



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

What has been happening this week?

It's been another busy week throughout the school, with children enjoying a range of visitors and going on trips to support their learning.

On Tuesday, Year 5 welcomed a Benin workshop to school to support their History learning about West Africa. On Wednesday, Year 3 visited the Church of the Good Shepherd on Handen road for a tour of the church and to develop their learning on Christianity. Y4 visited the Synagogue in Bromley on Thursday as they have learnt about Shabbat and special Jewish festivals. Finally, Year 5 and 6 took part in a 'Powerful choices' workshop, which explored the risks and choices that they can make as they travel more independently and transition to secondary school.



School Lunches

A reminder - we are offering you the flexibility to be able to choose on a daily basis whether your child would like to have a school meal.

Each morning the lunch register will be called and your child just needs to let their teacher know that they are having a school meal or packed lunch!

TCS Mini London Marathon

Entries for the 2024 TCS Mini London Marathon are opening this month and, if you haven't already, you can register your interest in the event today - [Click here!](#)

-  **Saturday 20th April**
-  **14,000 children and young people**
-  **One mile or 2.6K**
-  **Medal, and £10 to the school for every finisher**



The event is free to enter, with more than 14,000 children and young people expected to run, jog, walk, or wheel one mile or 2.6K in the heart of the capital.

Smartwatches and Jewellery

Please can we remind all children and parents/carers of our policy on jewellery: we do not allow jewellery in school, apart from religious items such as a crucifix or a Kara (Sikh bangle), and only close-fitting stud earrings, never hooped or dangly earrings.

We are seeing an increased number of children wearing smartwatches to school. As you know, there are many different versions that can do a variety of things (take photos, receive texts, count steps etc), and for safeguarding reasons, we ask that children only to wear a simple digital or analogue watch to school. Thank you for your support.

Young Artists' Summer Show

We have registered Brindishe Manor for the Royal Academy of Arts, Young Artists' Summer Show.

If your child produces a piece of art for the competition at home, it can be uploaded on to the website. Submission date closes on 27th March 2024

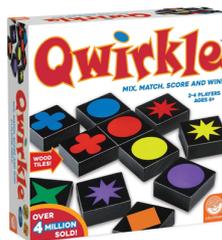
Visit the website for more information <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>



Wet Play Games

If you have any board games or card games that are in really good condition, that you might be looking to re-home, please think of us. The children like to have games that they can play with when the weather is wet and we are running low in some of our classrooms. Examples could be...

- Jenga
- Cluedo
- Top Trumps
- Uno
- 4 in a row
- Dobble
- Pop-up pirate



Please bring your contributions to the school office and we can distribute them accordingly.

Attendance this week

Overall school attendance this week:	95%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%: A huge congratulation to Escher Class for 100% attendance this week!	Escher Rashford Adeola Yousafzai Thunberg	100% 99% 98% 98% 95%
Top classes with all children in on time	Adeola, Rashford, Yousafzai, Attenborough! Huge well done to them all 😊	



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Online Safety Bulletin

Get to know Age Ratings

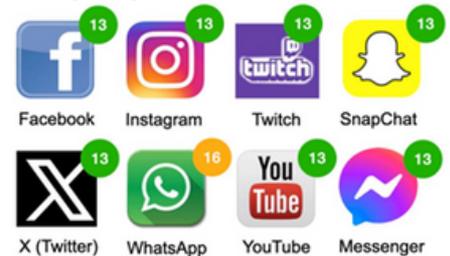
Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.

Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?

Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.



Further information

Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter:
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Brindishe Schools Music Tuition

Brindishe Schools are looking to improve and extend their music tuition offer for our children. Currently, we offer a range of music tuition for a variety of instruments and singing, but we are keen to expand this.

Do you know someone who is a self-employed music tutor or a company that can offer a range of musical instrument tuition? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Nikki Tatler (Brindishe Schools Procurement Manager) by emailing
NiTatler@brindisheschools.org.



Right Respecting Article Of The Week

Article 1 makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

Article 4 states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

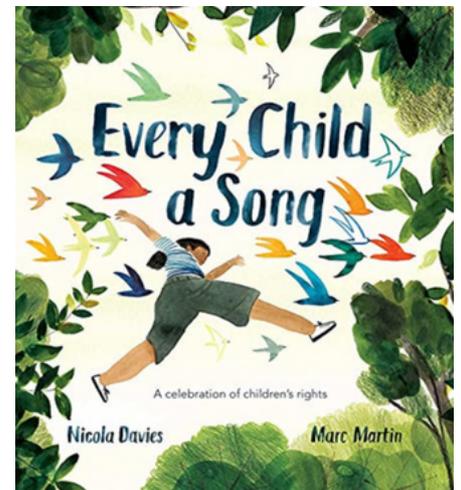
Article 41 states that if a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

How do children get to enjoy their rights in the UK? What does Government do to make this happen?

- Every child must be registered with a name at birth.
- There are parks and play areas provided.
- We have education and health care systems.
- Some people's job is to protect children.
- The school curriculum includes learning about the CRC (in some parts of the UK).
- Children are given protection when they need it.
- Most schools have ways of listening to children's views and opinions.
- There are Children's Commissioners whose job it is to make sure children are listened to.
- Social care services and the police work to keep all children protected.
- In Scotland, the CRC is being incorporated into law.
- Many schools are UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools and children learn about their rights.
- There are laws which include some rights from the CRC, such as equalities legislation and the Children Act.



