



Brindishe Manor Newsletter  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Headteacher: Kate Porter



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

We have had a busy week in school, meeting our Nursery children for their stay and play sessions and welcoming our reception children for lunch and afternoon session. All of our Early Years team have enjoyed getting to know the children and their families and our wider team look forward to meeting you all this half term.

It has been a real pleasure to move around the school and see some of the fabulous learning that has been going on. You will hear your children talking about some of the other adults that will be working in their class throughout the year. Our Assistant Head Teachers will be working across the school:

Miss Hockham will be working with Years 5 & 6

Ms Dougan will be working with Years 3 & 4

Mrs Caller will be working with Year 2 & 3

Mrs Guest will be working with Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Your children will also see Miss Porter teaching their classes throughout the year. This week she has been with year 2.

### We are a Gold Rights Respecting School!

At the end of last term, you might remember that we were completing our application to become a **Gold Rights Respecting School**. I am really pleased to inform you that we were successful and are now an accredited gold school.



Each week we will share an article for you to discuss with your children at home.

This will often be linked to our school assembly on Monday's.

This week we explored how children in our school can have a voice and how their opinions are so important.

**Right 12 - Respect the Views of the Child**

**Right 13 - Freedom of Expression.**



### Free Lunch for ALL Children on 7<sup>th</sup> October

Our new catering partner Radish have generously offered to give a free lunch to every child in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The menu for this day is attached to this newsletter. This is a great opportunity for your child to try the food if they usually bring a school lunch. If your child normally has packed lunch and you would like them to try a free lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, then you will be able to sign up with a simple Weduc form in the coming days.

## Brindishe Manor Harvest Collection

This year we are collecting tinned fish for Helping Hands Foodbank in Lee. This could be tuna, mackerel, sardines... as long as it's tinned, it's good! If you are able to support Brindishe Manor's Harvest Collection, please bring your tins of fish in to school by Friday 1st October via your child/ren's classroom.



## Assemblies:

The children have enjoyed coming together for their first phase assembly of the year (years 1&2, 3&4, 5&6 are meeting on separate days for assembly) where we talked about our shared expectations for the year. The children will continue to have a whole school zoom assembly on Mondays and a class praise assembly on Friday.

## School Meals Email Address

We have now set up a dedicated email address for all enquiries relating to school meals. If you have any questions about school meals, need to discuss your child's dietary needs or anything else connected with school lunches, please email [schoolmeals@brindisheschools.org](mailto:schoolmeals@brindisheschools.org)

## Applying for Secondary School 2022

All applications for Secondary Schools must be made through Lewisham Council Admissions. The deadline for applications is 31st October. All Lewisham Secondary schools are now advertising their open days/ online sessions so please have a look at each school for their dates and times. If you need any support in completing your application, please contact Miss Hockham or Miss Porter either on the school gate or via [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk)

## We need your help with the following:

If you are having a sort-out of your children's toys, games or books then PLEASE think of us first!

We are always in need of the following ...

- \*Orchard brand board games (completed)
- \*Board games that children can use for wet play in classrooms
- \*Quality fiction and non-fiction books
- \*Good quality construction toys such as Lego, K'Nex, Magformers,
- \*Small world plastic farm animals, sea animals etc



Please bring your donations and place them in the office foyer.



## Mobile phones and scooters

For the welfare and well-being of our children and families, please can we ask you to put your mobile phones away when you enter the playground. Can we also ask you to make sure your child(ren) push their scooters in the playground to keep everyone safe.

## Important Dates

Please look on the Weduc Calendar for key dates and information regarding your child's class

**Height & Weight Measurements for Reception and Year 6** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021

**Meet the Teacher meetings** – W/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Half Term** 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

**Winter Break** 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022

**INSET Day** – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 – No children in school

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team