

Brindishe Manor School

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Friday 1st November 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week...

Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday and had a really fantastic time deepening their knowledge around their learning on World War II. I know all of the children were really engaged in using the museum to find out more. We are looking forward to reading their writing over the next few weeks around this topic.

Changes to lunchtime...

Our changes to the lunchtime experience have been very positive after its first week. Many children have enjoyed having more equipment, more staff and indoor options available to them throughout their lunchtime. The playground working party will now meet to look at ways that further improvements can be made, which will give the children even more to do when they are outside over lunch.

International Evening...

Our hugely popular International Evening is back this year and being led by the PSFA. It will take place on **Wednesday 13th November from 5:30-7pm in the newly refurbished dining hall**. We would like to invite families to bring a dish, dessert or snacks to share.

The event is free and we would like to see as many families there as possible, to sample foods from all over the world and have time to meet with staff, friends and families.

Please see the posters that will be displayed around school next week.

Safeguarding our community

Help us to keep your child safe at Brindishe Manor by making sure we have an up-to-date contact number for you. If your child has an accident at school that involves a head injury, we need to get in touch with you straight away and speak to you directly.

Fabulous attendance this week...

KS1 – Moonstone 99.3% KS2 – Pearl & Topaz 99.3%



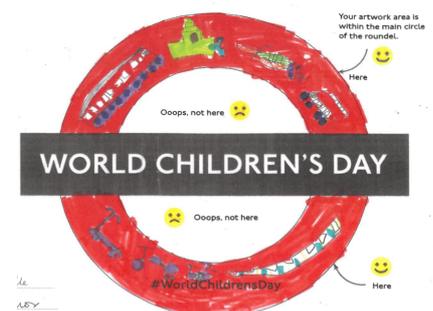
Article 16 – Your right to Privacy

On Monday in our assemblies the children were learning that they have a right to privacy. We used the NSPCC video 'Pantosaurus' to talk through this and you can do the same at home with your child by using the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Thank you to everyone who entered our TfL/Unicef competition. The Rights Respecting Team had a very hard time deciding who had won. The winners are:

Bettie in Y6 Diamond, Olivia in Y6 Opal, Kiki in Y5 Quartz, Nell in Y5 Jet, Hamoodie in Y4 Topaz, Zoe in Y3 Sapphire, Joseph in Y2 Moonstone, Amy in Y2 Ruby, Fedor in Y2 Amethyst and Annabelle in Y1 Jasper. Well done to you all! We will include several of the entries in the newsletter in the next couple of weeks.



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

In partnership with Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee Schools

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th November – International Evening 5:30pm-7pm

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair 3:15pm

Monday 9th- Friday 13th December – KS2 Winter performances

Thursday 12th December – EYFS Winter performance

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner/ Dress Festive day

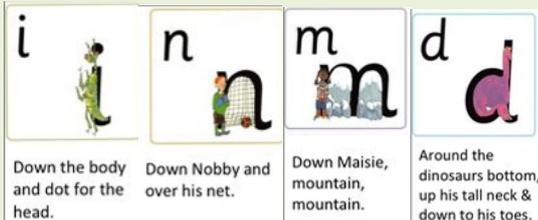
Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Winter performances

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Kate Porter
Headteacher
Brindishe Manor

Nursery: In Nursery, we will be looking at different celebrations this term. Over the past week, the children listened to the story of Rama and Sita and made their own divas (lamps) while learning about the different ways Hindus celebrate Diwali, the festival of Lights. We have planted some flowers and plants in the Nursery playground. Thank you for those who have made this possible. We would still appreciate further donations to help decorate our learning environment. Thank you to all the children who brought in their book bags this week. If anyone else still needs to buy a blue school book bag, they are available from the school office.

In Reception: this week we have been learning sounds *i*, *n*, *m* and *d* in phonics. The rhymes for how we write the letters are below:



In maths, we have been enjoying counting up and down to 5 and have been thinking about sorting things into groups. Perhaps at home you could look at sorting fruit in the fruit bowl, Lego bricks by colour or any other ideas that your child comes up with!

