

# Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024



Brindishe  
Lee

## What has been happening this week?

With the sun finally shining a bit this week, the children were delighted to be using 'The Mound' again at playtime and lunchtime.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time with the author Gareth P. Jones. They enjoyed joining in with the storytelling and singing. Some of the children met Gareth and had their books signed by him. Thank you so much to F@B who funded this great experience.



Year 3 have been painting themselves as Egyptians linked to our exhibition and their history learning.

Year 4 marvelled at the wonder of printing when they made their portraits this week.

Year 5 have been learning about 'fold mountains' using this great model made out of teatowels.



Year 6 are learning about Evolution in their science lessons (in between getting reading for their SATs).



## What is happening next week?

Assembly next week will look at online safety linked to Article 17 about Access to Information.

Wednesday is a busy day with a visit to the National Portrait Gallery, Year 5 will be seeing the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall and a Geography Field Visit in the local area for Year 4.

# Important information from the office

**Sports days:** All the information is up on Weduc for Sports Days 2024. Please indicate if you require a school packed lunch and if you can help.

**Absence:** Please call the office as soon as you know your child is off sick. This will save us having to chase you for the information. We have a safeguarding duty to know where your child is if they are meant to be in school, so please help us out by calling us.

**Music Payments:** Please make your music payments.

## Road Safety

Please ensure your child is wearing a helmet if they are arriving on wheels. The road is still used by cars even though we are a school street so everyone needs to be alert and continue to use their road crossing routine.



Thank you to those who registered for the F@B Quiz Night. This event has been postponed due to ticket sales but we hope to hold the event in the future at a time when more people can attend.

On a smaller scale (for us!), but nonetheless exciting, F@B will be providing refreshments at the school art exhibition on 23rd May. Money raised by you via F@B events has also enabled us to fund the framing for the art exhibition that can be used as a permanent feature for future artwork on display.

Thank you!

## Attendance

Well done Year 5!

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	98.52%	272
Year 1	98.89%	16
Year 2	97.04%	164
Year 3	94.81%	11
Year 4	93.82%	79
Year 5	92.22%	2
Year 6 Magnolia	89.74%	47
Year 6 Sycamore	92.44%	70

## Important Key Dates- Summer 1/2

May 2024		June 2024	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	WB Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication testing
WB Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS test	WB Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Year 1
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	3.45pm - 5.45pm - Art exhibition	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day - Year 4 / 5 / 6 - Ladywell Arena - times TBC
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day - Rec, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - Manor House Gardens - times TBC
		WB 17 <sup>th</sup> June and 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 swimming

Have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.  
See you all on Tuesday 7th May



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## Parent/Carer Surveys

Every year we send out surveys to all our school community, including parents/carers, staff and children. We are in the process of finalising these surveys for you and before half term, we will send you all a **Survey Monkey** link with a short survey to complete. The questions are all multiple choice questions and there will be space for you to add comments. It is really important that as many of our parents/carers answer these questions so we can share and celebrate the good work we already do, listen to your feedback and focus on areas that need development. Look out for the surveys over the coming weeks.

## Coming Soon .....

Over the last year, you would have seen our re-designed websites and new newsletters. Thanks to your feedback, we have worked hard to improve our communication to our school community. We are now VERY excited to inform you that our **Twitter/X** accounts are live. This social media platform will be to share and celebrate daily life of all three schools. Watch this space .....



## 2024/25 Term Dates

2024/2025 Term Dates are now on our school website.

<https://green.brindisheschools.org/termdates>

Please may we remind you that holidays should always be taken outside of school term time.



## Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Hanni and the Magic Window

Childnet have published a book titled 'Hanni and the Magic Window'. Aimed at children aged 3-7, the story is about speaking out and getting help if something goes wrong online. It is a terrific book to read at home with your child.

Download a copy here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/take-an-adventure-through-online-safety-with-our-new-book-hanni-and-the-magic-window/>



# Right Respecting Article Of The Week

## Article 24 Health and Health Services

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

## Article 33 Drug Abuse

Governments must protect children from the illegal use of drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution of drugs.

*People use medicines, vaccines and drugs for lots of different positive reasons. What reasons can you think of?*

- To treat an illness.
- To protect them from infection and possible illness.
- To make sure they get the right vitamins.
- To help them sleep better.
- To feel relief from pain.
- To help treat serious mental ill-health
- To protect them from allergies or allergic reaction



At Brindishe School, through our school curriculum **'The World is our Classroom'** we teach all children from EYFS to Year 6 about keeping safe inside and outside of school, whilst ensuring that we prepare them for later life. Drug education is key in this education and from a young age, our children are taught the difference between safe and unsafe substances through to legal and illegal drugs. We talk about how to keep healthy all the time: physically and mentally.

Drugs and medicines can help your body, but also harm your body. Discuss medicines and why taking some substances can be dangerous at home with your child. Have a look with your class at [this information from BBC Bitesize](#).



## 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 fifth meeting of this academic year is on **Wednesday 22nd May at 6pm** at Brindishe Lee School.

## Key Federation Dates

- Spring Bank Holiday - **Monday 6th May**
- Year 6 SATS week - **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May**
- May Half Term - **Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May**
- INSET Day - schools closed to all children - **Monday 1st July** -
- End of Term - **Thursday 25th July 2024**