



Friday 12 October 2018

This week at Brindishe Manor

On Monday, our Year 2 children visited the Horniman Museum to explore the aquarium. They took part in a workshop where they learned all about how sea life can adapt to their environments. Mr Maguire and Ms Kozysa said the day was fantastic and the children enjoyed all of the experiences on offer.

Our KS2 Tri-school chamber choir have had their second rehearsal (held here at Brindishe Manor). I have to say that the singing sounds absolutely beautiful. We are all really looking forward to hearing the performance at the end of term.

Staff changes

Next Friday, we are saying goodbye to Bee Clements, Year 1 Jasper Class Teacher. Bee has been with us for the past 5 years working across our Nursery, Reception and Year 1. She is leaving us to move across the world to Australia, where her husband has a new job. We wish her all the very best for her time there and have already told her to get back in touch as soon as she returns...whenever that may be!

Michelle Blake will be joining us to be the class teacher for Jasper class and will be in school from next week so that there is a smooth transition for the children. Michelle joins us with a wealth of experience, especially in Early Years and Key Stage One. We very much look forward to working with her.

#worldmentalhealthday

With world mental health day this week, the schools have been talking to the children about the importance of looking after our wellbeing and ourselves. I was sent an image of a post in a tube station, which summed up the importance of such a day. It was about the character Eeyore who found life very hard but was always invited to participate in the fun his friends were having. They didn't expect him to be anything else, but he was never left behind or asked to change.

Over the next few months, we will be investing time in to how we can further support our children and families by providing time, resources, space and opportunities. We will keep you posted.

Have a lovely weekend. Rachel Waite

Meet the Teacher Meetings Ys 1 - 6 FINAL REMINDER

This is a reminder that the Parent Portal is open for parents & carers to book their Meet the Teacher appointments. The appointments are being held between **Monday 15th - Friday 19th October and are for parents and carers of children in years 1-6**. 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 info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk.

Book fair: Don't forget the Book Fair is running on the following days and times;

Friday 12th October after school from 3:15pm

Monday 15th October before and after school (8:30am-9am / from 3:15pm)

Tuesday 16th October before and after school (8:30am-9am / from 3:15pm)

Wednesday 17th October before and after school (8:30am-9am / from 3:15pm)

Parent Workshop

This year we hope to continue with our termly Inclusion-focused mornings. This term the focus will be on dyslexia. This will take place on Wednesday 7th November between 9-10am. There are a limited number of spaces available, so if you wish to attend please let the office know so that they can reserve your place.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Emerald 99.3%

Key stage 2: Quartz & Diamond both with 99.3%



Rights Respecting School

Each week in the newsletter, we will aim to share one or two of the 54 articles that link with our learning in school or a particular theme for the week. Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on **Article 22 (refugee children)**.

If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.



Brindishe Community to support the Helping Hands Foodbank!

The 'Helping Hands Foodbank' is a new joint project between the Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter (in Lee) and Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL). AFRIL is a small, locally run charity based in Lewisham. They work to relieve poverty and social isolation amongst refugees and asylum seekers, by providing education, family support services, and access to emergency supplies. Each week they currently help an average of 120 people in our local community.

Many of the families that AFRIL helps are living on as little as £36.50 a week. The Helping Hands Foodbank aims to provide these destitute families with much needed food. Families are assessed by AFRIL then referred to the foodbank where they can receive a weekly supply of fresh, dried and tinned foods, as well tea and toast when they pop in.

At Brindishe Manor, we will be talking to the children about the importance of sharing what we have, and helping those in our community that are less fortunate than ourselves. After the half term holiday, some visitors from The Good Shepherd and St Peters Church will be coming to talk to the children about the Foodbank and how it helps refugee families.

At school we will be collecting donations on **FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER** in Manor Hall. Donations should be tinned, dried or store cupboard foods, toiletries etc. The list below gives you some idea of what you may wish to donate:

Tinned tomatoes
Toilet rolls
Long-Life Full fat Milk
Oil, salt, pepper, spices
Eggs
Baked beans
Tinned Tuna
Pasta /rice
Fruit juice
w/ up liquid
Biscuits
Cereals
Toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, shampoo)
Baby milk, nappies sizes 1-5

Dates for your diary:

October 12th -17th	Scholastic Book Fair in Lee Hall
Week beginning October 15th	Meet the Teacher meetings
October 19th	PSFA Cake Sale (3:15pm)
October 22nd -26th	Half Term
October 31st	Secondary school application deadline
November 5th -7th	Year 5 school journey
November 13th	Open day for prospective parents
December 7th	Winter Fair from 3:15pm
December 12th & 13th	Key Stage 1 winter performance
December 17th & 18th	Key Stage 2 winter performance
December 19th	End of term

Best wishes for a lovely weekend
Kate Porter,
Interim Headteacher

In class this week...

