



Brindishe  
**Manor**

# Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

## What happened in school this week?

On Wednesday, Year 2 visited the Ragged Museum as part of their learning on the Victorian period. The children had a fabulous day and enjoyed the workshop where they developed their understanding on what it was like to attend school during this time.

Today Year 5 visited Tate Britain to look at landscapes and cityscapes linked with their art learning. They had a great time. Thank you to all the parents/carers who accompanied them - without you, we couldn't offer so many trips!

We had a hugely successful World Book Day on Thursday. The children all looked wonderful in such a wide variety of costumes and outfits!

A special thank you to the PSFA who organised breakfast for families and to our parents who came in to talk about their jobs in the book/ writing world! A special thank you to Ms Benton (our reading lead), who organised a fun-filled day for all of the children.

## What is happening next week?

In our whole school assembly on Monday the children will be introduced to our Neurodiversity fortnight. Year 3 are visiting the Science museum and Year 4 are off on their 2 night residential to Surrey.

### Parents and Carers Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you all for Parents and carers' evening on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March 2024. If you have not booked your appointment, then please do so.

### PSFA News

Please see the bottom of the newsletter for all of the PSFA news...there are lots of exciting events happening in school soon!

### Holiday fines

You may have all heard on the news this morning the government are increasing the holiday fine for parents to £80 per parent instead of £60.

A reminder that we do not authorise any holiday unless there are exceptional circumstances and we will be issuing fines if there is a pattern of parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday.

**Planting day**  
Saturday 16th March, 10am to 1pm

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**What we need.**

Volunteers to join us for a fun morning of planting and gardening at our school. **Saturday 16th March, between 10am - 1pm.**

We're looking for people to bring wheelbarrows, spades, garden forks and trowels. Volunteers should wear sturdy boots or shoes, bring a pair of gardening gloves, wear warm layers, a bottle of water and snacks. Children should also bring a pair of gloves if they want to join in.

**What to expect.**

We will be planting a variety of trees, adding shrubs (to fill in gaps along the front of the school), weeding, mulching, adding shrubs to a shady border and planting some herbs and flowering plants in a raised bed.

Brindishe Manor PSFA is a registered charity, number 1117178

## Nursery News

This term the Nursery team are holding a Science morning for our Nursery children on **Friday 22nd March from 8:50-10am**. The children will have an opportunity to join in with a number of activities with a grown-up from home which will develop both scientific knowledge and skills. We request that only **ONE adult** comes to the craft session from home, as the space is very limited. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Local School Visits

Today we have sent information for you about how you can consent for local visits. This will mean that you can give consent for your child to go on local trips, without us sending permissions each individual time. We will of course still notify you if we do plan trips. If you have any questions then please do let us know.



## Comic Relief Create a Comic Competition

On Friday 15th March we will be raising money for Comic Relief.

The children can come dressed as a **superhero** if they wish and we will be running a 'Create a Comic Competition' for all children.

If your child would like to enter the 'Create a Comic Competition' they need to produce a short story or comic page from a story. Each class teacher will then pick a winning comic strip. Each class has a £5 book voucher up for grabs.

We have attached a couple of blank comic strips that you can use if you wish. We will also be printing copies for the children to take home. The competition will end on Comic Relief...Friday 15th March.

If you would like to donate money to Comic Relief instead of putting cash in the buckets on Friday, please visit our JustGiving page [here](#)



## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	<b>95.0%</b>	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:  A huge well done to Yousafzai & Curie class who had 100% attendance this week	Yousafzai Curie Pankhurst Asher-Smith Escher	100% 100% 99% 97% 97%
Top classes with all children in on time	Kusama, Yousafzai, Attenborough, Huge well done to them all 😊	

In February we held the PSFA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we voted for the trustees for the next twelve months. **Hannah Blair, Helen Steevens, Katy Clinch, Emma Harris and Ali Bailey** all have children at the school and really welcome parents and guardians coming to chat to them about getting involved.

Contact us at [brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com) and look for event updates in the newsletter or on the PSFA Facebook page [facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa](https://facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa)

## What's on this half term?

### Planting day - Saturday 16th March, 10am to 1pm

Holly, HH Garden Landscapes, has been planting in the garden areas of the school. She's running a planting day on 16th March and all parents, carers and children are welcome to come. Children must be supervised by their adults at all times. Refreshments are provided. More details to follow on Weduc.



### Raise your Pulse - 27th March (and other dates)

We're back with Raise Your Pulse. On 27th March, Sportacus will run activities for the kids during the school day. On 25th, 26th and 27th March, there will be evening classes for the adults to join. See the flyer below for how to get involved.



### Spring trail - During Easter Holidays

Download the trail and collect the clues. Over the Easter school holidays we will be running a trail for Brindishe families to take part in. We're looking for houses and businesses in Hither Green to take part. Participants need a front window that is visible from the street, which they can decorate, including a clue from the trail. Chat to a Trustee or email us to take part.



### Eid event - TBC

**We're looking for families who celebrate Eid to help us plan an event. Contact the psfa to help.**





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## Raise Your Pulse is back!

Raise Your Pulse is a whole school sponsored event and we are using money raised to go towards a new non-fiction library.



