



Brindishe  
**Manor**

# Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

## School communication

We have listened to your comments from our survey in the summer term and are working hard to improve our communication with our families, so it is the best it can be!

We want you to be able to know what your child has been learning, what is coming next, visit your child's classroom throughout the year and to see their learning and hear about their learning and progress.

Throughout the year we offer a range of ways that you can be part of your child's school experience, although we know it is not always possible to attend everything that we offer. We have added as many dates to our Weduc Calendar as possible, so that you can have plenty of warning about them! For events where we have information to share, we will always upload our information to Weduc, so that you can have access to it.

## What has been happening this week?

Our Reception have completed their first full week and we are very proud of how quickly they have settled in.

Thunberg Class (Year 4) went to Crofton Roman Villa and had a workshop about artefacts. Thank you to the parents/carers who accompanied them.

Some of our Year 6 children were able to complete their Bikeability course and are now safe to drive on the road.

Next week, we are looking forward to the amazing play equipment being finished so the children should hopefully be able to use it from Wednesday!

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## Attendance and punctuality

Our gates open for 10 minutes for a staggered start from **8:35am**. Children from Years 2-6 can **walk to their classrooms from the gate in the morning**. The leadership team and support staff will support the children. Parents and carers are also reminded that they should speak to a member of staff on the gate, phone the office or send an email to [info@](mailto:info@) rather than trying to speak to teachers in the morning.

Please remember that your child's attendance should be at least **96%** each year!

# Year 6 destinations

We are very proud of our children for settling in so well this term including our Year 7 children! Many of last year's Year 6 have returned to tell us about their new school and we even have some of them returning to talk to our current Year 6 about SATs and the transition to secondary school. Here is a list of the schools that they have transferred to:

- Beths - 1
- Bonus Pastor - 2
- Bullers Wood for Boys - 1
- Bullers Wood for Girls - 2
- Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School - 2
- Colfes - 1
- Conisborough - 2
- Ebbsfleet Academy - 1
- Eltham College - 1
- Eltham Hill - 6
- Harris Academy - 2
- John Roan - 3
- Kingsdale - 1
- Leigh Academy - 1
- Prendergast Ladywell - 1
- St. Matthew Academy - 15
- Sydenham - 1
- Thomas Tallis - 6
- Trinity - 7
- Moved Overseas - 1

## Volunteers readers

Would you like to be a regular volunteer in school? Would you like to support children with their reading and learning?

If yes, please email [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) and ask for an application form. Under safer recruitment, please note that all volunteers will need to have a conversation with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, are required to provide 2 professional references, and obtain a clear DBS, which the school will organise.



## Snack Time

Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring a **piece of fruit or raw vegetables** into school to have as a morning snack. This is because many children find it hard to make it to lunchtime without getting hungry, which effects their concentration and learning behaviour.

Only fruit and vegetables are allowed in school for snack time. This is so that it can be taken outside, eaten on the carpet or eaten at their tables while they continue their learning.



## Challenging behaviour

How to tackle difficult or challenging behaviour with your child. Biting and hitting, violent behaviour, tantrums and meltdowns



If you are experiencing challenging behaviour with your child or want to find out how to support your child through a challenging stage, please visit Action for Children through the QR code above. It has information that you may find helpful.