# Brindishe **Manor**

# Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

# What has been happening this week?

This week the children enjoyed our 'Taste of China' school lunch and was really impressed with what Radish had to offer...the food looked really great! Thank you to Molly and her team in our Lunch Room.

We hope that at the time you are reading this you have visited our Winter Fair and all that it has to offer. Thank you for coming and supporting the PSFA and the school...we hope you have a great time and we will let you know next week how much we raise!



# What is happening next week?

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming you to all of our Winter performances for all of our year groups. Please be reminded that they will all start on the stated time and R, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 are performances where you will need to stand, so that we can get enough people in the hall.

On Wednesday 13th December we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch, together, in the lunch room. If you have not already let us know that your child will be having Christmas lunch and they are usually a packed lunch, then please send an email to

info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk Children are invited to 'Dress Festive' on this day, if they want to.

### **Staffing news**

After 14 years of working across our Early Years classes, Rose Barron has taken the decision to retire from Christmas. Rose has been a Nursery Nurse at Brindishe Manor for 14 years and has worked with so many of your children during their time in our Nursery and Reception classes. Rose has worked incredibly hard over the years to support all the children in her care and has been a phenomenal practitioner and colleague. We hope that you can take the time to see Rose over the coming weeks and wish her well for her retirement. We hope that she will be back to visit and see us all too!



# **Nursery News**

This year we are holding a craft morning for our Nursery children on Monday 18th December from 8:50-10am. The children will have an opportunity to join in with a number of craft activities with a grown-up from home. We request that only ONE adult comes to the craft session from home, as the space is very limited. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Flu Vaccinations**

Please see the two posters for information about how you can get your child vaccinated against Flu. You can contact Lewisham and Greenwich NHS directly using the information.



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# **Bank of Things Christmas Appeal**

The Young Mayor and Young Advisors' initiative Bank of Things is appealing for donations of toiletries, prepaid gift vouchers, socks (sizes 3-6, 6-12), book tokens, chocolate and sweets, notebooks and stationery, hats, scarves, and fun stocking fillers for ages 11 to 25. Donations of money are also accepted as these items can then be purchased.

See flyer attached for further information

# Online Safety Bulletin - Brindishe Online Workshops NEXT WEEK - TUESDAY 12th Dec

#### 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: <u>Tuesday 12th December 2023</u>

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



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

Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUxOdz09</u> Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313 Passcode: 307249

# 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.

On 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: <u>https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/articles/12899380332561-Parent-Guide</u>.

For further support, please email the provider direct on <u>support@holidayactivities.com</u> or call on 01638 438 311.

# Rights Respecting Article of the Week

#### Human Rights Day

On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. This important moment in human history is now remembered on that date every year and is known as Human Rights Day. All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the

Child sets out the **additional** rights that all children have until the age of 18.

#### Why is it important to have an International Human Rights Day?

·To celebrate the rights we have.

·To help reflect on the history and evolution of rights.

•To raise awareness about human rights as not enough people know about their rights •Knowing our human rights helps us ensure our rights are met.

•Knowledge of human rights can help us make the world a fairer and safer place to be. •To find ways to make sure human rights are met globally.

·Human rights aren't always respected, met, accessed or enjoyed.

·Human rights help protect everyone in the world.

In Brindishe Schools, we talk about children's rights every day, in lessons and assemblies and it is threaded right through our curriculum. How many rights can your child remember? Why not share this video with your child at home - 'I have the Right to Be a Child' to see some examples.

# Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - Imurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.** 

#### Key Federation Dates

- End of term Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY Monday 8th 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.