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

Nursery...

We have had a fabulous week in Nursery. The children have settled in well and are enjoying engaging in the various activities and resources. This week, we have been thinking about the changes in the weather and looking for signs of autumn. The children have been creating their own leaf animals and art inspired by the book 'Leaf Man'. We would love to see some autumn - inspired projects brought in to share with the class.

Reception...

In Reception we have started reading individually with our children. The books we read with them can be taken home and shared with the family. We are keen to develop the children's love for reading, therefore the books we are currently sending home are not yet tailored to their reading ability. We want children to enjoy and have conversations about a variety of books, the images in them and the stories themselves. We have also begun Phonics with our children. Rather than concentrating on individual sounds, we are experimenting with what sounds we can make through games and play to consolidate what children may have learnt in Nursery. This will lead nicely into us learning our first set of individual letter sounds.

In Year 1...

This week, we have been practising how to explain our thought process in Maths. The children have been focusing on using different strategies to find number bonds to 10. It is important that once they have solved a sum, they attempt to explain how they reached the answer for example, $4 + 2 = 6$ "I know there are two parts 4 and 2, when I put them together it makes 6, which is my whole amount". Have a go at explaining $3 + 5 = 8$. You could also write it down and bring it into class for sharing. In phonics, we have been practising how to read single sounds using our 'robot arms'. The children will say the sounds moving their arms in time with the sound and then blend the sounds together when they have finished segmenting. We have also been encouraging children to point at the sounds using their finger. Have a go at reading these words: tap, sit, at, flag, skip, plum. Why not challenge yourself and see if you can write them? You could even read, cover, write and check.

In Year 2...

Year 2 were brilliant on their visit to the Horniman Museum on Monday. We really enjoyed exploring the aquarium and learned so much from our workshop on Aquatic Adaptations. In English, we have been writing recounts of our visit and we have been twisting the truth a little to make our recounts a bit more exciting. Amethyst have been designing and making Aquatic Themed biscuits and Ruby have started their study of the artwork of Felix Murillo. In maths, we have been using different strategies to boost our mental maths for addition. At home, you could practice adding numbers together using mental strategies. For example $8+7 = 8+2+5$.

In Year 3...

This week in Literacy we have been publishing our informal letters. We have also been identifying and using prepositions to express place, direction and time. In maths we have completed our place value topic with problem solving, we then moved onto addition by using base 10 and bar models.

In Year 4...

This week in year 4, the children have been multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. This has prepared them for multiplying 5-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using a formal written method. The children have all made such good progress with writing their stories with a historical setting and are looking forward to publishing them. You could support your child with this stage of the writing process by looking at different front covers of books they like. Discuss what makes an eye-catching front cover and what information is needed on the front or back of a book to help you decide whether or not to read it.

In Year 5...

This week Year 5 have been writing their very own 'Autobiographies' covering the first decade of their lives! The children have worked hard this week to work on different literary features such as fronted adverbials, personification and most importantly- punctuation. Ask your child to tell you how they began their autobiography to draw in and grip their reader.

In Maths, we have been looking at bar modelling to help us solve word problems.

Ask your child to show you how a bar model can help them to solve a problem!

In Year 6...

On Monday of next week, Year 6 will be finding out how the Blitz affected our local area in World War 2, by visiting Greenwich and being given a guided tour of former bomb sights and important WW2 landmarks. This is in addition to all of the fabulous artefacts the children have been bringing in to tell their own families' stories, which, in the past few weeks, have included gas masks, diaries, photographs and newspaper articles!

In preparation for our visit to Greenwich, why not have a look at the street you live on via <http://bombsight.org>, and see how air raids affected your community in the war?

PSFA NEWS

HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE FRIDAY 19th OCT 3.15pm

Bring your spooky bakes and tricky treats (homemade or shop bought) to the school office and do remember to come and buy something tasty to celebrate the beginning of half term (all bakes are 50p or £1 - loose change is much appreciated!).

Big Half Update

Thank you to all those who have signed up to run the half marathon. We are delighted with the response and have a whopping 35 runners taking part and raising money for the school.

Participants will have received a letter and registration form in your child's book bag this week, if not, please speak to the office to get your copy. Everyone who expressed interest has been allocated a place.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to hear about PSFA events directly, please sign up to our mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/dIPX4D> (that's a capital I not a number 1!) or find us on Facebook page (Brindishe Manor School PSFA).