

Brindishe Manor School

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This week at Brindishe Manor

We have had a busy week this week. Year 2 have visited the Church of the Good Shepherd on Handen Road. Whilst they were there, they heard all about the Nativity story and had the opportunity to look around the church and ask questions.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Ruby 99.3%

Key stage 2: Opal 98.7%



Rights Respecting School

This week, we focused on **Article 29**.

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Today, many children and staff took part in raising money for Children in Need by wearing their pyjamas and donating money to this cause. In class, they also had the opportunity to 'do their thing' by talking for 1 minute about what they enjoy doing and what makes them shine.



Super Science

This week, we have had lots of scientific visitors. Y5 learnt how to extract DNA from a strawberry in a session by UCL Science4Kids. Topaz class learnt about habitat loss and the links with pesticides and some fertilisers from UCL Roots and Shoots.

Next week, our Y6 children will be visiting HMS Belfast. Topaz will be visited by UCL Roots and Shoots and Sapphire class will be taking part in a forensics workshop run by UCL Science4kids. Our Year 4 classes will be having a Tudor Day where they will act and dress like Tudors.

Early Reading and Writing Workshop for Nursery and Reception parents

We are planning to hold an Early Reading and Writing workshop for parents and carers of children in our Nursery and Reception classes. The workshop will be held at 9:15am and 6pm on Wednesday 5th December. We will be sending more details out to parents and carers next week.

Uniforms and book bags

If you require a school sweatshirt, please come to the office on Thursday mornings where they will be available at £8 each. You can also buy a book bag at this time at £4.75 each.

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

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Dates for your diary:**December 3rd****December 5th****December 6th****December 7th****December 12th & 13th****December 14th****December 17th & 18th****December 19th**

'Turning of the Year' concert at Blackheath Concert halls
Reading and Writing workshop for Nursery and Reception
parent/carers

Chamber choir concert at the Church of The Good Shepherd
Winter Fair from 3:15pm

Key Stage 1 Winter performance

Nursery Winter Workshop & 'Dress Festive' Day

Christmas lunch for R, KS1 & KS2

Key Stage 2 Winter performance

End of term

Please note that the Christmas lunch has now changed days to Friday 14th December!

Enjoy the weekend!

Julie Hockham
Interim Deputy

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...

This week we have been sing, sing, and singing! Singing about the weather, nursery rhymes and the alphabet song, in particular, the 'LMNOP' part. This has led us to identify letters in the alphabet and letters in our names. We have been looking for words around our environment that have the same letters in our names. We have even been practising writing some letters by tracing over them, painting them and using our magic fingers to make the letter in the air. Have a go at helping your child to find letters from their name at home or when you're out and about. Finally, please make sure all hats, gloves, scarves and coats are labelled to prevent confusions.

Reception...

In Reception we are continuing to develop our phonics. We have learnt the following sounds; n, m, d, o, g, c and k. We are learning that lots of simple CVC words can be made using the letter sounds that we have learnt so far, for example; sat, cat, hen, man, pit, pot. A possible way to reinforce this at home could be to use magnetic letters on a magnetic surface.

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag daily containing their purple books and any reading books as we read with your child on a weekly basis.

The children are enjoying their maths learning exploring numbers and shapes. What numbers and shapes can you see at the weekend? For example: the numbers on a car registration plate or on a door.

In Year 1...

Through our topic of Amazing Animals, we have looked at various habitats, discussed the features and animals suited to those habitats. We have designed habitats of our own and planned what materials will be needed to make the features in readiness for making models of habitats next week.

In English, we have begun to make information books about animals. Last week, we worked in small groups to research and plan the information. This week, we have started to present the facts in different ways using the features of the genre. We can't wait to show you the finished results once completed.

In Maths, the children have begun to investigate different strategies to subtract and are beginning to relate this to their knowledge of number bonds. Continued practice with number bonds and having the ability to recall them instantly will benefit the children in all areas of Maths in years to come.

In Year 2...

This week, Year 2 have been publishing our fantastic instructions for looking after penguins, come in and have a read. We have started learning songs for our Nativity performance. Look out for a letter next week with more details.

Ruby Class have been working with Year 6 this week, thinking about how children grow using measurement. Amethyst have continued composing music using glockenspiels!

In maths, Ruby class have been working on division, sharing things out equally and Amethyst Class have been using arrays to help them multiply numbers together. *Keep practising your 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home. Can you say them backwards as well as forwards?*

In Year 3...

This week in maths, year 3 have been subtracting with regrouping and problem solving. In reading, we have been looking at different images from various stories and using inference to determine what the stories might be about. In English, we have been exploring the features of non-chronological reports in preparation to write our own from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In Art, we have been creating our own Stone Age cave paintings, we started by sketching Stone Age animals and then we used pastels to blend colours to show light and shadows.

Why not have a look at the subtraction learning on Mymaths?

In Year 4...

Year 4 began their busy week by further developing their cricket skills, and specifically focused on how to bat correctly. We learnt how to hold the bat and how to hit the ball. We discovered that adopting the correct stance in cricket helps us to aim the ball.

Both classes have been refining their performances for Tudor Day next Thursday. Amber have been perfecting their wonderful song and practising their authentic dances, whilst Topaz have been enjoying rehearsing their play. We are looking forward to sharing our performances with you. In English, we have been looking at how to write and lay out letters. We put ourselves in Macbeth's shoes and wrote a letter to his wife describing how we felt at different points in the story.

As we move on to maths work involving statistics (presenting and interpreting information in tables, graphs and charts), it would be a good idea for children to conduct a short survey at home, gather information about what friends and family members like, and then present that information in different ways.

In Year 5...

We've had a great week in Year 5 this week. The children have been enthusiastically researching about climate change and how it affects people, animals and the planet. We've had some good discussions about this and have also taken part in debates around some of the issues of climate change. It's lovely to see the children so interested in the topic!

The children took part in a DNA workshop led by volunteers from University College London. During this workshop, the children learnt about DNA and were able to extract DNA from a strawberry. Both classes really enjoyed the session and were able to take home a sample of the DNA they extracted.

We are really looking forward to our workshop by Felicity Aston that is taking place on Thursday 29th November. Please remember to return the slip and contribution by next **Friday 23rd November**. Over the weekend, why not have a look at her website (www.felicityaston.co.uk) to learn more about the expeditions she has been on and perhaps start thinking about any questions you would like to ask her.

In Year 6...

Year 6 have been learning about the role propaganda played in World War Two. We have explored many different examples thinking carefully about what makes them effective. In art, we've started to create our own, focusing on use of colour, shape and composition to grab the attention of our audience.

On Tuesday, we will also be visiting HMS Belfast to find out more about the important role it played during World War Two.

At home this week, why not encourage your child to research interesting facts about the ship and its history?

PSFA NEWS...

The Winter Fair will take place on **7th December, 3.15-5pm**. We REALLY need volunteers to help run the amazing stalls! If you can help out for an hour, please do get in touch: brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com.

- The PSFA newsletter is a really great way to keep in touch with the events and activities taking place. If you'd like to receive it by email, please sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/dIPX4D>

- We also have a friendly Facebook page, which is great for keeping up with all the fun stuff that's going on. You can find us here - <https://www.facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa/>