We have also been enjoying using clay to make sculptures and creating magic potions to cast spells.

Year 1 It has been great to welcome all of the children back after a break, they have all returned with such great learning attitudes for the new half term. In Jasper class, we have started our new topic on animals and their habitats, and have been doing our own research using iPads to see where different animals live. We have also began to learn about non-fiction texts and how it differs from fiction. Try gathering a variety of books and sorting them into piles, getting your child to explain how they know which book is which. In Onyx class, we have started looking at light and dark and have linked this to the story of Rama and Sita, ask your child to retell the story and explain why the lamps were lit. We have also started to look at different sources of light. Year 1 have continued with addition and looked at simple word problems using the strategy 'counting on from the greater number' to solve them. Using objects around the house, try to write a short addition problem for your child to solve e.g. there are 5 oranges and 3 bananas, how many are there altogether? Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 This week in maths, Year 2 have been focusing on moving from using physical resources (counters/ blocks/ number lines etc) to trying to complete calculations in our heads. We looked at a variety of methods, including partitioning two-digit numbers (for example: 14 being 10 and 4) and then adding each part. In R.E., we learned about Hinduism in preparation for our visit to London Sivan Kovil temple next Wednesday. Lastly, a big thank you to all families who completed our home learning for the half term holiday: reading in a variety of entertaining situations. There were some hilarious photos sent in - everyone was very imaginative!

Year 3 have had a great start to this half term, they have all come back energised and ready to learn. In maths this week, we have been subtracting. We started by using physical resources to understand the concept of subtracting and then moved onto using a formal method to subtract with regrouping. In English this week, we have been identifying tenses and also changing sentences to past tense, present tense and future tense.

Year 4 It has been a busy week in year 4. The children have come back after the half term excited to continue their learning about The Tudors and to explore Shakespeare in more detail. Amber class are beginning by looking at his tragedy 'Hamlet' and have loved delving into the plot, the characters and the language used. We have begun to consolidate our understanding of written multiplication as well as interpret data charts in maths. In Topaz class, we have researched Henry VIII's wives and we have planned our reports for English. In maths we have concluded our multiplication and division topic, by applying knowledge to word problems. We have also started learning our 7 times tables. Thank you to all the children who completed their Reading Responses over the break – we have loved looking at your pictures and hearing about reading in unusual places.

Year 5 This half term our learning theme is called 'To Infinity and Beyond'. The children will be learning about the Earth, Sun, Moon, planets and the endless phenomenon that our universe has to offer.

On Monday, both classes took part in a Space immersion day. We participated in a carousel of activities throughout the day to help us get really into our new topic. We did such things as conduct interviews with our classmates about their space missions, use iPads and simple editing software to create images as though we were on our own space station, and invented our own songs and raps to remember the order of the planets. In English, we have retold the story from the short film "It's Not a Planet, It's Our Home", focusing on the use of 'show not tell' to show a character's emotions and beginning sentences in interesting ways. The children have done a really wonderful job of this so far. In maths, we have also revised equivalent fractions and learnt how to add fractions with different denominators by finding the lowest common denominator. It would be very helpful if your children could have a go at explaining to you how to do this at home.

Year 6 had a wonderful time this week at the Imperial War Museum where they saw some incredible artefacts from the first and second world wars. We have been researching and comparing both of the wars in class and the children have been engaged, respectful and enthusiastic throughout.

In English we have been planning to write a letter home from Olive, an evacuee from our book, *Letters from the Lighthouse*.

A big thank you to all the children who remember to complete their home learning on time each week. We see Year 6 home learning as a perfect opportunity to teach the children about planning, organisation and time management in the run up to their transition to secondary school. Thank you all for your support at home with this.

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INTERNATIONAL EVENING

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

5:30-7PM



Please bring a dish, snacks, desserts to share with our friends, families and staff from 5pm to the Dining Hall.

This is a free event with donations going to the PSFA school fund.

