



Brindishe Manor Newsletter  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Headteacher: Kate Porter



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

This week, the children across school have been learning more about our plans for our summer Art exhibition. Each class will be working to exhibit their learning around our whole school theme of 'We are...Artists of the world'. Ms Dougan shared the vision for the whole school exhibition, with the children, in one of our assemblies this week. We can't wait to share it with our families later on in the term.

### Pyjamarama- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Pyjamarama is all about getting children excited about reading, and fundraising to make sure every child gets their bedtime story. The aim is that children around the country, in schools and nurseries, and at home, spend a day reading, enjoying and sharing stories, all in the comfort of their pyjamas, and donate £1 to Book Trust to help all children have access to stories and to reading. If your child is in Nursery or Reception, they can come to school on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** dressed in their pyjamas (with outdoor shoes and a coat) to enjoy a variety of books, stories and activities that will be planned for them around story themes.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/pyjamarama/>

### Brindishe Manor green spaces



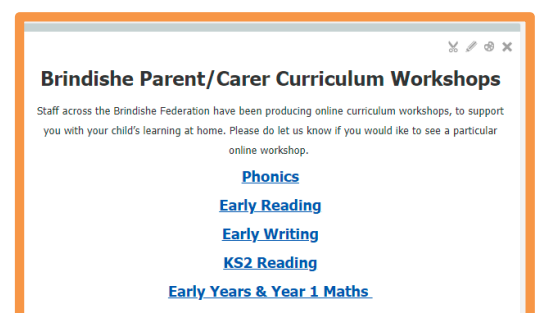
At Brindishe Manor we have big plans for our outdoor learning space. We have a garden area and field that we would like to re-vamp, along with making more opportunities to grow flowers/ herbs etc. around the school. Our PSFA have offered to support with funding this project through the kind donations of families and the wider community, however we need your help! If you are a landscaper, designer or architect who has any specialism in gardens we would really like to borrow some of your time to get some advice, tips or inspiration for re-designing this area.

Please email Kate Porter directly on [headteacher@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) if you think you or someone you know can help us!

### Parent workshops

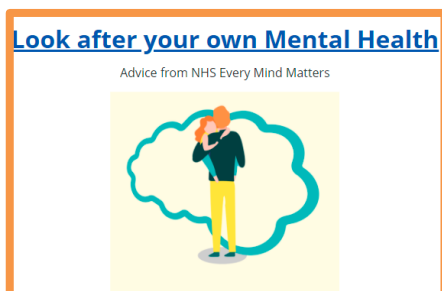
We would just like to remind parents and carers that you can access our parent workshops for phonics, early reading, early writing, Key Stage 2 reading and Early years / Year 1 maths on the itslearning platform. These can be found in the 'Brindishe schools Shared Parents and Carer room'.

Many parents and carers often ask teachers how they can support at home and these workshops are a great starting point for families.



## Mental Well-being

Please remember that itslearning has a whole host of links to websites that can support at home, as well as a whole section on mental health and wellbeing, with resources to support mental health, but also materials to support your children's understanding around the pandemic.



## School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners for children in Years 3-6 should be paid in advance through Arbor. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child is now entitled to Free School Meals, you should make an application online and inform the school office straight away. Applications can be made using the following link: [Applying for Free School Meals Online](#)

## Important Dates

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Nursery and reception Pyjamarama day

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Half Term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**– Inset day

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – End of term



## Global Goals

Year 6 have been learning about the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development linked with our work as a Rights Respecting School. Click here to find out more:

<https://www.globalgoals.org/>

They are planning lots of different activities to educate the younger children based on these goals. They have also decided to add something to the newsletter each week

that families can try to do at home to help create a better world by 2030.

This week's tip: Take short showers. Bathtubs require gallons more water than a 5-10 minute shower.



## Online safety



Concerned about what your child might be downloading onto their phone or tablet?

As children get their own devices, they are often keen to download apps and games that their friends might have too. But it is important for us to know exactly what these apps are and check we are confident they are **appropriate and safe**.

One way to do this is by restricting screen time and in app purchases. Here's how!

On **iPhones**, if you already have Screen Time turned on, go to Settings > Content and Privacy Restrictions > enter your passcode if asked > turn on Content and Privacy > tap iTunes and App Store Purchases > In-app Purchases > set to Don't Allow. If you don't already have Screen Time turned on, go to Settings > Screen Time > tap to turn it on > choose whether it's your device or your child's device > follow the steps to set up a passcode. Then just follow the steps above to block in-app purchases.

On **Android**, open Play Store, tap the menu button in the top left > scroll to Settings > Require Authentication for purchases > Select 'For all purchases through Google Play on this device'. Keep an eye on your bank statements to check your child isn't getting round the controls.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team