

Brindishe Manor School

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This week at Brindishe Manor

It has been lovely to welcome our new Nursery children to their introductory 'stay and play' sessions this week. Reception children have also had their first full week with us and have had a great week! They are now very familiar with their inside and outside learning environments and what the day involves.

Meet the teacher meetings Ys 1 - 6

Parents and carers of children in Ys 1 – 6 are invited to make a short appointment to meet their child's new teacher during the week **Monday 15th - Friday 19th October**. During this meeting you will be able to share important information about your child with the class teacher. You should use your Arbor username and password to log on to Parent Portal and book your meeting time. The booking window will be open on Monday 24th October, from 8:30am. If you are new to the school or have lost your username and password details, please ask at the school office or email us on jmunoz@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk.

During our Meet the Teacher week, we will also have the Scholastic book fair visiting us each day, after school. The book fair is an opportunity for you to browse some of the newest and most popular books from over sixty publishers. Books start at £2.99 and with every sale the school will be able to redeem books for our classrooms.

Messages from the school office

Please note that the Flu Vaccination for children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 will be held on Wednesday **10th October**. All parents and carers of children in these year groups have been sent a leaflet and consent form which details the immunisation programme. Please make sure that you have returned your child's consent form to the school office, Clare Doran, or your child's class teacher by 28th September.

Music lessons

We currently have some spaces available for children wishing to learn a brass instrument, on Thursday mornings and a few spaces in our ensemble/orchestra, which takes place on Thursdays between 3:15-4pm. The ensemble/ orchestra is for children who already play an instrument inside or outside of school.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Moonstone 100%
Key stage 2: Diamond & Opal 99.3%

PSFA News:

The PSFA raises important funds for our school every year, as well as hosting fun events to bring our school community together. As a parent or carer of a child at Brindishe Manor you are all members of the association, which is run on a voluntary basis. The team really needs the support of as many members as possible in order to host these events.

All parents and carers are welcome to join the PSFA for a **coffee/tea and a pastry next Friday morning between 9-10am** in the Community Room. We will also be collecting for the Macmillan charity on this morning.

The PSFA will then be holding its **AGM on Wednesday 3rd October between 6.30-7.30pm**. Please do come along and hear what funds have been raised, what the school will be using it for and what is planned for the year ahead, even if you are only able to drop in to part of the meeting.

Interim Headteacher: Kate Porter Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Lindsay Dale

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Dates for your diary:

September 27	Information evening for Y6 parents
October 2	Open day for prospective parents
October 4	Year 5 School Journey meeting – final arrangements
Week beginning October 15	Meet the Teacher meetings
October 22 - 26	Half Term
October 31	Secondary school application deadline
November 5-7	Year 5 school journey
November 13	Open day for prospective parents
December 7	Winter Fair from 3:15pm
December 12 & 13	Key Stage 1 winter performance
December 17 & 18	Key Stage 2 winter performance
December 19	End of term

Best wishes for a lovely weekend
Kate Porter,
Interim Headteacher, Brindishe Manor

In class this week...

Each week we would like to share with you what each year group has been focussing on in class and offer some ideas on how you can support your child over the coming week.

Reception...

In Reception this week the children have been learning to keep our environment tidy and safe using our 'Choose it, use it and put it away' rhyme. We have been playing many listening games, helping the children to listen carefully to the people around them.

At home, you could...play 'What can you hear?' where you ask your child to close their eyes and listen to all the sounds inside and outside.

In Year 1...

This week we have been reading 'Supertato' and used drama to help us get into role and think about the characteristics of a superhero. **Please bring in up to 3 pieces of fruit or vegetables so that we can create our own superheroes next week.** In Science this term we will be learning all about the human body. *Please could children bring in a baby photo next week for our 'Guess the baby' activity.*

If possible, please provide a colour copy so we can photocopy them at school and return the originals to you.

In Year 2...

Ruby and Amethyst have had such a busy week! We have been learning about different animal habitats in science. How many different marine habitats do you know about? We have also used iPads and atlases to explore the world's oceans.

At home, you could investigate one of the world's oceans or seas and create a poster filled with information about it. We are looking forward to our visit to the Horniman Museum on Monday 8th October and are very grateful to those adults who have offered to come with us; we still do need a few more volunteers!

In Year 3...

This week year 3 have been counting in hundreds and thousands. In literacy, we have been looking at the features of formal and informal letters. We have also carried out some experiments on rocks and tested different types of to find out whether they are permeable or not.

You could continue to help your child at home with their research on The Stone Age and Iron Age?

In Year 4...

This week in maths, Year 4 have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. Can you think of why being able to round numbers would be a useful skill?

In Science, we have been sorting materials into groups (solids, liquids and gases), and exploring the properties of these three states of matter.

At home, you could investigate the different states of matter of food and find examples of solids and liquids that display unique properties.

In Year 5...

This week in Year 5, we have been exploring the Kingdom of Benin and looking at how its borders have changed over time. We found modern day Benin on a World map and questioned how this has changed since 900 AD. We also delved into how the kingdom was first established and the earthen moat that was built around the kingdom.

In Science, we have started our topic 'Materials'. Children have been showing what keen scientists they are by coming up with some brilliant wonders about some everyday materials. Over this half term, the children will be creating their own experiments, completing fair tests and continuing to wonder about all things 'material'.

Why not explore some of the objects you use every day with your child and discuss why they have been built from specific materials, along with the properties of those materials.

In Year 6...

Year 6 have written diary entries based on the Blitz bombings. We've focused on using adjectives, similes and personification for effect. We have also studied the artwork of Henry Moore and created our own chalk drawings based on his art from WW2.

Ask your child to compare Moore's artwork with Bill Brand's 'People Sheltering in the Tube, Elephant and Castle Tube Station 1942' and Edward Ardizzone's watercolour 'In the Shelter 1940'. What similarities and differences can they find between the artists' work? You can see these online!

Validity Big Half

Sunday 10th March 2019

Considering your first half marathon? Get fit and fundraise for the school at the same time.

We are looking for parents, guardians and staff to take on this amazing challenge!
The race starts at Tower Bridge and finishes in Greenwich.

- £15 entry fee
- £50 suggested fundraising target for the school
- Prize for the most funds raised

All abilities welcome, no previous running experience necessary. Support and 20 week beginner training plans available.

Register your interest with the PSFA at the school office by 28th September.

If you have already signed up to this event then please consider joining our group and fundraising for the school.

For information about the event visit- www.thebighalf.co.uk