



Brindishe
Manor



**Tuesday 3rd
December
&
Thursday 5th
December**

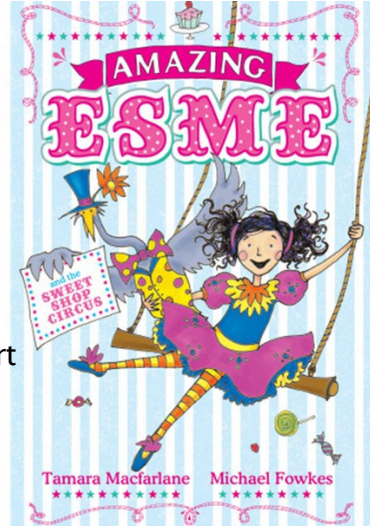
Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What has been happening this week?

This week our children in Years 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed an author visit from Tamara Macfarlane, who writes the 'Amazing Esme' series of books. She was joined by Gilbert Giggles, who kept the children entertained for over an hour, hearing all about her adventures!



We really want the children to enjoy hearing from authors and learning more about the writing process. If you know anyone that could come and visit the children at Brindishe Manor and share their love for writing, then do let us know!

This week we have also been focusing on the national Anti-Bullying week theme of 'Choose Respect'. Children have taken part in assemblies, class activities and the learning from the week will soon be placed on one of our display boards for the children to refer to.

What is happening next week?

Parents Evening bookings open

As you will remember, our dates for our parents/carers evenings are on Tuesday 3rd December and Thursday 5th December 2024.

From 5pm on Monday 18th November we will be releasing the parents/ carers open evening slots for you to book. Appointments are 10 minutes in length and provide you with an opportunity to talk to the class teacher about your child's progress and achievements this term, along with their next steps. We would advise that you arrive 10 minutes before your appointment so that you can look at examples of your child's learning, which will be available for you outside of the classroom.

Please see the attached document which explains how to book your appointment.

★ The Eco-Refill Shop is coming soon to Brindishe Manor ★

At Brindishe Manor school we are launching an Eco Refill shop! This will be a shop where you can refill plastic containers with popular household products. Our mission is to banish plastic waste and look after our planet. We will also have other products on offer such as dried fruit and treats for your pets! There really will be something for everyone! Keep your eyes peeled in the newsletters for our launch date. We hope to see you there.



Helping my Neurodivergent Child at Home

We are very pleased to welcome Anne Sheppee to our Inclusion team at Brindishe Manor.

Anne is a Neurodiversity Consultant and Dyslexia Specialist.

Anne will be holding a Parent and Carer Session titled 'Helping My Neurodivergent Child at Home' on **Wednesday 20th November – 8.45-10am** to tie-in with our second PINS meeting. Sophie Hodson from Drumbeat, our PINS co-ordinator, will also be attending.

All are welcome. We hope to see many of you there. It is helpful if you email info-BM@brindisheschools.org to let us know you will be attending.

Please note:

The Spring term PINS sessions will be held at a different time of day as we try to best suit the needs of all parents and carers.

Overall school attendance this week:	95%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Turing	100%
	Yousafzai	99%
	Goldsworthy	99%
	Latimer	98%
	Attenborough	98%
A huge well done to Turing class who had 100% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	Jeffers, Yousafzai, Kusama, Rashford, Huge well done to them all 🌟	

Key Dates

Friday 29th November - INSET day

Tuesday 3rd December and Thursday 5th December - Parents' Evening

Thursday 5th December - Year 6 to the Unicorn Theatre

- PSFA Christmas tree collection

Friday 6th December - Winter Fair after school

Monday 9th December - Year 3 performance followed by Open classroom

For further dates, look at the Weduc Calendar.

School planting day

Saturday 23rd November 11-3 (drop in anytime)

Bring the kids along to help (children must be supervised by their adult).

We also need large spades and wheelbarrows on the day.

