

# Newsletter

Thursday 23rd November 2023



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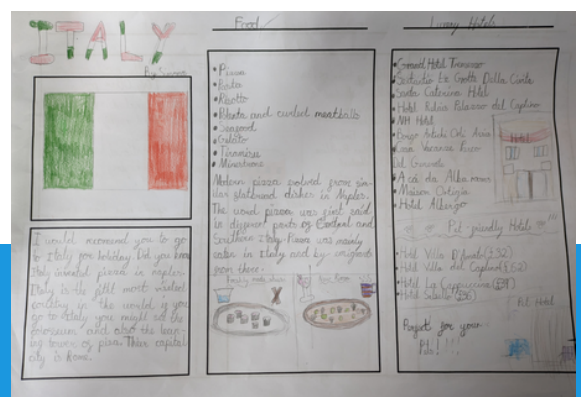
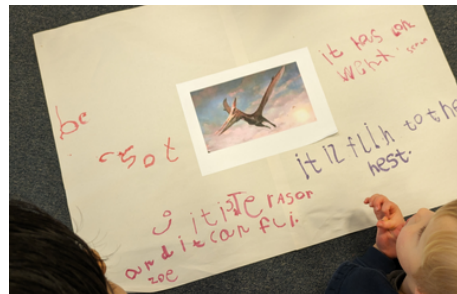
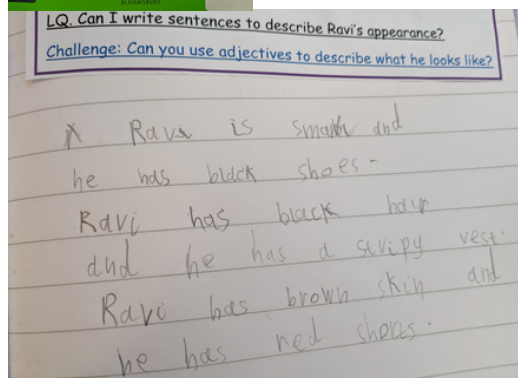
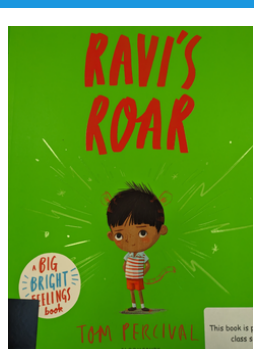
The Parent Meeting Booking Portal went live this week. Please make sure you book your slot! We are at 68% of parents booked so far.

Thank you to all of the children who have filled in an application to be on our Eco Council this week. Mr Durrant, Ms Mitchell and Mrs Bannister will review the applications next week and let everyone know the outcome. There's a lot of work to do for the successful candidates!

Year 5 and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their History Man workshops this week. Year 5 learned about Ancient Greece and Year 2 learned about the Great Fire of London.

The quality of writing really stood out this week, with Year 4 publishing a beautiful information leaflet about Italy, Reception finding out all about dinosaurs and Year 6 publishing their newspaper reports about Walter Tull on the laptops. Year 1 have dived into adjectives, including them in their sentences about Ravi from Ravi's Roar. Well done everyone!

There was excitement in Year 4 Science when they found out the results of their eggshell test, to try to find out the effect drinks can have on our teeth. Year 3 have been enjoying practicing their sewing skills as part of their Design Technology project about wall hangings.



# What is happening next week?

Parent's Evenings Bookings- Booking closes on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm

## Information from the Office

**Absence:** Please make sure you call the office if your child is off sick- not doing so creates extra work load for our office staff. Thank you.

**The History Man** is coming! Please ensure you have returned the slip and made payment via Horizons Parent Portal. We can not run these wonderful enrichment events without your support!

**Lost property:** Come and check the lost property in the office! You may be surprised by what you find!

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Your purchases have raised £400 worth of books for the school!

## F@B News

### The Winter Fair is Fast Approaching! Friday 8th December.

We welcome any donations for the tombola - for example pre loved toys in good working condition, stationery, arts and crafts.

If anyone works for a local business that would like to donate a raffle prize please also get in touch at [friends.brindishelee@gmail.com](mailto:friends.brindishelee@gmail.com)

Lastly, the deadline for ordering your Nordmann Christmas tree is next Wednesday so please place your order before it's too late. The trees are excellent quality and do not shed their needles for the whole of the festive season.



# Attendance

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	90.48%	12
Year 1	90.64%	53
Year 2	97.14%	13
Year 3	96.43%	9
Year 4	96.19%	63
Year 5	94.39%	21
Year 6 Magnolia	93.41%	24
Year 6 Sycamore	96.57%	46

# Important Key Dates- Autumn 2

November 2023		December 2023	
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am & 4.30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families	Wk begin 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent/carer evenings
3.35-3.50pm Thurs - 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Open classroom	Winter performances Reception and Year 1 Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm  Year 2 and 3 Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm  Year 4 and year 5 Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm  Year 6 Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm	
Week- 13-17 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying	TBC	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need- wear something spotty	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term and Pantomime in school
20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Book Fair at school		
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov R-Y6	Flu immunisations	Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Inset Day No school		



