

Friday 8th March 2019

This week at Brindishe Manor Residential rewards....

It has been a quieter week at Brindishe Manor, as the year 6 children have been braving the elements on their annual residential visit to the Isle of Wight. They had a fantastic time and they managed to stay dry, which is no mean feat! A very big 'thank you' to all the staff involved, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children had an enjoyable experience.

The year 3 children had a great time on Monday experiencing a prehistoric workshop, whilst Amber children thoroughly enjoyed participating in a drumming workshop.

The Vitality Big Half is now upon us...

It has been a long time coming, but please come along and support some of the Brindishe Manor teachers and parents on Sunday who will be participating in the Vitality Big Half marathon. We hope to see some of you there and good luck if you are participating. We will be cheering them on from the start line.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Pearl – 97.6%

Key stage 2: Amber – 97.3%

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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

Our 'top tip' this week to support our parents and carers continues to be the need to engage your child in regular conversations about their online lives. The excellent article below reminds all parents and carers about the length of time children and the do's and don'ts of electronic devices and screen time. As you will be aware, we are keen to avoid the use of mobile phones on the playground and there needs to be allotted and consistent times during the evening and weekends when electronic devices are off limits. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47150658>

Important messages

A message from the English team...

What a fantastic World Book Day celebration yesterday raising a fantastic £231.52 for UNICEF. It was lovely to see so many families in school to share books. A big thank you must go to the PSFA for organising our book breakfast, it was a great way to start the day! Today the children will be coming home with a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be used in most bookshops. You can either use it to get £1 off the cost of a book. Or you can buy one of the £1 World Book Day books. Use this link to find out more:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>





Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer and support the school with building some resources for reception and year 1. Weather permitting we have set aside **Sunday the 24th March**. If you are able to attend then please complete the 'sign up' sheet in the school office. We can then prioritise the jobs accordingly.



As well as online safety, we are keen to maintain an awareness of community safety. With this in mind, could I please ask that you keep the area in front of the school gates clear, especially during the mornings. This will help to ease congestion. Thank you for your ongoing support.



If your child wears a watch to school, please can you check to make sure that it does not have a videoing or audio recording facility as this could be used inappropriately. Thanks again for your help.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend
James Baguley,
Deputy Head
Brindishe Manor



Dates for your diary:

12th March Y5/6 Rugby tournament

12th March Full Governors' meeting at Brindishe Manor

Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you.

14th March Year 3 to Science Museum

15th March Red Nose Day, wear red to raise money.

19th March KS2 choir performing at Catford theatre as part of Lewisham Live

Y2 choir festival performing at Colfe's Celebration of Voices

21st March Kwik Cricket tournament. Year 5 and 6

21st March Year 5 trip to the Royal Naval College Greenwich

22nd March KS1 Movie night

30th April Open day for prospective parents

In class this week...

Each week we will continue 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 really busy creating Pancake Day crafts. The children have been writing their own shopping list for the ingredients they need for their pancake topping and we have been discussing healthy food. World Book Day was fantastic! It was lovely to see the children dressed up as their favourite characters and sharing stories. We also had a lovely time taking part in shared reading with Year 3 Pearl class. Have a lovely weekend.

Reception

We had a fantastic World Book Day celebration on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who was able to come in and share a story in class. Turquoise class enjoyed listening to a story in Danish, read by Ingrid's mum Anne. Why not have a go at making your own book at home? You could even try writing a few words with some of the digraphs we have been learning like 'sh', 'ch' and 'th'.

Year 1

The children had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day on Thursday - thank you to those who came in the morning to share a story with your child and their friends. This week in literacy the children are continuing to express their thoughts and feelings about the season of spring through their sense poems. We are all so impressed with how well they've used adjectives to express their vivid imaginations and how they've used some of the language features they've learnt from poems we've looked at (rhyming words, simile and personification).

In Maths, we have been using physical objects (base ten) to represent the numbers on a place value chart. The children also practised counting numbers up to 20 by making ten first and then counting on. This encourages them to think of place value of numbers and to see that the '1' in numbers like 14 represents ten. To practise this learning at home, why not use objects (e.g. lolly sticks, straws) to count and make 10, group the tens and count on. Can they tell you how many tens and ones are there in the numbers? Can they show you what the numbers mean in different ways? (14 has 1 tens and 4 ones, 10 and 4 make 14, $10 + 4 = 14$)

In science, we're continuing our learning on materials. We have been making predictions and performing simple tests to see and compare results. This has encouraged the children to think about what they need to keep the same to make sure that the test is fair.

