

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### This week at Brindishe Manor

##### Red Nose Day....

After all the exertions of last weekend and the Vitality half marathon, it has been a quiet week at Brindishe Manor. The year 3 children had a fun day out at the science museum on Thursday. They learnt about magnetic forces as part of their science topic. On Friday, we held our annual Red Nose Day fundraiser. As I am walked through the hall it was lovely to see children in year 4 participating in a Red Nose Day version of 'Britain's Got Talent'. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. It was also important to discuss with the children the types of organisations and people who will benefit from our fundraising. We raised a grand total of £328.54.

##### What a team effort...

A big well done and thank you to all the runners from the Brindishe Manor community who participated in the Vitality Half Marathon on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> March. It was a great team effort and I know many of the Brindishe Manor staff ran their personal bests. As a community, we collectively raised over £3000. What a fantastic effort! We are very proud of all of you!

##### Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Pearl – 100%

Key stage 2: Topaz – 98.7%

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#### ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

Our '**top tip**' this week to support our parents and carers is very topical and has been brought to our attention by a number of parents and children.

Fortnite is an online game, where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royale, the free segment of Fortnite, players can play each other around the world, person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat. Fortnite does feature

violence when players are in combat with each other, the animation of the game is very cartoonish, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them. Fortnite has a **PEGI rating of 12**, PEGI have said this is due to the: '*frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age*'. It has come to our attention that a number of children at Brindishe Manor are accessing this game at home. To support you child at home, please go to the **National Online Safety** website which has further advice, especially around settings.

## Important messages



Our 'Happy Outdoor' project is hopefully going to be all systems go for this **Sunday the 24th March** between 1 pm – 4pm. If you are able to help out on the day, can you please register your interest at the school office where you will find a signing-up sheet. This will give us a clear idea of numbers. Thank you again to our local community for all your help.



It has come to our attention that some children are bringing snacks to

at lunchtimes which contain nuts and sesame seeds. Can you please check your child's lunchbox each morning, as we are keen to avoid nut-based products, especially for those children who have nut allergies. As a

school, we are keen to ensure that children's snacks at break time are fruit,

vegetables or a small sandwich as part of a healthy and balanced diet.

## Rights Respecting at Brindishe Manor

**As part of our ethos and teaching at Brindishe Manor we are continually keen to promote the importance of education and the positive impact it can have on people's lives.**

[Article 29](#) (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

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



## Dates for your diary:

**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 **TO BE RESCHEDULED** –look out for a new date in next week's newsletter

**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

We have had a very busy week in Nursery. The children have been enjoying observing a range of flowers and have been drawing them thinking about detail, shape and colours. They have also been helping to brighten up our outside area by planting flowers. Whilst on the topic of spring, the children have been learning about how to look after plants with the help of the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. They have been retelling the story by sequencing pictures and acting it out and even planting their own beans. Next week we would like to make newspaper pots to plant some seeds in. If you have any newspapers, you can donate to us for our projects please bring them in.

#### Reception

You will have noticed that we are developing our outdoor space in Reception. We would like to create a nature area that is a haven for wildlife and we will be making our own 'bug hotels' to encourage minibeasts to take up residence. Please could you bring in:

- Sticks and twigs
- Bamboo canes

We are also looking for larger logs for seats and for minibeast homes - let us know if you have one and we can arrange transport! If you have any spare planters or plant pots that you no longer need, we would also greatly appreciate these.

Why not go on an animal hunt in the park at the weekend? See how many different creatures you can spot, both big and small.

#### Year 1

This week we have been identifying different types of instructions and focused on following verbal instructions. We have learnt what bossy (imperative) verbs are; sentences that give an

order or a command. The children noticed the verbs being at the beginning of the sentence making it sound like the speaker is bossing someone around. The children worked in small groups to create a drama piece using imperative verbs. This appeared to be challenging to some as they would often add questions or open a discussion. Practise using bossy verbs at home, here are some examples: add, mix, stir, sprinkle, measure, draw, tidy and sort. In Maths we continue our learning on place value, regrouping two digit numbers into tens and ones. The children are finding this difficult to portray as some are reversing the tens and ones e.g. "24 has 2 ones and 4 tens" rather than saying "24 has 2 tens and 4 ones". It is also very important to continue revising numbers beyond 10, your child should be able to read and write numbers 10-20 and recognise any given number at random.