Brindishe Federation

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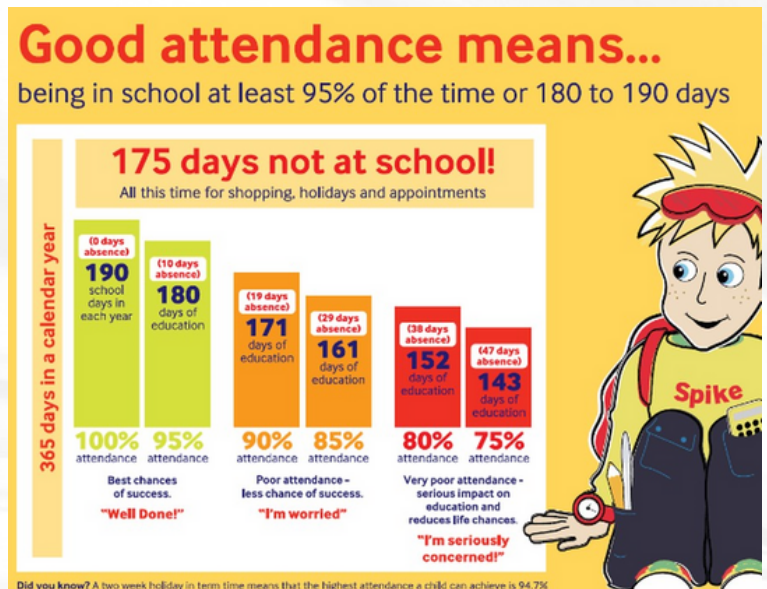
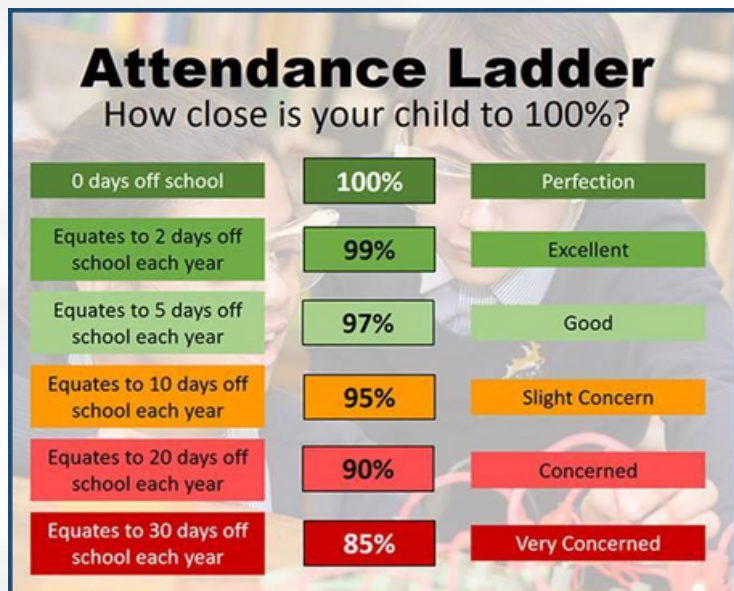
## Attendance Matters at Brindishe Schools

If you are the parent or carer of a child between the ages of five and 16, you are legally responsible for making sure they get suitable, full-time education. This can be through regular attendance at school or alternative provision.

Schools count each school day as two sessions, one morning and one afternoon, making a total of 10 sessions over a full school week. Children must attend all 10 sessions each week to achieve 100% attendance.

If a child does not attend school their attendance is reduced by 10% for each session missed. For example, if a child has a half-day absence in a full school week they will have attended nine sessions out of 10. This means they will achieve 90% attendance. If a child is absent for a whole week, their attendance is 0%. Schools will then calculate each child's attendance over a whole term.

At Brindishe Schools, we know that attendance is key to good education and work closely with all our families. If you need some support with lateness or attendance please do contact the school office or Clare Doran at [cldoran@brindisheschools.org](mailto:cldoran@brindisheschools.org).





# FSM Vouchers for Christmas Holidays 2023

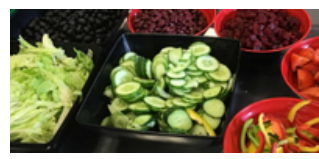
The London Borough of Lewisham has confirmed that it is able to support families with FSM (Free School Meal) eligible children by providing vouchers for the October (2023) half term. The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child. Families will receive a supermarket voucher provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.

Last 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>.

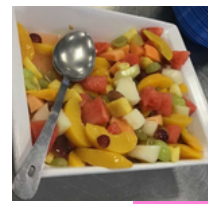
For further support, please email the provider direct on [support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com) or call on 01638 438 311.



## School Meals

Helping any child grow up fit and healthy begins with a balanced diet. Children need to eat three balanced meals a day as well as snacks to ensure their bodies are getting all the nutrients they need. Here are some of the key benefits of hot school meals, which most of our children enjoy in Brindishe Schools, served by Radish.

- Aiding Concentration
- Trying New Foods
- Tackling Obesity
- Developing Social Skills
- Learn about food and nutrition
- Hot lunches provided every day, especially beneficial in Winter Months.



Has your child tried our school meals yet? Did you know under the Mayor of London's Scheme, all primary aged school children are entitled to a free hot lunch every day?

Each day the children will have a choice of 3 main dishes, a pudding OR a choice of either cheese/biscuits or yoghurt, freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, 9 salad choices each day from the salad bar and milk and water.

For further information including Autumn Term menus, please visit our website - <https://green.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=230>

# Online Safety Bulletin - Brindishe Online Workshops

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:** Tuesday 12th December 2023

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

**Price:** free

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**Delivered by:** NSPCC – Local Campaign Manager Gail Sayles

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUxOdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313

Passcode: 307249

## 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 second meeting is on

**Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**

### Key Federation Dates

- Brindishe Schools INSET Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Schools closed to all children.
- End of term – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Children return to school – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Deadline for Primary Admissions – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## Current Vacancies at Brindishe Schools

We currently have some vacancies at Brindishe Schools for Extended Services Play Leaders, Nursery Nurses and Higher Level Teaching Assistants.

Please visit our website for further information - <https://www.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=426>