

Friday 13th September 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

We have now come to the end of our first full week back and are starting to see all the children settle in to the new year. Even our youngest children have been immersed in their exciting learning environments, enjoying the chance to make new friends and begin many new adventures. The atmosphere around each school has been buzzing with the talk of the summer holidays past, the returning back to school and the opportunities that 2019-20 will bring.

As a Federation, we met on Wednesday and celebrated coming together, reminding ourselves of who we are as a group of three schools and how we can work collaboratively to provide the best we can for the Brindishe community. Exciting times ahead for us all. Have a lovely weekend,

Rachel Waite.

This week...

It has been a fabulous first week at Brindishe Manor for our Reception children and our new Nursery children and families. The Reception children have enjoyed their first few days of staying in school for lunch and next week will be with us for a full day. The adults supporting them have commented on how settled they all are and how well they have already made the transition into school.

This week we have said goodbye to our federation premises manager, Haydn Phillips. He has been part of the Brindishe federation for the past 11 years, working at Brindishe Lee and then Brindishe Manor. In recent years, he has spread his time across the three schools supporting the premises teams. We thank him for all that he has done for the federation and wish him well with his next adventure!

Message from the office...

Clubs: Music lessons are starting next week, from Monday 16th September and choir and other clubs will begin week beginning 23rd September.

Miss Hockham will be starting a board game club after half term. We would be grateful for any games that you have finished with which have all the pieces and are in good condition!

Research Hub: We are also developing an area in school, which will be known as the Research Hub. If you have any non-fiction books that you wish to donate, which are in good condition, we would be very grateful to receive them. Please bring any donations to the office throughout next week.

Secondary Transfer meeting...

Please note the change of date for the secondary transfer meeting, which year 6 children would have received information about yesterday. This is now at **5pm on Tuesday 1st October.**



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Manor

Children and young people have the right to education no matter who they are, regardless of race, gender or disability; if they're in detention, or if they're a refugee. **Article 28**

This week children have continued to learn about their right to an education and a responsibility to allow others to learn.

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

In partnership with Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee Schools

Car Free Day, Sunday September 22nd

Sadiq Khan has set aside Sunday September 22nd as Car Free Day, with lots of events to enable more Londoners to cycle, walk and use public transport to help improve their health and to reduce car emissions. Click here for more information <https://www.london.gov.uk/events/2019-09-22/reimagine-your-city-car-free> As a school, we will be celebrating Car Free Day on Friday September 20th. Please try to leave your car and walk if you can.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 25th September – Tower of London Y4

Friday 26th September – Macmillan Coffee morning and after-school cake sale

Monday 7th -11th October – Meet the Teacher meetings

Friday 11th October – Individual photos

Monday 14th - 16th October – Y5 School Journey

Monday 21st – 25th October – Half term break

Thursday 31st October – PSFA cake sale 3:15pm

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair 3:15pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Kate Porter
Headteacher
Brindishe Manor

In class this week...

Year 1: The children have really enjoyed settling into year one. It has been lovely to meet so many of you in the mornings and afternoons at pick up and drop off. If you haven't had a chance to pop in and see the classroom, you will have a chance a bit later in term when we have our Meet the Teacher meetings. We will not be having an educational visit this term whilst the children settle in, but we would love to invite you in to share a traditional tale from your own culture. Please speak to Miss Cullen (Jasper) or Mrs Da Silva (Onyx) if you would like to take part. In maths we have been focusing on our numbers to 30, with a focus on comparing numbers using greater and fewer. Try challenging your child at home using everyday household objects, for example, comparing the number of different fruit in the fruit bowl. In English, we are exploring the picture book 'Journey' as part of a whole-school English project. Ask your child about what journey they would like to take through the red door! We have not yet set up reading groups or days as we get to know the children individually, but of course the children are welcome to continue selecting stories to share with you at home. You can record this information in your reading journal which was sent home this week. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead!

Year 2: Have had a fabulous start to term, with all of the children coming in full of enthusiasm and working hard. Our topic focus for the term - Aaron Becker's 'Journey' picture book - has begun with an immersive series of 'senses'-related literacy lessons. We listened to the sounds that the main character might experience in the woodland she is exploring, had a chance to smell different scents that she might come across and touched the trees and water she walked past. We then began to write our descriptions of her adventure - trying to use all of the wonderful language that we used as a part of our sensory experiences. This weekend, why not have a walk around a park or garden with your child and explore what sounds, smells and textures you can find there?

