

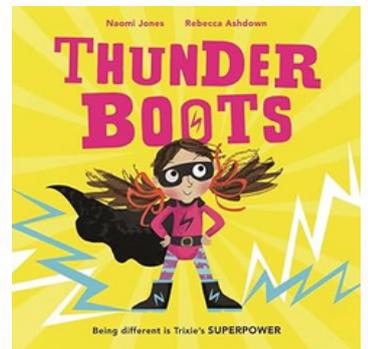
Brindishe  
**Manor**

# Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

## What happened in school this week?

This week we started our Neurodiversity fortnight with the children. On Monday we talked about tics and twitches and how these are involuntary movements and sounds. We explored when these might happen for some people and when they can increase for some children. On Wednesday Mrs Caller talked to the children about differences in the way we learn and read the story Thunder Boots by Naomi Jones and Rebecca Anderson to all of the children. She linked this to our 5 school values.



This week our Year 4 have spent 3 days and 2 nights on their residential visit in Surrey. They had the opportunity to undertake some field work, teamwork and develop their problem solving skills. They took part in den building in the woods, pond dipping, orienteering, a long evening walk and a whole host of other activities. The children all had a great time. Thank you to all of the school adults who volunteered their time to support the children on this visit.

## What is happening next week?

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming you to our parent and carer meetings. The sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday between 3:30-6:30pm (Miss Blackie's class will be Thursday 21st and Tuesday 26th). Teachers will have some of the children's learning available for you to look at after your meeting, so that you can see the progress that your child/ren has made so far this academic year.

## 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** from home comes to the session, as the space is very limited. We look forward to seeing you there!



## With the Easter Holidays coming up, please remember...

It is really important that your child/ren are in school every day, with the exception of illness. You may have all heard on the news that the government are increasing the holiday fine for parents to £80 per parent instead of £60.

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. You must complete the 'request for absence' form that you can find on our federation website or collect a copy from the school office, so that we can add this to our registers.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall school attendance this week:	<b>95.%</b>	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:  A huge well done to Curie class who had 100% attendance this week	Curie Goldsworthy Thunberg Yousafzai Kusama	100% 99% 98% 98% 97%
Top classes with all children in on time	Yousafzai, Adeola, Jeffers, Rashford, Huge well done to them all 😊	

## Comic Relief



Thank you to everyone who donated money via the buckets at the school gate and by our Just Giving page. There's still time if you didn't have a chance today. Click here to donate: [Just Giving](#)



## 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

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**Monday 25th - Mindfulness with Hayley**  
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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>.



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## Free collection of graphic novels, comic books and manga at Lewisham Libraries

In an incredible opportunity to engage readers of all abilities and ages, every child in Lewisham can now get free unlimited access to thousands of extra digital books using their library card.

As a brand new addition to their service Lewisham Libraries have introduced 'Comics Plus' - offering digital access for every library member on desktop, mobile or tablet. Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for offline reading - with unlimited copies. There is something for all ages (adults too!) - and each user is only offered content that is suitable for their age group.

For more information follow this link visit  
<https://comicsplusapp.com/about/faqs/>



## 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.

# Right 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
- Your religion
- Your health
- Social media
- Personal life experiences
- Your family history
- Politicians
- Celebrities
- Education



Article 14 is all about your thoughts and beliefs. These are very personal things and help to define who you are.

*What things do you feel most strongly about that make you the person you are?*

*What more can you do to help other people around you to enjoy this right?*

At Brindishe Schools we discuss with children how important it is (and their right) to have their own thoughts and beliefs and that no child should experience any form of discrimination. This is why we believe it's so important to learn about different religions at school.

In this video, 11 year-old Simran shows you a Gurdwara, the Sikh place of worship. Religions often have a special place where people come together to worship. Watch this video at home with your child. What other places of worship can you think of together?



The Gurdwara | Religious Studies - My Life, My Religion: Sikhism



## 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.

## *Fortnite Battle Royale*

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

### **What is Fortnite?**

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

### **What do I need to be aware of?**

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

### **Parental Controls**

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language, and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>



## **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**

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## How you can donate & collect sponsorship

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- Click on <http://www.justgiving.com/team/brindishe-manor-pulse-24?invite=true>
- Select **Join Team** > **Create a new fundraising page** and follow the steps. You can personalise the page or use our template.

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