



# Brindishe Manor Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

A huge well done to all of the children this week for accessing, completing and uploading their learning on itslearning for their teachers to see and feedback on. The children in school have been doing the same learning with members of staff and have been working really hard too. I know that the teachers really do love seeing the learning and knowing how you are getting on. Miss Hockham, Ms Dougan and Mrs Guest have all been so impressed with the quality of learning and have been praising a few children from each class, each week, in their praise assemblies. They are only sorry that they can't get to everyone!

Many thanks to our Nursery parents who took the time to respond to the letter and Survey Monkey that they received earlier in the week, regarding children in Nursery returning to school. We will be in touch again next week with further information.

## Live Interaction Sessions

From next week, we really hope your child will be able to join their class and teacher for their live interaction session/s. On your child's **Class page**, the teacher will attach a Zoom link that will allow you to access the session. Although the session is optional, we feel it is important that all children attend, and in some year groups the teacher will talk about the learning that the children will do over the coming week, or have done (reflections and feedback).

When your child attends their Zoom session, we must stress the importance of safeguarding them and others in the group. Therefore, please ensure that your child is ready for their session at least 5 minutes before it is due to begin and talk through with them the following safeguarding measures:

- the microphone is kept on **mute** throughout the session, unless the teacher turns it off
- **the username is changed to the name of the child**
- an **adult should always be present** in the room whilst the session takes place
- ensure that there is **no one else visible on screen** – only the child and parent/carer (if necessary) should be visible
- **turn off all background noise** (TV, radio, music etc), in case the teacher asks your child to speak
- **the session must not be recorded.**

## Year 3 and Year 5 Music Lessons

Year 3 and Year 5 parents and carers will now have collected their recorders or ukuleles for their online lessons, which will be uploaded onto their class pages for them to start at home. We would just like to thank the PSFA for funding the instruments, which are on loan to the children, and for supporting the cost of the lessons. If your child is in year 3 or year 5 and have been unable to collect your instrument, please let the school know and we can arrange for you to collect it.

## The Brindishe Manor Students Page

If your child has finished their home learning and is looking for something different and exciting to do, we encourage you to visit the **Brindishe Manor – Shared Students Room on Itslearning**. Here you will find assemblies by members of the Senior Leadership team (twice weekly), a project to do at home for the week, a huge section on wellbeing, information on e-safety, useful website links, choirs and virtual tours.

**Oak National Academy** <https://www.thenational.academy/> has a whole host of learning opportunities from a range of subjects for every year group. Take a look or email us at [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) for some support on what your child could be doing.

### Introducing the Virtual School Library!

Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch the Virtual School Library to keep children reading during lockdown. Every week, a popular children's author will become 'Author of the Week' and provide a free book or audiobook and exclusive videos and activities aimed at primary school children, all available at [library.thenational.academy](http://library.thenational.academy)

The first [Author of the Week](#) is former Brindishe Manor student, Dame Jacqueline Wilson DBE, who talks about how her infamous character Tracy Beaker got her name, offers exclusive activities and recommends her top reads to check out. *The Story of Tracy Beaker* is also available to read for free for a week. Happy Reading!

### Teacher/Child Video Catch Up Calls

By now, many of you will have already signed up your child's **Teacher/Child Video Catch Up** call which will take place next week. The teachers really enjoyed seeing and speaking with so many of the children last time and hearing about their learning. This week, staff may talk through an aspect of their learning that they weren't sure about or offer next steps.

To book an appointment, please log in to your **Weduc App** or follow the instructions which were sent to you in an email on Thursday.

On the day of the appointment, please make sure that you have **logged into School Cloud ten minutes before the call** is due to take place. The teacher will be waiting for the call to start, so if you are unable to make it, please cancel the appointment or let them know.

During the book collections, we have had a number of parents and carers asking us when the children will be returning to school. Of course, we will let you know as soon as we can but, as a lot of you know, we usually find this information out as you do - in news bulletins. We are really looking forward to when the children can come back!

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team

## PSFA news

### Virtual Valentine's Day Cake Sale

We hope you're all safe and well.

Times continue to be challenging and to prevent traditional forms of fundraising. Usually before the February half term we would hold a cake sale - one of our most popular events.

This won't be possible this year but could you donate the money that you would have spent at the cake sale to help raise funds? The minimum JustGiving donation is £2 and whatever you are able to donate will be much appreciated.

For the full cake sale experience, you could bake a Valentine's Day themed treat to enjoy at home. Share pictures with us on the Brindishe Manor PSFA Facebook page; we'd love to see what you make.

We are working this term to support remote learning - donating money to buy books to be distributed to children who might not otherwise be able to access them, contributing to musical instruments and other resources. In the current circumstances budgets are being stretched like never before - every donation helps no matter how large or small.

**If you are able, please donate via this page to support all our children's learning and experience <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/virtualcakesale>**

Thank you.

## Christmas Lights Trail Art Competition

The winner of the Christmas Lights Trail Art competition (and a £10 Amazon voucher) is Sienna, who created a wonderful festive snow globe.