Year 3: The children have had a fantastic start to year 3. They all have come back eager to learn and full of enthusiasm. In maths, we have started with place value. We have been counting forwards and backwards in ones and using the Base Ten equipment to make numbers up to 1000. It would be really helpful if the children continued to practise counting in ones and tens at home, especially crossing over to the next tens and hundreds (e.g. 88,89,90....398,399,400). In English, we have been looking at a picture book called 'The Journey' which is about a bird that is captured. We discussed what we thought the story might be about and the children created freeze frames to show the main events of the story, using their facial expressions and body language to show emotions. We then thought of different adjectives we could use to describe the feelings of the captured bird in the story. In Science, we have been on a magnet hunt around the school to find magnetic objects.

Year 4-Amber: Thank you for a brilliant start Amber class. In just a week you have already shown that you have very mature attitudes to your learning – the presentation of your work has been impressive. Well done! We have enjoyed creating our own creatures that could accompany us on an imaginary journey linked to Aaron Becker's 'The Journey' and we will be creating reports based on these next week. We have also been particularly impressed with your maths learning this week. We talked about the value of a number in detail and even explored what makes up 1 million.

In Art, you have honed your drawing skills and we will continue to develop your ideas using watercolour and line drawing. Perhaps you could create some contour drawings of your adult at home! Can you remember how? We have also been discussing self-esteem and self-respect this week and the importance of these attributes. It has been a busy busy start.

Year 4 –Topaz: What a fantastic start to Year 4! Topaz class have already impressed me with their listening skills and general politeness. We have all been working exceptionally hard in maths when learning about the value of digits with numbers up to 100 000 and arranging these in ascending/descending order. Towards the end of this week, we have also been studying rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. We will continue with this next week. In English, we have been investigating the story 'Journey'; predicting and inferring information from the illustrations. We focused on a magical creature created by one of the characters and gave scientific explanations to its appearance. We have studied features of non-chronological reports and independently researched animals that interest us, recording only important facts in note form. Next week we will be looking at turning these notes into interesting sentences, using conjunctions and adverbs. In art, children showed great skill in using water colours to blend different tones of colours, focusing on soft and hard edges, to create amazing backgrounds for their 'Journey' settings.

Year 5: Have got off to a great start this year - we're really impressed with the effort they're putting into their learning and the enthusiasm they've shown. This half term, our topic is Incredible Inventors. We've been thinking carefully about the inventions we feel that we couldn't live without and why they are important to us. We will soon start to learn about a diverse range of inventors, who we believe have made a positive impact on the world. In English, we've decided to write our own poems entitled "If I had a Magic Door" based on Aaron Becker's book The Journey. We've focused on using interesting adjectives, verbs and adverbs to engage the reader as well as use punctuation, such as semi-colons, to add extra details. This week, please encourage your child to look at home or at the library for different stories that involve travelling to magical lands (such as the Narnia series or The Magic Faraway Tree) as

this will help inspire them to come up with their own creative ideas for their poetry writing next week.

Year 6: What a start to the year we've had! The children have come in refreshed and ready for learning with fantastic attitudes. We have been focusing on a picture book called 'Journey' by Aaron Becker which the whole school are also using as a stimulus for a writing project. Children showed great understanding of the book and it initiated some wonderful class discussions. They have gone through the planning, drafting, editing and publishing process of writing a flashback, 'a moment in time', from the book showing real stamina and resilience. Why not ask your child about their flashback.

PSFA

The PSFA have some very exciting events planned for the coming term and year.

If you would like to get involved with the PSFA and support Brindishe Manor in our fundraising, please either come to our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September, or speak to a member of staff on the gate at the start or end of the day.

Dates for your diary...

Macmillan coffee morning - Friday 27th September from 9am

Macmillan cake sale – Friday 27th September at 3:15pm

Cake sale – Thursday 31st October at 3:15pm

Christmas fair - From 3:15pm Friday 13th December