### Kids' activities - Wednesday 27th March, in school time.

The whole school will take part in a range of fitness and sports activities during school. We're asking for donations or why not get sponsorship for your kids? **See below for the ways to donate and sponsor.**



### For the grown-ups - 25th, 26th and 27th March, 6 to 6.50pm

We're running classes for parents and carers. These are pay what you can and the teachers are kindly giving their time for free, so everything goes towards the fundraiser.

**Monday 25th - Mindfulness with Hayley**  
**Tuesday 26th - Vinyasa Yoga with Em Harris Yoga**  
**Wednesday 27th - Circuits with Louise from Burn It Fitness**



All **classes begin at 6pm** in the main school hall. Find out more and book at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/brindishe-manor-psfa>

### How you can donate or sponsor.

Make a single donation on the **Just Giving page**. Use the link or QR code. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/brindishe-manor-pulse-24>

There will also be **paper sponsorship forms** available from the office on Monday. Please return to the office by the end of term.

### Raise Your Pulse Bags

Raise Your Pulse bags are available to buy for £3.50.

<https://brindishe-manor-parents-staff-friends-association.sumupstore.com/product/raise-your-pulse-bags>.



The bags are made from recycled materials. Please include your child's name and class in the order notes.







# Science Newsletter Spring Term

Our science team would like to inform you about an exciting new Science and Art competition provided by Explorify. This is a brilliant way to celebrate your creativity and curiosity. To take part, you can draw, paint, sculpt and even photograph a piece of art that is linked to science. The winner will receive a £50 book token. Scan the QR code for more information.

**Explorify** 

## Art Competition

*Turn curiosity and creativity into a work of art*

**Competition winners will have their creations made into an Explorify Start with Art activity and receive a £50 book token!**

Explorify is eager to see artworks from all educational settings, including home learners. Winners will be carefully selected from two categories:

- Age 7 and under
- Age 8-12

**Enter by 31 March 2024**



Scan for competition details and tips for success.

The science team also want to let everyone know that next week is British Science Week. The theme this year is Smashing Stereotypes. Look on the British Science Week website for videos, activities and information for how you can get involved.

[Homepage British Science Week](#)





Brindishe  
Federation

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## Easter Holiday Vouchers

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 Easter 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.

From Thursday 7th March, families who are on benefit related free school meals should receive 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](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com) or call on 01638 438 311.

## Veg Power! - Thursday 14th March

We are excited to inform you that Radish will be hosting a 'Veg Power' event which will be held in Brindishe Schools **NEXT THURSDAY** to support the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign'. We are delighted to get involved in this great campaign to encourage our children to try new vegetables in a fun and engaging way.

### What is Radish doing?

Radish's plan for this fun Veg Power day is as follows:

#### •**The Radish Big Chomp Salad Bar**

Staff will encourage your pupils to get those gnashers to work defeating those veg one big bite at a time, and we are planning some great chomp visuals and fun. Chomping on raw veg is also excellent for dental health – so double win!

#### •**Lunchtime**

The main menu will remain in place, but we will highlight the dishes that are packed with veggies with some fun decorations on display to get the children excited!

Every pupil has already received a reward chart and stickers to take home so they can continue their quest at home to chomp and defeat their veggies!



# Right Respecting Article Of The Week

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



### 'Inspire Inclusion'

#### Article 2 - Non-discrimination

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination.

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 March. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

#### Why do you think it is important to have a special day to celebrate women?

- To celebrate how amazing women are.
- To recognise how women have changed the world.
- To acknowledge the challenges women still face around the world.
- To encourage women to be themselves – to be the best they can be!
- To let women know they are appreciated.
- To speak out about inequality.
- Fewer girls than boys go to school – this isn't right.
- Women often get paid less than men for doing the same job.
- It is about equality and ensuring all are treated fairly and not discriminated against.
- To explore what we need to do to create a world where gender equality exists.



Article 2 is about non-discrimination. What does discrimination mean in your family? Sadly, many girls across the world are unable to access the same education as boys. Imagine you were a girl kept at home to grow food, cook and help look after your siblings while your brothers went off to school each day. Around the world, 129 million girls are out of school and only 49% of countries have achieved gender parity in primary education.

Discuss at home with your child/children different jobs that people do. Can anyone do any job they like? Share your opinions. Watch [this video](#) about how a class challenges gender stereotypes and how we discuss similar in school. See if anything surprises you. What are your thoughts after watching the video?

For more information visit International Women's Day website here - <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/PenguinRandomHouse>



## 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](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org). Our fourth meeting of this academic year is on **Tuesday 19th March at 6pm** at Brindishe Manor School.

# Online Safety Bulletin

## New devices



*If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls?*

### Consoles

All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with. Find out the specific settings below:

- PlayStation: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>
- Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>
- Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

### Mobiles/Tablets

You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access. Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.

- Apple devices: <https://www.apple.com/uk/families/>
- Android devices: <https://families.google/familylink/>

### Further information

Internet Matters provide a checklist here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

## Key Federation Dates

- **SHINE at Blackheath starts Saturday 24th until Saturday 23rd March**
- Last day of term - **Thursday 28th March**
- Easter Holidays - **Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**
- Children return to school - **Monday 15th April**
- Primary National Offer Day - **Tuesday 16th April**