Sign up by emailing brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com



Missed your flu vaccine?

Live or go to school in the borough of
Lewisham? Aged 4-16, 17

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect
yourself this winter!

Monday 18 November, 15:30 - 17:00
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

Tuesday 19 November, 15:30 - 17:00
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

Wednesday 20 November, 15:30 - 17:00
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

Thursday 21 November, 15:30 - 17:00
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

Friday 22 November, 15:30 - 17:00
Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EW

No appointment necessary.
Call 020 3903 3635 for more information



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The Bank of Things Christmas Appeal

The Bank Of Things is hosting a Christmas Gift Appeal 2024!

The Bank of Things are seeking donations for young people facing hardship. Donations can include gift cards, toiletries, skin care, chocolates, sweets, socks, scarves and gloves.

Please deliver donations to Unit 19, Lewisham Shopping Centre or contact Hannah@lewishamlocal.com to arrange a collection.



Free Cricket Sessions in Lewisham

Kent County Cricket, in collaboration with the charity Chance to Shine, is thrilled to announce free cricket sessions in the Lewisham area for young people aged 8-15. Designed to create accessible sporting opportunities for local communities, these sessions aim to foster a love for cricket while helping young participants build and develop essential skills. Currently, free cricket sessions are held at the Deptford Lounge every Tuesday - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Why Free Cricket Matters for Lewisham

Sport plays a transformative role in young people's lives, building confidence, discipline, and teamwork skills. However, the cost of equipment and access to facilities can often stand in the way of many eager children and teens who want to engage in organized sports. Kent County Cricket's partnership with Chance to Shine is breaking down these barriers.

What to Expect in the Sessions

Our sessions, led by experienced coaches, are carefully designed to provide top-quality cricket training. Every week, participants have the opportunity to learn fundamental cricket skills, from batting and bowling to fielding and teamwork. Whether they're complete beginners or experienced players, all are welcome, and each session focuses on skill-building, game strategies, and encouraging individual growth.

Getting Involved

These free sessions provide an invaluable resource to the community, giving young people the chance to stay active, learn new skills, and enjoy themselves after school. There is no cost to join; all you need is a love for the game and a willingness to participate.

If you have a child aged 8-15 in the Lewisham area who might be interested, head over to the Deptford Lounge on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. to join in or scan the QR code above.

Online Safety Bulletin

Whatsapp



You must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp.
Did you know that you can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting?

If a user locks a chat, then the chat will appear at the top under locked chats but cannot be viewed without your device password or biometric (face id/fingerprint). Furthermore though, a user can apply an additional setting to hide the locked chat (so it does not appear in their chat list and can only be accessed via the search bar).

Whilst this feature adds privacy, it can make it difficult to monitor what your child is doing on WhatsApp, which is why it is important to have regular chats with your child.

For more information on this matter, please take a few minutes to look at the website below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

Anti-bullying Day is held each year in November and is a time for all of us to think about how we can develop positive relationships in school based on dignity and respect.

Article 2 (non-discrimination) - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) - Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 13 (freedom of expression) - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect) - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

What different kinds of bullying can you think of?

- It is repeated behaviour that treats another person badly over time.
- Behaviour that makes you feel unsafe and/or puts you down as a person.
- Physical – aggressive or violent, being pushed, hit, kicked, intimidated.
- Verbal – name-calling, threatening, being laughed at, teasing, being shouted at.
- Social – being purposefully excluded from plans with your 'friends'.
- Cyber bullying (online, on social media or gaming forums) – unkind comments, sharing photos with negative comments.
- Discrimination - against race, nationality, sexuality, faith or another protected characteristic.



Across Brindishe Schools this week we have all been marking anti-bullying day and celebrating diversity. Children have taken part in a wide range of activities and discussions inside of school which include recognising unsafe behaviours and discrimination.

Watch 'How to be a Lion' by Ed Vere - click image for link. Talk with your child at home as to why the other lions are bullying Leonard and how he deals with this. 'Some say words can't change the world.