We had great fun on Sing Up day where we had the opportunity to sing to our cross-age year groups. We were able to share the songs we sing in class and learn new ones too.

### Year 2

This week Ruby and Amethyst immersed themselves in writing an explanation and a newspaper report about the reasons why the Great Fire of London started. We are ready to publish our work, so come and have a look at our displays next week! In Maths children have been learning about subtraction, we are taking away 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. Ruby class got in role of bakers and bakes some tasty bread for King Charles II. Both classes enjoyed singing with Year 6 during our Sing up day.

At home we would like you to practise taking away from 20 and 30.

### Year 3

This week in maths year 3 have been comparing and ordering fractions, we have also learnt how to find fractions of amounts. In English, we have finished writing our Ancient Egyptian myths and have been identifying the features of a newspaper report. The children had a fantastic time at the Science Museum, they thoroughly enjoyed the workshop about forces and magnets and have come back very keen to learn more! Thank you to all of the parents who accompanied us on the trip.

### Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been focusing on shapes in maths, we have started looking at finding the area and perimeter of squares and rectangles. This is something you can support your child at home with by drawing simple shapes on squared paper.

In science we are focusing on electricity and have been looking at the do's and don'ts of electrical appliances. Can you remember how to stay safe around electrical equipment at home?

We had a fantastic afternoon on Friday where the children took part in a talent show to raise

money for comic relief, we heard some brilliant comedy acts, singing, a range of musical instruments and even saw some magic tricks! Thank you to everyone who donated!

### Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy week this week! Both classes have made their Greek vases that they planned for last half term - they are looking lovely!

In maths, we've moved onto working out the area of triangles. We explored the relationship between rectangles and triangles and discussed how finding the area of a rectangle first can help with working out the area of a triangle. Please ask your child to explain how we do this. Please continue practising times tables at home with your child as this will benefit them in all areas of maths.

In Literacy, we have been building on our knowledge of descriptive devices and have been using these in our writing. Children created a descriptive passage to go alongside their maps of 'Camp Half-Blood' from Percy Jackson. Ms Coupe and I were really impressed with the children's use of prepositional phrases and interesting vocabulary.

Thank you to all those who have returned their slips for our trip next Thursday. If you have not returned this yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy of the letter, please see the office and they'll be able to help you. It should be a fantastic trip!

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been fully into our spooky story writing topic. We explored traditional storytelling - hearing stories, then retelling them to others without ever reading written versions. As a part of that, we thought about how to be a good storyteller and how to engage your audience - making eye contact, using your voice to increase the tension and body language to accentuate parts of the narrative. We also had a go at representing the changes in tension within a story on line graphs - mapping the ups and downs of suspense as the narrative progresses. Next week, we will start to plan our own stories with a twist at the end - finding out that a key character is not who they seem...At home, while reading or watching TV with your child, watch out for a good use of twists that you spot in programmes or stories, and have a chat about how the writer makes those changes in the narrative work.

## [PSFA NEWS!](#)

### [PSFA Newsletter Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019](#)

The Vitality Big Half Challenge last Sunday was a huge success. Our amazing runners defied rain and wind and smashed the race! They were close behind Mo Farah ;)

They have also totally smashed their fundraising target, with money still due in, the total so far has surpassed the £3000 mark - this is incredible! Thank you so much to all the runners for taking such a challenge, your funds will go directly towards improving our school, more news on this soon!

If you couldn't venture out on Sunday and running is not your thing, please show your support by donating via the link below.

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

We also have to thank the organisers of the Brindishe Manor Runners, without whom, this event would have not been possible. They negotiated a great deal with Vitality, recruited the runners, organised the logistics, put on a cake sale and even hand delivered the running tops. To those watching it went swimmingly, but for the organisers there were plenty of hurdles – so a BIG thank you to Anna Schluep, Rebecca Moore and Shara Choudhury for all your hard work and incredible determination at putting this event together!

A big thank you too to our sponsors which allowed the team to get really cool running tops, and thank you to Ms Waite, Mr Baguley, Ms Hockham and the office team for all your support with sponsorship, logistics and for your patience.

It was a great day on Friday! So many children took the challenge and dressed in red for Red Nose Day! We hope everyone enjoyed it and thank you for the contributions to the charity.

### Happy Outdoors Project – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Keep the date in your diary for Happy Outdoors day, 1 - 4pm. Pastries and refreshments will be served during the afternoon.

Have a lovely week!  
The PSFA Team

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