



Brindishe Manor

Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

What has been happening this week?

It has been wonderful to welcome you all into school this week to see your child's performance and to share their learning with our open classroom sessions too. The children have really enjoyed preparing their lines and songs and I think you will all agree, they did an amazing job!



This week the children are working hard to finish their end of term units of learning in all of their subjects. Next week we will be asking the children to reflect on the Autumn term by asking them...

- What areas of learning have you enjoyed the most this term?
- What area of your learning do you think you have improved the most in?
- What piece of writing are you most proud of?
- What are you looking forward to about next term?

Nursery News

A final reminder that we are holding a craft morning for our Nursery children on Monday 18th December from 9 -10am. The children will have an opportunity to join in with a number of craft activities with a grown-up from home. We request that only ONE adult per child comes to the craft session, as the space is very limited. We look forward to seeing you there!



Staffing news

As you will remember, we are saying goodbye to Rose Barron next week, as she retires from her role as Nursery Nurse, having been part of the Brindishe family for the past 14 years. Janet O'Neill, who is also a Nursery Nurse, will take up the post in our Nursery for the foreseeable future, starting in January. Many of you will know Ms O'Neill as she has worked across the school for a number of years. This means that Ms.O'Neill will leave Year 3 at the end of the term and be replaced by a new member of the team.

We have a number of TAs in school that work in different classes and across phases. The children know the adults well and sometimes we do have to move people around for all sorts of reasons. We always let the children know when this is happening.

Useful Contact Numbers

Please see the list of numbers that our safeguarding team have put together to support families over the holiday period.

If you need to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead, you can ask for in the school office or see the posters that are available in the school office.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Samaritans - 116 123

Childline - 0800 1111

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Mind - 0300 123 3393

Age UK - 0800 055 6112

Text SHOUT to 85285 for
24/7 support

SUPPORT AND DONATIONS

Concern World-Wide Gifts

Barnardo's Christmas Appeal

The Toy Project

Find a Food Bank - The Trussell Trust

Feeding Britain

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Brindishe Manor are:

Kate Porter	Headteacher
Charlotte Dougan	Assistant Headteacher
Julie Hockham	Assistant Headteacher
Gemma Caller	Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion Lead
Clare Doran	Attendance Welfare and Safeguarding Officer for the Federation

Winter Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Winter Fair last week. Thank you also to all those people who donated prizes and their time to make it happen and thank you to our wonderful PSFA for all the planning and making it such a success!

The final amount raised: £2, 824 !

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Finally, we would just like to thank all of our families for your continued support this term, with everything from hearing your children read regularly, to practising times tables, accompanying the classes on trips and visits and attending the school fair. It has been a busy term, with so much success and progress for the children and it definitely time for a well-deserved break, for them and for the staff!

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and winter break and hope that you can spend some time with your families and the people who are dear to you all.

We look forward to seeing all of the children from 8:35am on Tuesday 9th January 2024!!

Kate and the Brindishe Manor Team

TERM ENDS - WEDNESDAY 20TH
DECEMBER.

SEASONS GREETING FROM ALL AT
BRINDISHE SCHOOLS.



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Bank of Things Christmas Appeal

The Young Mayor and Young Advisors' initiative Bank of Things is appealing for donations of toiletries, prepaid gift vouchers, socks (sizes 3-6, 6-12), book tokens, chocolate and sweets, notebooks and stationery, hats, scarves, and fun stocking fillers for ages 11 to 25. Donations of money are also accepted as these items can then be purchased.

Keeping Children Safe Online at Christmas

With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are looking forward to receiving gifts. For many, this may be devices that allows you to go online. Even with the best intentions, many parents have a false sense of how to keep their child secure, or think their child is more secure than they actually are.

Scan the QR Code for a free resource which you may find valuable this festive season.
[Click Here](#) to watch a short video on what is Safety Net and dates.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

- A Parent's Guide to Social Media**
- A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**
- A Parent's Guide to Gaming**
- A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**
- A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**
- A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**
- A Parent's Guide to Fake News**
- A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with

- Home Office
- West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

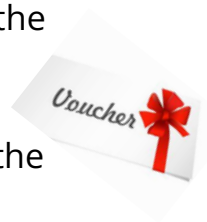
FSM Vouchers for Christmas Holidays 2023

The London Borough of Lewisham has confirmed that it is able to support families with FSM (Free School Meal) eligible children by providing vouchers for the Christmas Holidays. The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child. Families will receive a supermarket voucher provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.



On Friday the 17th November, families who are on benefit related free school meals should have received a HAF Holiday Voucher from Holiday Activities. Redeeming this voucher will credit your account with 4 credits that can be used to book free activities over the holiday period for 4 hours per day, 4 days a week. Food will be provided along with fruit and snacks.

Please be aware that activities are booked on a first-come, first-served basis so keep an eye out for an email or text message containing a HAF voucher and be sure to browse the available activities.



If you are unsure of the process of redeeming and using your voucher, please see the following link which will take you to the online Parent Guide:

<https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/articles/12899380332561-Parent-Guide>.

For further support, please email the provider direct on support@holidayactivities.com or call on 01638 438 311.

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Who or what influences the way you think about the world and shapes your thoughts and beliefs?

- Your cultural background and heritage
- Friends
- Family
- TV
- School
- Where you live



November and December are important months for many religions. Can you think of some festivals and events that take place at this time that we have celebrated in Brindishe Schools?

Christmas looks different around the world too. Over the next few days children will be thinking about Christmas traditions, how Christmas is celebrated in different countries and cultures around the world. How will you be celebrating this festive season?

Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our third meeting is on **Tuesday 6th February at 6pm at Brindishe Manor School.**

Key Federation Dates

- End of term – Wednesday 20th December
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 8th January 2024
- Children return to school Tuesday 9th January 2024
- Deadline for Primary Admissions – Monday 15th January 2024
- Half Term – Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024.

BANK OF THINGS CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

**THIS CHRISTMAS WE ARE SUPPORTING
LEWISHAM'S YOUNG PEOPLE FACING
HARDSHIP BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A
BUMPER CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG**

linktr.ee/bankofthingslewisham

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HOW DO I DONATE?

Donate online with the link above*	Drop into Unit 19, Monday to Friday 10-5pm	To donate £10, text ZCNW02 to 7019
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