



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we celebrated Neurodiversity week in assemblies and Year 4 went on school journey. Miss Porter has reported back that the children have had an excellent time pond dipping, building shelters, trapping mammals and orienteering in the beautiful Surrey scenery. Thank you to all the adults who went with the children: Mr Bodman, Mr Jones, Mrs Ayeni, Miss Turton and Miss Porter. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

Year 3 went to the Natural History Museum on Monday and found out about earthquakes which they are learning about this half term. Thanks to all the adults who accompanied them. We couldn't do it without you! The Year 6 movie nights were also a success with Miss Benton, Mrs Sanders and Miss Hudson helping the children to raise money for their end of year celebrations.

Parent/teacher meetings

It has come to our attention that the parents evening date has been transferred to our online booking system incorrectly.

We can only apologise for this and any confusion this may have caused. The parents' evenings will take place on the original dates that have been planned in our newsletter for a number of weeks.

To be clear, the parents evening dates and times are:

Tuesday 28th March 3:30-6:30pm

Thursday 30th March 3:30-6:30pm

The online booking system stated that parents evening was on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you booked for Wednesday 29th March, your time will now be automatically moved to **THURSDAY 30th MARCH**. If you are unable to do this date and time, please cancel your booking and re-book.

Once again, I am sorry that this date was added incorrectly and we hope to see you all on one of the dates.

Comic Relief

The Rights Respecting Team invited all children to wear something red today in support of Comic Relief. The team were on the gates in the morning and at the end of the day to collect any donations families would like to make. If you didn't have any change and still want to make a donation, please drop it off in the office on Monday. So far we have raised £154.78!



Readathon reminder –

Mrs Sanders has extended the deadline for the Readathon until the end of this term, Friday March 31st. The full details have been sent in a separate letter attached to the newsletter.

All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read**, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends.** The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves, and our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total, so there really is something in it for everyone.

A message from the PSFA



The PSFA will be holding an end of term cake sale after school and we need your cakes!
There will be other goodies on sale, Easter themed craft tables and activity sheets.

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR
MORE DETAILS!**

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Have a lovely weekend,
The Brindishe Manor Team



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Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week (13th -19th March) is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent people are perceived and supported and gives us the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week will be hosting a series of free online events on a range of subjects, such as the experiences of neurodivergent women and girls and neurodiversity in the workplace, criminal justice and culture. You will need to register and many will be repeated at different times over the week, including events for parents and carers.

Check out the [2023 Neurodiversity Celebration Week events schedule](#).



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 35

Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.

At Brindishe Schools we teach children that abduction, sale and trafficking of children is rare, but it is still important they know how to keep themselves safe and know who to talk to if they think themselves or a friend is at risk.

Ask your child: *How do you keep yourself **safe at home**, at **school** and in the **community**?*

Did they say any of these?

- By making sure adults know where you are.
- By being supervised by adults at home, school or during activities.
- By thinking about staying safe online.
- By making sure you have safe travel plans in place when socialising.
- By considering risks when you do things.
- Parents and carers arrange for us to be looked after when they can't.
- Teachers and other staff in school keep us safe during the day and make sure we know who we can talk to if we are worried.
- Police officers make sure that we are safe within our communities. If someone is in danger, they will support them.
- Social workers can support children who need extra help to stay safe.



Look at the resources from [Clever Never Goes](#) which help you to think through how to stay safe in different situations. This resource is for adults working with children, young people and families to educate and inform on avoiding abduction.



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Governor Vacancies

Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Governor? A friend, a colleague, a relative?

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Brindishe Federation Governing Body, particularly for people who would widen the diversity of our current members and/or be able to offer key skills we require including knowledge around finance, education, recruitment. We have recently recruited for our Parent Governor vacancies, so anyone interested could not be a parent/carer of a pupil within the Federation.

If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with either Rachel Waite, Executive Head rwaite@brindisheschools.org or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

For more information about becoming a Governor, please click on the link below:
<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin



Itsme App

Itsme is a socialising app that is used to make friends through text, voice and video chats as well as Snapchat. **This app is rated as 18+ and is not suitable for children.** Itsme allows users to meet/ chat as their avatar. Users will be chatting with strangers, which can present risks.

BRECK Principles

Being a parent to a child of the digital generation can be challenging. The Breck Foundation work with parents and carers to educate them about the dangers of online grooming to help them educate and empower their children to make better decisions to stay safer online. At the Brindishe Schools, we follow the Breck Principles in school to help children keep themselves safe online.

To learn more about the story of Breck and where these come from, visit [Online Safety | Breck Foundation](#)

Key Federation Dates

- Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April
- Monday 17th April – Children return to school for Summer Term
- **Primary offer day** – Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)



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Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 rd March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 rd May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 th July 2023, 6pm

Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

[Brindishe Federation - Home \(brindisheschools.org\)](http://brindisheschools.org)

*'The more that you read, the more things you'll know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'
- Dr. Seuss*



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are running a **Read for Good Readathon** and we'd love your child to join in.

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD, 2002).

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach that inspires reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

The evidence from other schools is clear: teachers, parents and pupils all say that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital, makes participation easy and compelling.

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For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readforgood.org.

**Thank you for your support – helping your child
to keep reading, raising
and being amazing!**



readforgood.org    

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