Year 2

Year 2 have been busy learning more about the Great Fire of London this week. Amethyst Class have started writing newspaper reports of the event and Ruby Class have been describing in detail how the fire started. We also talked about fire safety; perhaps you could continue these discussions at home?

Thank you to everyone who has brought in a model of a Tudor House for our grand conflagration, more details about which will be released soon.

In science, we have started our learning about materials; what materials would be most suitable for building a house in London in 1666? What materials would be least suitable? Why?

In maths, both classes have been adding two digit numbers together, eg. $27 + 16$.
At home, try finding shortcuts for adding numbers together across the 10s boundary. For example, $7 + 6$ is the same as $7 + 3 + 3$.

Year 3

This week in maths, year 3 have continued with fractions, we have been subtracting fractions and ordering fractions. In English, we have continued to write our Ancient Egyptian myths, we have been thinking of ways we can improve our own writing and some of us have even been publishing! World Book Day was fantastic, we had a huge range of characters in our classes and we even took part in a live reading challenge!

Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard this week in maths to develop their measuring skills. We used protractors to measure angles accurately and calculated to find missing angles on a straight line. In English, we have been writing play scripts linked to our book, 'Odd and the Frost Giants'. This is to prepare us for punctuating direct speech correctly.

Amber and Topaz thoroughly enjoyed their World Book Day activities yesterday. We were hugely impressed with the wide variety of costumes as well as the time and effort that went into creating them. We have started our new topic, The Romans, and we are all really looking forward to our trip to Crofton Roman Villa on Tuesday 2nd April. In PE, we have been continuing to practise yoga poses. If you would like to practise further at home, take a look at the Cosmic Kids website for some fun activities.

Year 5

We would like to thank all of those who supported the first round of our Enterprise projects this half term. The children worked tremendously hard to ensure so many biscuits were made and sold. It was a great success!

It was lovely seeing so many of the children dressed up as characters from books they enjoy on World Book Day. They shared stories with each other in class and Jet class also shared some learning with Year 2. Both classes in Year 5 looked at a picture book called 'Cicada' and we were so impressed with the amount of discussion the children generated based on this. They then wrote a soliloquy as Cicada from different points in the story. Our starting point for these was abstract nouns to show emotions/feelings of Cicada. Ask your child to give you some examples. Following this, they then produced a piece of art work to go alongside their writing.

In maths we have started looking at the area of a triangle. We've been exploring how to find the base and height of a triangle and will be moving onto working out the area. You could ask your child to show you how to find the base and height of triangles that you see in our everyday life. You could also ask them to explain the different names of triangles and their properties e.g. isosceles triangles have 2 sides that are equal lengths and 1 that is different or acute angles are those that are smaller than 90 degrees.

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World Book Day was such a happy event, thank you to everyone who came, dressed up and donated. The outfits were so creative and fantastic! We hope you and the children enjoyed the breakfast and the rest of the day!

Cake Sale & Vitality Big Half – Friday 8th and Sunday 10th March

Thank you, also, to everyone who donated and came to buy cakes this afternoon, in support of our runners who are taking the Vitality Big Half Challenge this Sunday 10th March.

Everyone is welcome to come and support the runners at Greenwich or throughout the race. There are several Brindishe parents, staff and friends taking the challenge, and they have raised a fantastic amount so far, but they would love to meet their target!

Follow the link for details and to donate. Can your business match fund fundraising events? Please get in touch if so!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/brindishemanor>

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

“On Friday 15 March, people across the UK will be coming together to do things big and small, that will add up to something massive.”

And we will be joining in support of this great cause, ask that the children **dress in red for Red Nose Day!** There will be collection buckets at the gates at drop off and pick up.

Happy Outdoors Project – Sunday 24th March

Our Happy Outdoors Project has now been confirmed for Sunday 24th March from 1 – 4pm, let's hope for better weather!

We are looking for volunteers to help paint and plant. And if those amongst you are quite experienced on DIY, we have a variety of small projects that could really do with some experienced hands. Please get in touch so that we can organise the day accordingly.

We are still looking for someone with a van to collect some tyres for the school. If you can help, please get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend!

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