



Brindishe Manor Newsletter
Friday 19th March 2021
Headteacher: Kate Porter



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Dear Families, governors, staff and friends,

Today we were thrilled to see so many of our children, staff and families coming through the gates dressed in red to raise money for Red Nose Day: Comic Relief. So far we have raised over £300...and we are still counting!



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This week has seen lots of our classes taking advantage of the better weather and learning outside. Nursery have been digging for insects in their new garden area, Year 3 had a day learning all about Fairtrade and Year two have been learning a dance together. Throughout the week our Reception children have been learning all about feelings and emotions linked to their class text '*The Colour Monster*'.

SMS/Text Messages

On Monday 22nd March, Arbor will be changing their SMS provider. As a result, text messages that come from school will now be sent from a **different number**. As always, please do not reply to our text messages but instead send an email to info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Warm Layers

Please can we ask that all children come to school wearing layers – a t-shirt and a warm long sleeved jumper/hoodie, as well as a suitable coat? We have been told **we must keep classroom windows and outside doors open** for ventilation, and the classrooms are much colder than normal. Many of the children are finding it very cold inside, as well as outside.

Spring Planting

We are beginning Spring planting projects across the school and would be most grateful for any donations of packets of seeds, seed trays and plant pots. Please bring these to the school gate and hand to a member of staff. Thank you!



Lockdown Learning Survey

A couple of weeks ago we sent you a survey to gather your thoughts on the provision we offered during the spring lockdown. The results of this survey can be found on Weduc. As you will see, there is quite a lot of cross-over between 'particular strengths' and 'improvements'. For every comment from a family that would have liked more live Zoom sessions/teaching, there was a comment from a family who liked the pre-recorded teaching videos and who commented that more live sessions would not have worked for them. We believe that our pre-recorded videos meant that the learning provision was accessible for more families in our community terms of flexible timing and also catering for families with children in different year groups. We are now in the process of gathering more information from staff and the children as well. We will use all of this feedback to help improve the quality of online learning moving forward such as home learning and projects etc.). If you stated on your survey that you would like the school to contact you for a personal response, someone will be in touch with you over the coming weeks.

Please can we ask all drivers to turn off your car engine once you have parked or stopped your car

Fumes from cars contribute to asthma, lung cancer and heart conditions, as well as having a dangerous impact on the environment. We will share more information with you about an 'Engine Off – Every Stop' campaign over the next couple of weeks.



Mobile phones

Can we please remind parents and carers to finish your telephone conversations before you drop-off or collect your child/ren at the end of the day. This is important so that if teachers or adults do need to speak to you, they can.

Important Dates

Sunday 21st March – Census Day

Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April - Easter/Spring Break

Monday 19th April - Summer term begins

Week beg 26th April - Teacher/Parent Meetings (through Weduc – more information to follow)

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Monday 7th June - INSET Day - school closed to all children

Monday 31st May – 4th June - Half Term

And finally...

Thank you to all our parents and carers who are wearing their masks or visors to school every day. Please can we ask that you keep them on until you have left the school premises and are well away from the school gates. Thank you.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team