

Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024



Brindishe
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What has been happening this week?

An assembly about respecting differences and the protected characteristics led into a reminder about our proactive approach to bullying in Wednesday's assembly. Reminders about promoting positive relationships are a great way to start the new half term.

New learning has begun all over the school this week. Please check Weduc for information from your child's class teacher about the learning for this half term. We have everything from Ancient Egypt to The Victorians!

Year Two had a great time at The Royal Festival Hall, listening to the orchestra and learning about all of the instruments.

What is happening next week?

Year 3 and 4 have a day at The National Portrait Gallery where they will take part in a portrait workshop. Watch this space for details about an upcoming art exhibition on this theme at school.

Our focus for assemblies will be Fairtrade Fortnight and World Wildlife Day. Have a look at these websites for further information and activities.



[Fair trade Fortnight](#)



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[World Wildlife Day](#)

Bookings for Parent Consultations on 12th and 14th March open on Monday. Please see separate letter for details.

F@B News



Bake Sale

F@B are hosting a spring bake sale on **8th March after school**. Please bring along your cake donations (home or shop made but nut free please) and leave with delicious desserts, fresh flowers, tea towels and tote bags. Great gifts for the special women in your life!! Please see attached poster for details.

Also watch this space for details about a pancake breakfast before school on 22nd March.



Help us raise money for books!

We have the Book Fair back in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Every book you buy raises money for us to buy new books for our classrooms and library. Come and have a look!

Important information from the office

WEDUC: This is where you need to sign all permission slips and make all payments now. If your child has a trip coming up, please make sure you've given permission and paid on WEDUC. It takes a lot of staff time to chase up people who have not responded.

Illness/ Absence: Please call the office if your child is off. We need to know where the children are. Again, it takes staff time to chase up absences so please be kind and make the call!!

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March with a range of reading activities in school. To encourage interest in reading the, children can dress up as their favourite book character if they would like. This can be very simple e.g. a hat or a prop, or as complex as you like! Please don't buy anything new, just use what you have for a bit of fun. We will be launching our Book Swap Shed, so we are accepting good quality picture and chapter book donations, fiction and non fiction. Please bring them to the office.



Attendance

Wow Year 3! No learning time lost to lateness this week! Great job!

Attendance Mon 19th Feb 2024 - Fri 23rd Feb 2024

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	99.26%	127
Year 1	90.74%	119
Year 2	94.07%	127
Year 3	97.32%	0
Year 4	98.47%	66
Year 5	95.93%	53
Year 6 Magnolia	96.15%	22
Year 6 Sycamore	95.56%	18

Important Key Dates- Spring 2

March 2024		April 2024	
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day- dress as a book character		
Friday 8 th March	F@B Bake Sale and Crafts		
Tues 12 th and Thurs 14 th March	Parents evenings	Monday 15 th April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day- Wear Red		
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term		
Fri 29 th March – Fri 12 th April 2024	Easter holidays		



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Veg Power!

We are excited to inform you that Radish will be hosting a 'Veg Power' event which will be held in Brindishe Schools on Thursday 14th March 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.

A bit of background:

In 2018 Veg Power formed a key partnership with ITV and together created the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign. Now in its sixth year, nearly 5,000 schools across the UK and over 1.5m pupils have taken part. Research now shows that repeated involvement in the campaign leads to increased veg consumption over the long term. If you would like some more information about Veg Power, please visit:
<https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/schools/>

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 will receive a reward chart and stickers to take home so they can continue their quest to chomp and defeat their veggies!

Online Safety Bulletin

Are you being SMART online?

When using the internet, ask your children to be SMART!

S – SHARE – don't share information like names, numbers and emails with people you meet online.

M – MEET – Never meet an online friend without a parent or carer, even if you've been friends for a long time.

A – ACCEPT – Never accept a file, message picture or text from someone you don't know. This is how viruses can be spread. Remember, if you see something inappropriate – tell someone!

R – RELIABLE – Information online is not always true. Check with lots of sources both online and offline and speak to others if you are unsure.

T – TELL – Tell a trusted adult if you feel upset, worried or confused by something you've seen online or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Right Respecting Article Of The Week

Children's Mental Health Week

Before half term, all three schools across the Brindishe Federation recognised Children's Mental health Week.

What do you need for positive mental health?

- Understanding the different types of emotions you have.
- Knowing that it is usual and ok to have times when you might feel sad or worried
- Learning different ways to look after your mental health
- Having a trusted adult to speak with about your feelings.
- Making sure you exercise regularly.
- Making sure you have a healthy diet.



It's ok to have different feelings and moods, and talking about them links to your right to freedom of expression. At Brindishe Schools we learn about what the different colours mean in the 'Zones of Regulation'. Talk to your children at home about how they use zones in school. How can you get back to green if you are in a different zone?

How active are you at home with your child/children? Watch and join in with this video linking mental health and being active.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/pshe-super-mood-movers-look-after-yourself/zx2gydm>



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 fourth meeting of this academic year is on **Tuesday 19th March at 6pm** at Brindishe Manor School.

Key Federation Dates

- Children return to school - **Monday 19th February**
- **SHINE at Blackheath starts Saturday 24th until Saturday 23rd March**
- Secondary Offer Day - **Friday 1st March**
- Primary National Offer Day - **Tuesday 16th March**



Spring BAKE SALE

FRIDAY 8 MARCH, celebrate Spring with some cake! Flowers, tea towels and tote bags will also be on sale.

DONATIONS WELCOME please bring any nut free donations to the office. Thank you!



watch this space... more F@B events to come!