Leonard says, "If they make you think, maybe they can."

Do you agree with Leonard?



Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - rawaite@brindisheschools.org. ***Our first meeting for 2024/2025 is Tuesday 10th December at Brindishe Green School - 6pm.***

Key Federation Dates

- INSET DAY - Friday 29th November
- Christmas Holidays - Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January
- INSET Day - Monday 6th January - Children back to school Tuesday 7th January



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

What's on this winter.

Christmas tree and wreath - deadline 28th Nov

Buy one of our partners' beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths. For each item sold money goes to the PSFA charity. Trees will be ready to collect at school on Thursday 5th December.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/brindishe-manor-christmas-trees-2024>



Winter fair - Volunteer sign up is live

We cannot run it without your help and any time you can give is appreciated. **Please click 'sign up' below or use the QR code** for a role at the event. Below are some other things we need help with. The fair is on Friday 6th December, 3.15 to 5pm.

We also need....

- donations for the tombola **to the office from 25th November**
- prizes for the raffle – gifts vouchers, hampers from businesses are welcomed
- match funding for money raised by the PSFA



Raise money while shopping with easyfundraising

You can raise money for our school while doing your shopping online, including your weekly food shop. It's easy to sign up and there are load of brands and high street retailers in the scheme. The best bit is it doesn't cost you anything extra. Use the **refer a friend link below and the school get an extra £5** for every sign up.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=365441&invite=fpspqf&referral-campaign=c2s>



WELCOME TO THE 'PARENTS' EVENING BOOKING SYSTEM'. APPOINTMENTS CAN BE WITHDRAWN VIA 'I'M UNABLE TO ATTEND' EMAIL CONFIRMATION - PLEASE ENSURE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS CORRECT.

Your Details

Title: Mrs, First Name: Rachael, Surname: Abbot

Email: rabbot4@gmail.com, Confirm Email: rabbot4@gmail.com

Student's Details

First Name: Ben, Surname: Abbot, Date Of Birth: 20 July 2000

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

September Parents Evening

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that on the 13th there will be sessions available both in-person and via video call.

Click a date to continue

- Monday, 13th September: In-person & video call, Open for bookings
- Tuesday, 14th September: In-person, Open for bookings

[I'm unable to attend](#)

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Choose Booking Mode

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then hit Next.

Automatic
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability

Manual
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher

[Next](#)

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Choose Teachers

Set the earliest and latest times you can attend, select which teachers you'd like to see, and then press the button to continue.

Choose earliest and latest times

14:00 14:36 15:24 16:12 17:00

Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00

Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please untick them before you continue.

Ben Abbot

Mr J Brown (SENCO) Mrs A Wheeler (Class 11A)

[Continue to Book Appointments](#)

Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been reserved for two minutes. If you're happy with them, please choose the Accept button at the bottom.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
17:10 Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English	E6
17:25 Mrs D Mumford	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:45 Dr R McNamara	Andrew	French	L4

[Accept Appointments](#) [Cancel Appointments](#)

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

	Mr J Brown SENCO (A2) Ben	Miss B Patel Class 10E (H3) Andrew	Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A (L1) Ben
16:30		✓	
16:40			
16:50	+		+
17:00			+

Step 7: Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss, or raise anything beforehand.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.

September Parents Evening			Tuesday, 14th September
2 appointments from 16:15 to 16:45			In-person
Print Amend Bookings Subscribe to Calendar			
This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that on the 13th there will be sessions available both in-person and via video call.			
Time	Teacher	Student	Subject
16:15	Mr Mark Lubbock	Jason Aaron	English
16:30	Miss Bina Patel	Jason Aaron	Religious Education
September Parents Evening 2 appointments from 16:30 to 16:45			Monday, 13th September Video call
September Parents Evening 2 appointments from 15:00 to 15:45			Monday, 13th September In-person

Step 8: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.