Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

What has been happening this week?

It was great to see everyone at the Parents Evenings this week. We hope you found it useful to look through your child's books and talk to their teacher about the progress made so far this year and next steps.

The Christmas Trees are up in school and we have been working hard on the Christmas Concerts for you to enjoy next week.

Year 6 have been doing some collaborative problem solving in Maths while Reception have been immersing themselves in Christmas preparations by making decorations for their tree. Year 3 have made amazing little playdough characters for their stop motion animations and they have been working on their wall hangings in DT. Year 5 completed a great investigation about soluble and insoluble materials. Year 4 made some delicious Italian inspired soup in DT.



Brindishe **Lee**



















What is happening next week?

Year 6 are heading out to the Imperial War Museum next week. Year 2 have a trip into London to see where the Great Fire happened. Year 1 and Year 3 have a visit from The History Man.

On **Wednesday** we have our Christmas Lunch in school. We would like to dial up the festivities on this day by wearing our **Christmas jumpers**!

All week we have our Christmas Concerts- see below for dates and times.

It's going to be a very fun, busy week for all!

Information From the Office

Trip and Workshop payments: We have had a lot of non payment this term for the enrichment opportunities we love such as workshops and visits. Please be sure to make your contribution as we are at the point of needing to think about what we will be able to offer in the future.

Lateness: If your child is late to school you will need to come in and sign them in on the monitor at the front desk.

Guitar Lessons: The final lesson for this term will be on Friday 15th December.

F@B News

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Winter Fair! We really appreciate the support and we will let you know how much money has been raised and what the money will be spent on.



Attendance

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	91.11%	86
Year 1	96.17%	121
Year 2	98.15%	34
Year 3	98.81%	38
Year 4	96.67%	91
Year 5	94.44%	19
Year 6 Magnolia	94.02%	146
Year 6 Sycamore	96%	37

Coming to school every day on time is so important! Our learning moves at quite a pace and the lessons are taught in sequence, so coming to school everyday helps your child to keep in step.

Important Key Dates-Autumn 2/ Spring 1

Decem	ber 2023
Wk begin 4th Dec	Parent/carer evenings
Winter	erformances
	1 Tuesday 12th December
2.30pm	
	nesday 13th December 2
2	.45pm
Year 4 and year 5 1	Thursday 14th December
	.45pm
	December 2.45pm
Wednesday 13th	Christmas lunch and
December	jumper day
Wed 20th Dec	Last day of term and
1100 20 000	Pantomime in school
	T differential in Solidor
Thu 21st - Fri 5th	Christmas Holidays
January 2024 (Mon 8th	
Jan INSET Day)	

January 2024		
Inset day no school		
Start of Spring term		
F@B AGM		

Please note the dates and times for the Winter Concerts. No tickets needed!





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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.

See flyer attached for further information

Online Safety Bulletin - Brindishe Online Workshops NEXT WEEK - TUESDAY 12th Dec

Does your child spend time exploring online?

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to keep them safe online.

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our FREE workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'.

Our workshop will:

- Help you understand how kids experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

For: parents, carers and family members (this workshop is for adults so please arrange childcare if possible)

Date: <u>Tuesday 12th December 2023</u>

Time: 6 pm (this workshop will last 1 hour)

Price: free

NSPCC

Delivered by: NSPCC – Local Campaign Manager Gail Sayles

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUlMSUxOdz09

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313

Passcode: 307249

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 October (2023) half term. 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

Human Rights Day

On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. This important moment in human history is now remembered on that date every year and is known as Human Rights Day. All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the **additional** rights that all children have until the age of 18.

Why is it important to have an International Human Rights Day?

- ·To celebrate the rights we have.
- \cdot To help reflect on the history and evolution of rights.
- ·To raise awareness about human rights as not enough people know about their rights
- ·Knowing our human rights helps us ensure our rights are met.
- ·Knowledge of human rights can help us make the world a fairer and safer place to be.
- ·To find ways to make sure human rights are met globally.
- ·Human rights aren't always respected, met, accessed or enjoyed.
- ·Human rights help protect everyone in the world.

In Brindishe Schools, we talk about children's rights every day, in lessons and assemblies and it is threaded right through our curriculum. How many rights can your child remember? Why not share this video with your child at home - 'I have the Right to Be a Child' to see some examples.

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 second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green 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.

