



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

What has been happening this week?

This week we have had great fun celebrating World Book Day.

Thank you to our PSFA who ran our 'book breakfast' for children and families on Thursday. So many children came dressed as their favourite characters and could share and talk about their favourite books. We welcomed local author, Allison Parkinson in to school to run a workshop with Reception and Year 3 children and have planned other author visits later in the year for the rest of the school.

You will have received your World Book Day token, via your child. Happy reading!

Well done to our Year 4 children who have now finished their two weeks of swimming lessons. They have enjoyed the sessions and so many children have made really good progress with their swimming skills. Thank you to the parent helpers who have taken the time to accompany the children on walking to and from the swimming pool each day.



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Science Week Competition



Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March

Get ready to unleash your curiosity! This year, our Science Leaders are encouraging all students to take part in our thrilling whole school Science Competition.



This year's theme is

Flight



We're challenging everyone to design and create something that soars, glides, or hovers. It can be big or small, complex or simple. if it flies, it counts!

Let your imagination take off!



The science team will be looking for.....

- Most successful - Does it fly the furthest or stay in the air the longest?
- Most original - Is your creation unlike anyone else's?
- Most effort - Have you put a lot of effort into it? Does it have the "wow factor?"



The rules are simple!



- All entries must arrive to school by **Tuesday 24th March**.
- The creation must be made by the children; children can work in small groups but no bigger than 3 children per group.
- The entry must be an original creation (no ready-made kits).

Every winner will proudly receive a Science Certificate A badge of honour for soaring to success!

We can't wait to see what you create!

Parents Evening

Nursery to Year 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings

We will be holding our 1:1 Nursery to Year 6 Parent/Teacher meetings on Tuesday 24th and 26th of March. This will be an opportunity for the class teacher to talk to you about your child's learning, needs and behaviour this academic year.

·All meetings are face to face, in person.

·Please only book one meeting per child (please contact the school office if as parents, you definitely require two separate appointments).

·All meetings are 10 minutes long. It is important that they do not overrun so that other parents/carers are not waiting.

·Please make a note in your diary/phone of the date and time of your appointment.

·Please be ready to arrive at school at least 10 minutes before your appointment so that you have time to look at your child's learning before meeting with the teacher.

The booking portal on Arbor will open on **Friday 6th March at 5:30pm** and will close on Sunday 22nd March at 11pm. To book your meeting, please use your Arbor App or the Arbor Parent Portal (internet browser).

Please click [here](#) to read instructions on how to book, if needed – [Click here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you into school on week beginning 23rd March.

National Year of Reading

Donate a book for classroom reading corners

This year, the PSFA is funding new furniture for our classroom reading corners!

To help fill them, please consider buying a book from our **school wish list** via the QR code below.

We'll be adding more titles throughout the year.

If you already own a good-quality copy of a book on the list, pre-loved donations are very welcome!

(You can also buy used books via the list.)



*Select the wish list registry address to deliver directly to school.
If buying elsewhere, please mark as purchased on the wishlist.
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Planting and litter pick day

Saturday 21st March,

12pm to 3pm.

HH Garden Landscapes and the PSFA are all set for a day of making our school and surrounding areas even more beautiful. All families are welcome to join but **children must be supervised by their adult at all times.**

What we need



Volunteers to join us for a fun afternoon of gardening and litter picking. Wear sturdy boots or shoes, bring a pair of gardening gloves if you have them and wear warm layers. Children should also bring a pair of gloves if they want to join in.

We're also looking for people to bring garden forks, trowels and kneeling pads, if you have them. If you are able to bring a wheelbarrow those would also be useful.



What to expect

We will be tidying the the planters and other areas of the school, including planting, weeding, mulching and creating habitat piles. As part of the [Great Big School Clean](#), we will also ask people to go out with litter pickers and help make the areas surrounding school even nicer for the whole community. Drop in anytime from 12 to 3pm. Refreshments will be available.



Measles Update:

Since January, measles infections have been on the rise in London.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are not vaccinated. It usually starts with a high temperature and cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash. Around 1 in 5 children with measles need hospital care, and measles can sometimes lead to serious problems, such as pneumonia, meningitis, blindness, and seizures.

The MMR and MMRV vaccines protect against measles. Nearly all children who are developing measles have not been vaccinated. The MMR vaccine is recommended for anyone born on or before 31 December 2019, and the MMRV vaccine for younger children. They are safe, free, and given in two doses, usually at 12 months and 18 months of age. Getting the vaccine also helps stop measles from spreading to people with weak immune systems and babies who are too young to have it yet. Please check whether your child has had two doses of the MMR (or MMRV) vaccine. You can look in your child's "Red Book" (Personal Child Health Record), check on the NHS app, or ask your GP surgery.

If your child has missed one or both doses, please book a free appointment as soon as possible by contacting the School Immunisation Team (020 8487 1730 or email HRCH.Immunisationcallcentre@nhs.net) or by speaking to your GP practice.

Wrap around Care reminder

This is a reminder that Claire Dawson, who leads our breakfast and tea club, had a planned operation on Friday 27th February and will be away from school for next week. In her absence Janet O'Neill and Marva Hudson (both school staff who know the children very well) will be leading the provision with the continued support of all the existing staff and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The provision will run in the same way and there has been a thorough handover with all staff involved.

If you need to speak to anyone about your sessions during this time then please email extendedservices-BM@brindisheschools.org or contact Lisa in the school office.