All children are special and important, and governments have to do all they can to make sure that each child enjoys their rights. Read the book Every Child a Song by Nicola Davies and Marc Martin and discuss what makes your child special. At Brindishe Schools we celebrate every child's uniqueness and discuss what makes them special.



Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our third meeting of this academic year is on **Tuesday 6th February at 6pm** at Brindishe Manor School.

Key Federation Dates

- End of Term – **Friday 9th February**
- Half Term – **Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February**
- Children return to school – **Monday 19th February**
- Secondary Offer Day – **Friday 1st March**

Brindishe Schools Vacancies

Brindishe Green: Family Support Lead

Brindishe Green School, Beacon Road, London, SE13 6EH

Salary: Scale 5 (points 13-15) £32,205 - £33,204

Hours: 35 per week, 42 weeks, typically 8.30am - 4.30pm

The post is full time and is subject to satisfactory 6 month probation period

We are recruiting for a full time **Family Support Lead at Brindishe Green School**, a Lewisham Local Authority Primary School, starting on Monday 19th February 2024.

Brindishe Green is a community school where learning together is seen as a very important part of the education that we offer. We are a very friendly team, working in a highly supportive environment where individual differences are welcome and teamwork is highly valued. The school is arranged on three floors with our youngest children on the ground floor. Though the building might look traditional, we use it in a modern way. Each class uses their own classroom and a range of shared areas outside of this environment depending on the curriculum area or the type of learning in which they are involved. You might imagine this creates a lot of noise as children move around our large building. In fact it doesn't – Brindishe Green is a very quiet and calm school. Children learn in a calm and considerate way and behave responsibly.

At Brindishe Green we are looking for applicants who have experience of working with primary school aged children and their families. We are looking for a well-educated, flexible and confident person who is looking for a role in which they can make a real difference to the lives of our children and their families. Knowing our families and how best we can support is the key to making this role a success.

The post involves:

- Managing the school's Attendance and Welfare programme
- Providing pastoral support to pupils and families
- Supporting the development of pupil voice across the school
- Designated professional for Child Protection
- Being responsible for establishing inclusive practice in the school

We are looking for someone who:

- has experience of working with children and families in a school or educational setting
- can read and write fluently, have very good spelling and are confident in maths (at least GCSE or equivalent in maths and English)
- can demonstrate quiet initiative, self-confidence, common sense and maturity
- use IT confidently

Hither Green, our closest mainline station, is only a few stops from Charing Cross, Waterloo and London Bridge mainline station or a 20 minutes' walk from Lewisham station

Further Information

Complete an application form and return to rwaite@brindisheschools.org. These can be found on the school website.

If you would like to visit to look around or have a conversation about the role before applying please phone Rachel Waite, Executive Headteacher on 07508 868726

Please apply by midday on **Tuesday 30th January 2024**.

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 1st February 2024**.

NSPCC

Number Day 2024

Friday 2nd
February

IT'S MATHS, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT.



Dress For Digits!

Wear an item of clothing with a number on it or you could put your creative hats on and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!

Children will take part in mathematic activities giving them a chance to apply their skills to scenarios while having fun with their peers!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of numbers!

This year we are raising money for the [NSPCC](#).

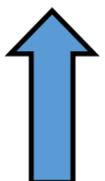
Keeping children safe is why the NSPCC is here:

- When a child needs a helping hand, they'll be there.
- When parents are finding it tough, they'll help.
- When laws need to change, or governments need to do more, they won't give up.



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We hope everyone is in the swing of the new term. We have loads of great events coming up and below is what's on. As always, we need your help, so please do get involved. **We have an AGM coming on Thursday 1st Feb and everyone is welcome.**

Contact us at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com and look for event updates in the newsletter or on the PSFA Facebook page facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa



What's on - Spring term!



Valentine's cake sale -Thursday 8th Feb, 3.15pm.

Buy cakes and biscuits at our Valentine's cake sale. Homemade or bought cake donations are welcomed (**no nuts and please bring a list of the ingredients**). Vegan and Gluten free options are welcomed. **Cake competition** - Your homemade cakes will be entered into a competition.



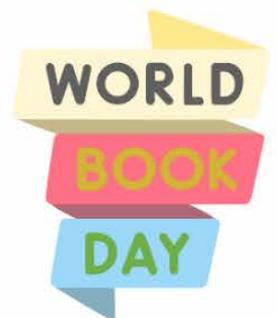
Coffee morning - Friday 23rd Feb, 8.45am.

Come and grab a coffee and a cake - It's a chance to meet parents and carers from other classes. It's also an opportunity to chat about the psfa and what they do for the school. Feel free to bring your reusable cup and save waste.



World Book Day breakfast Thursday 7th March.

Open to all, join us for a World Book Day breakfast. World Book Day is a great way to celebrate books and reading and we think it is a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers from around the school.



PSFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Thursday 1st Feb.

Everyone is welcome to attend this and we will set up a zoom link for anyone who can't be there in person. More details are below.



PSFA Annual General Meeting (AGM).



We will be holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Thursday 1st February at 6pm at the school.**

All parents, staff and friends of the school are welcome to attend. Come and to find out more about:

- What the PSFA achieved in 2023.
- How the money raised and events held have helped our school community.
- An overview of what we aim to achieve in 2024.

We will also be taking nominations and electing for the following positions.

- **Co-Chairs**
- **Vice Chair**
- **Treasurer**
- **Co-Treasurer**
- **Secretary**



If you're interested in finding out more about the PSFA and what we do, please pop along to the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, please email us for a zoom link to join. Email at **brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com**