



21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final week before half term has been a busy one! Today the children were invited to wear red to show their support for the national 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign <https://www.theredcard.org/>. Thank you for your donations, and supporting the children to join in with such an important message. We raised £127 which will now be sent to the charity.



It has been a fabulous first half term. Our Nursery and Reception children are now very settled and new children that have joined other classes have also now made friends and are enjoying their learning journey at school. The learning that the children have already completed and the progress that they are making has been wonderful to see and we are really looking forward to sharing this with you all at our Parent and Carer Evenings, where you will come and speak with your child's class teacher and see your children's books. Please see the information below on how to book your appointment.

### Parent and Carer Open evenings

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3:30-7pm  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 3:30-7pm

If you haven't done so already, please book your 'Meet the Teacher' meeting, by clicking on the provided link: <https://brindishemanor.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

You can also find the link under 'The Hub' section of Weduc.

- All meetings are face to face, in person. No video meetings are available.
- Please only book one meeting per child (please contact the school office if as parents, you definitely require two separate appointments).
- Please set a reminder on your phone and come to the school 10mins before your meeting.

**The booking portal will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11am.**

Please find below a link to a video guide of how to book your appointment (relevant part of the video is from 0:00 to 4:15 minute): <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

**Would your child like to have a go at writing their own poetry?**

**Manor House Library is celebrating 250 years with a children's poetry competition.**



Children can choose one or more of the following themes to write about:

- the library itself
- the infamous cannon at the front of the library
- hidden history
- forgotten stories
- community

There will be prizes for different age categories and all poems will be displayed in the library from November 11th.

Open to all under 18's with a Lewisham Libraries card.

Entries can be submitted online <https://www.mhlibrary.co.uk/childrens-poetry-competition/>

Happy writing!

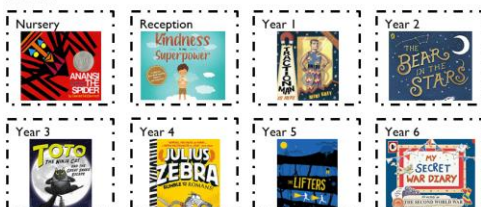
Each half term our English team put together a 'Brindishe Book Talk' newsletter to share with you what is happening in school and suggestions of how to support your child at home. We will always send this as an attachment with our newsletters – please share it with your child!

## Brindishe Book Talk

As the first half term of 2022-23 draws to a close, we wanted to share our latest edition of Brindishe Book Talk. For families new to Brindishe Manor, this is a half-termly newsletter where we celebrate all the reading and "book talk" that takes place at our school. We hope you enjoy reading it!

### What are we reading?

We are so lucky to have extensive class libraries at our school where we encourage all the children to read a range of books from different genres. Our teachers also choose high-quality books to read out-loud with their class each day...so what is being read at the moment?



## Scholastic Book Fair



Over the past few weeks, Brindishe Manor have been hosting our Scholastic Book Fair and all the children have enjoyed visiting the fair and seeing all the books and recommendations on show. We know that reading for pleasure can be transformative for children's success and wellbeing. Scholastic Book Fairs are designed to inspire and excite children by bringing books to the heart of the school with a pop-up school book shop.

Here are some highlights from the Autumn Book Fair range:



## Early Years Workshop

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Early Years workshop which focused on how we support our youngest children on their learning journey in reading, writing and maths. Below are some top tips for supporting reading in the early years in particular:

**Read to your child, regardless of how old they are**

**Reading doesn't have to be all fiction!**

**Make predictions about what they have read**

**Reading shouldn't just be reserved for bedtime**

**Lead by example - let your child see you reading**

**Visit your local library & browse books**

**Embrace reading books...over & over again**

**Read in a quiet place**

**Let your child act out the story**

## What is Book Talk?

Book talk is simply talking about books; talking about favourite books, plot lines and characters etc. Research highlights how important these informal conversations between teachers and children are (but also the conversations between children themselves and between children and their adults at home) in developing a real love of reading.

Mrs Sanders led some training with staff around 'Reading for Pleasure and developing a reading culture'. We looked at our own reading habits, our own knowledge of children's books and how we can provide further opportunities for book talk to take place in our classrooms.

Did you choose this book? Why?

Where is your favourite place to read?

What was the last poem that you read?



## Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted to welcome Sarah from Manor House Library to our KS1 and KS2 assemblies this half term, to celebrate those children that completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Children were presented with their certificates for reading six books over the summer holidays. Well done everyone!



## Ms Porter Recommends



Adults in the school often post their own best recommendations around the building. Have you spotted any? What is Mrs Sanders currently reading? And if you can find out!

This is such a heart-breaking, heart-warming novel, it made me cry and laugh too! laugh.

Cymbeline has NEVER been swimming. Not ever. Not once.

But how hard can it be? You will have to read to find out more!

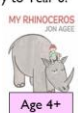
## Brindishe Manor Virtual Library

On Its Learning, in the BM Students Shared Room, you will find our own Virtual Library. There are readings of some of the suggested books for different ages alongside book trailers, excerpts being read out loud and audio readings – we hope you enjoy this and get some ideas for your own reading at home!



## Newly published books we love!

Here are some of the best non-fiction titles which we have found for children at Brindishe Manor from Nursery to Year 6.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and purchased a book or two from our book fair. You spent a whopping £2137 in total, which means that we will have an additional £1282 to spend on books for your children's classrooms. This really does make a difference to the children, as we need to continuously purchase, renew and supply new reading material and non-fiction books for the children in school.

***If you would ever like to donate money for books for our school this can be done through our PSFA. Please email [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) for the details.***

## PSFA

We are very grateful for the tireless support from our PSFA. The money they raise makes such a difference to your children's learning. Details about the Halloween Trail are below and look out for more information about the Winter Fair which will take place in December. There will also be further details about the PSFA meetings in future newsletters. If you would like to join and support the school if you have any free time, please email [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) and they will forward your information on. Have a look at our 'thank you' photos which are attached to this week's Weduc message!

## PSFA Halloween Trail 2022



Take part in a spooky local Halloween Trail, solve the anagram and help raise funds to continue to support Brindishe Manor School. The money raised will contribute to further playground improvements, Forest School and resources for DT/Science weeks.

You can raise money online by donating at:

[https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brindishemanorpsfa2022halloweentrail?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=campaign&utm\\_content=brindishemanorpsfa2022halloweentrail&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=ed420017987d47dba14603aa42c389b0](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brindishemanorpsfa2022halloweentrail?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=brindishemanorpsfa2022halloweentrail&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=ed420017987d47dba14603aa42c389b0)