoor classroom. We have agreed to support the school to help them do this. This week we had a meeting to find out more about their plans.

They have come up with a proposal that would be delivered over a 12-18 month period and broken down into three phases. It includes **replacing the stage, adding shade/shelter areas and reading/quiet zones**, as well as creating a **new permanent outdoor classroom**.

More details can be found in the meeting notes...

[Playground development meeting](#)

Let us know what you think: bfgsocials@gmail.com