



Brindishe Manor Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

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Brindishe
Manor

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have had another fabulous week in school. The learning and discussions that I can see and hear around school, along with what teachers are showing and telling me, show that the children are committed to their learning and are fully focussed on it. The children may be washing their hands more regularly in the day and not being able to do some of the styles of learning that they are used to, but the teachers and children have adapted so quickly and the learning that is going on is still of an extremely high quality. I know the teachers are all very proud of the way the children have adapted this half term and it really is business as usual!

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Today, Brindishe Manor children and staff showed their support for an external campaign, by wearing red for *Show Racism The Red Card*, an anti-racism educational charity.

The charity was created over 20 years ago and aims to combat racism through enabling role models, who are predominately but not exclusively footballers, to highlight that racism does exist and that there are all things we can do to stand up to it in our communities.

Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's largest anti-racism educational charity. It is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red and donate money to help fund anti-racism education for young people and adults across the UK. If you wish to make a donation, please refer to the *Just Giving* link <https://www.justgiving.com/theredcard>



Black History Month at Brindishe Manor

October celebrates Black History Month. At Brindishe Manor we celebrate black history and culture through our curriculum, use of fiction books with leading black characters and non-fiction books that depict the achievements of important black figures and linking our learning with our Rights Respecting agenda such as learning about great peace makers – e.g. Wangari Maathai and Mohammed Yunus. In our assemblies with the older children we have shared videos and generated discussions around the history of racism and why Black History Month came about. You may wish to watch the videos that we shared again with your children and have further discussions at home.

Why is racism a big issue? <https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/educational-videos/racism-why-is-it-big-issue/>
(* suitable for KS2)

What is systemic racism? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/53345649> (* suitable for KS2)

Coming to England <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>
(*suitable for EYFS and KS1)

At Brindishe Manor

Our curriculum is designed to celebrate and educate about black and ethnic minority people throughout the year, so that these are taught in context and not in isolation for just one month. Some of the people we study throughout the year include scientists such as Zhaoming Liu and Lewis Howard Latimer; people from history such as Sarah Forbes Benetta (Omoba Aina), John Blanke, the great allies in the World War II - the Indian Army and the King's African Rifles; artists such as Martin Bulinya and Lubaina Humid.

This year, in light of the Black Lives Matter agenda, we are establishing a staff working party to look at what changes we need to make in school and what more we can do to support all of our families and offer a rich and varied education for all. If you would like to share your thoughts or pass on any comments that you may have to our working party, please email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk We would love to hear from you.

Educate and celebrate

Children, families and staff at Brindishe Schools are drawn from a rich variety of social backgrounds, family structures, ethnic groups and religions. We value the right of each person to respect, courtesy and the recognition of individual differences. We work actively to ensure that all adults and children are given every opportunity to achieve, to recognise their own worth and to play an important part in our community. Each child's contribution to the classroom and school is welcomed and valued. We make sure that they have the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability and to raise their individual academic achievement. Education at Brindishe Schools is designed to benefit all of our children and to celebrate the rich, cultural diversity of Lewisham's local community.

Governor Update

Before the summer holiday Lindsay Dale, a long standing member of the Brindishe Governing Body, stepped down as our Chair. Lindsay was a hugely committed member of the Governing Body and on behalf of the Federation, I'd like to thank her for all the time and energy she invested.

During our first meeting of the Autumn Term, I am pleased to announce that Liz Murphy, an experienced Brindishe Governor and member of our Community was voted in as the new Chair. We very much welcome her into the role and Liz will be writing to you over the next few weeks with a little about herself and the Federation Governing Body.



Autumn Term Parent/Carer Meetings

Due to the current situation with Covid, this event will take place virtually after the half-term break in November. More information will follow shortly with regards to dates and how to book an appointment. Thank you for your support and patience.

Harvest Collection – Helping Others – [Final Reminder!](#)

Every year we collect food supplies for the *Church of The Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee*. These food donations are sent to the 'Helping Hands' foodbank. Fortunately, we are able to continue with this during these times and each Brindishe School has been asked to collect only one item of food this year. **Brindishe Manor families have been asked to collect UHT milk.**

The last day for collection is Tuesday 20th October. Please hand your milk to someone on the gate. These will be collected by the church on **Tuesday 20th**.

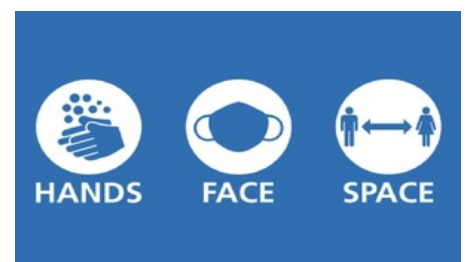
Thank you in advance for helping us, to continue helping our local community.

Half-Term Holiday Camp – [Final Reminder!](#)

Sportacus will run their holiday camp again this half-term. From **Monday 26th to Friday 30th October**, they will be providing an action packed programme of sports and games at Brindishe Green School.

Call Harry on **07828 218690** or email Harry@sportacus.co.uk for further information.

**Please wear a face covering when you drop-off or collect children in the playground.
Our staff are wearing them too!**



HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISING

A MESSAGE FROM BRINDISHE MANOR PSFA

It's been a really challenging year for our school and our community. We hope you are all safe and well. Due to Covid-19 restrictions most of the fundraising events we do each year to help fund additional equipment and projects for our school have been unable to go ahead. We've been working to create some new ways to raise money - remember every penny goes to Brindishe Manor School to support our children's learning and experience.

We've designed a Halloween fundraiser to help you provide some Halloween fun for your family and to raise money for our school. It's contact free - everything you need to take part will be emailed to you to be printed at home.

Our suggested donation is £5 and the pack will include:

Map for a Halloween trail

From Wednesday 28th October to Friday 30th October a number of houses in the local area will be decorated for Halloween. These will be marked on a map with clues on how to find them and there will be a puzzle to complete - you must find each house to figure it out. There is no set start or finish point and the trail can be done on any of those evenings.

TRICK OR TREATING IS NOT PART OF THE TRAIL AND NONE OF THE HOUSES DECORATED AS PART OF THIS FUNDRAISER WILL BE GIVING OUT TREATS OR SWEETS. ALL COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY ON THE DATE YOU DO THE TRAIL MUST BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.

If you do want to include the treat element then we suggest that you take your own treats with you and give them to your own children when they find each house - and maybe some more.

Haunted House make at home craft activity

You'll be sent a download of an amazing 3D Haunted House kit (created by local artist Emily Skinner) to print and make at home - we'd love to see them so please share your photos.

Entry to a pumpkin carving competition

If you feel inspired, carve your own designs at home and send photos to brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com - the winner will receive a £10 Amazon voucher sent by email.

Halloween Mummies recipe

Get a recipe to make some tasty spooky themed treats to enjoy at home.

How to take part:

1. Click this link to see all information and make your donation <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brindishemanorpsfa>
2. Make your £5 donation
3. Forward your confirmation of donation email from JustGiving to brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com
4. Downloads will be emailed to you - if you have not received your downloads by Saturday 24 October please resend your email to the PSFA email address above.