



Brindishe  
**Manor**

# Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## What has been happening this week?

Our year 5 children took part in a history workshop earlier this week. They took part in building a large trojan horse and developing their knowledge of Ancient Greece. It was a practical, fun-filled workshop that the children thoroughly enjoyed. The workshop lead was very complimentary about how captivated the children were throughout.

On Thursday the children took part in a series of assemblies and a fitness circuit with the former Olympian Saffron Severn. She also showed the children some of her rhythmic gymnastics skills, which the children loved seeing!

## What is happening next week?

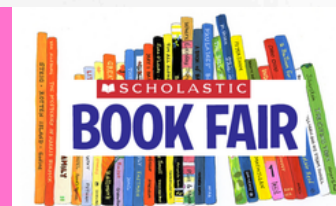
A gentle reminder that parents evenings are next week on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October between 3:30-6:30pm. 94% of our parents and carers have now booked an appointment, which is fantastic! If you are having trouble with booking, please email us so that we can book you in to meet with your child's class teacher and hear how they have settled and what their next steps are.

Please remember to arrive 10 minutes before your appointment so that you can have a look at some of the learning that has been started so far, which will be placed outside the classroom. The Scholastic book fair will be in the main hall and is available for you to browse and purchase from throughout the two evenings. Please see attached information on how to book.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We have secured the scholastic book fair between Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

This will be open for families from 3:15pm - 3:45pm on the above dates and open for our parents evenings on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> until 6:30pm



### School Street



Although Leahurst road is a school street, we have experienced police cars (and unmarked police cars) travelling down the road when children are arriving or leaving school, at very fast speeds.

We have noticed some children scootering down the road and walking in it before and after school. Please remind your children that the design of school street is to limit traffic to make it safer, not prevent it entirely!

## Reading at home

### Some top tips to consider for parents with younger children...

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!



## Find a story your child loves

Sharing stories with children helps them...



BookTrust – supporting millions of children to discover a love of reading every year.

Follow us on social @BookTrust



Scan the QR code to find the perfect story for your child.

## Brindishe Manor Library Book Swap

We are currently in the process of purchasing a small outdoor shed to open our own book swap library for the children and our families.

More news on this to follow after half term...



# Flu Immunisations

Please note that any children who did not have their flu immunisations will have the opportunity to have them on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Clare Doran

on 07943041970



## Attendance Matters





# flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



**1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

**2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

**3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

**4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

**5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu mmunisation  
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Overall school attendance this week:	95.%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:  A huge well done to Attenborough 100% attendance this week	Escher Adeola Jeffers Asher-smith Attenborough	99% 99% 99% 98% 100%
Top classes with all children in on time	Rashford, Escher, Attenborough Huge well done to them all 😊	



# Brindishe Federation Newsletter

## Friday 10th October 2025



## October - Walk to School

**October is International Walk to School Month, when pupils around the globe celebrate the joys of walking and wheeling to school.**

The nights are lengthening and the leaves are starting to turn, which can only mean one thing... it's time for International Walk to School Month!

Every October, children, families, and schools around the world put their best foot forward—literally. International Walk to School Month is a global initiative encouraging families to walk to school throughout the month, promoting healthy habits, safer streets, and cleaner air. It's a simple act that creates ripple effects: reducing traffic congestion, boosting mental focus, and connecting communities one step at a time.

International Walk to School Month is a worldwide campaign that invites students, parents, and school staff to choose walking as a way to get to school. What began as a single-day event in a handful of countries has grown into a full month of activities encouraging children to adopt more active, sustainable travel habits. The initiative highlights the many benefits of walking – not just for children's physical health, but also for their confidence, concentration, and sense of independence. It also provides a platform to advocate for safer pedestrian routes, improved infrastructure, and more inclusive community planning around schools.

Living Streets has some super resources for families and are givers for the month of October - scavenger hunts, diaries, activity booklets and much more - click [here](#) or picture below for link to Living Streets website.



## Reminder for Lewisham parents whose children are starting secondary school in September 2026

The closing date for applications is **Friday 31 October 2025** (we recommend that you submit your online application by Friday 24 October 2025) and it is very important that you apply for a secondary school before this date. Applications are made online and the website is already active. Please visit [Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2025](#) (Education, Schools, Secondary Schools, Applying to Start Secondary Schools) to apply and for more information on the process, including the admissions criteria. It is important that you find out about as many schools as you can and we encourage you to list 6 schools in order of preference.

# Black History Month

Black History Month takes place in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Having begun in the USA, it has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage.

There is a different theme every year, for example in 2021 the theme 'Proud to Be', aimed to recognise the achievements and contributions that Black people make to the UK every day. The 2025 theme, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride", a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe

## Article 2 (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

## Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.



## Why do you think celebrating Black History Month is important?

- To recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage
- To ensure that we hear a diverse range of stories when considering the past.
- To celebrate people's heritage and cultures.
- Because all communities, including schools, should encourage respect for everyone and celebrate diversity.
- To think about how we can make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.
- To learn how to challenge negative stereotypes.
- To ensure that there is time and space for people to discuss more recent events and issues.
- Because no one should be treated differently because of who they are.



At Brindishe Schools, we recognise and celebrate BHM throughout October as well as Black History being threaded through our curriculum all year round. We have spoken to the children in assemblies and children will learn about important figures in Black History in their learning this term.

Why not share some stories at home with your children this month focusing on Black History. There are some new Black British authors such as My Hair by Hannah Lee which was nominated for the 2020 Book Trust Storytime Prize.

There is also a wealth of resources on CBBC, including Rhys rapping about his HM heroes and videos of dads sharing family history with their children which can be found here.





# Online Safety Bulletin

## Roblox: Grow a Garden



Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Grow a Garden is one of the latest games available on Roblox and is extremely popular.

The game is labelled as 'minimal' for content maturity, which Roblox define as "may contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear."

Roblox believe that the game play is suitable for everyone. However, as the game is on Roblox, it is important to be aware of the following:

- Chat – strangers can interact with your child.
- In-game purchases – this game does include in-game purchases.
- Screentime – set limits for how long your child is playing.

A lot of the content on Roblox is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing, ensure they know how to use any reporting tools and set up appropriate parental controls

# Millwall Community Trust October Half Term Football Camps

Millwall Community Trust Half Term Football Camps are open to boys and girls of all abilities. These camps provide a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, develop their football skills, and make new friends in a safe and positive environment during the school holidays.

You can find full details and booking information here:

👉 [Millwall FC Football Coaching, Soccer School and After School Club](#)



### OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

📍 St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF

🕒 10am-3pm

📅 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

💷 £12 per day or £40 for four days

👤 AGE Age 5-13 year-olds

✉ Contact: [Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk](mailto:Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk)/  
07932877303 for more information

Register here or visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/3zxy8uvh>







### OCTOBER HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

📍 The Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD

🕒 10am-3pm

📅 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

💷 £12 per day or £50 for five days

👤 AGE Age 5-13 year-olds

✉ Contact: [Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk](mailto:Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk)/  
07958026876 for more information

Register here or visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/dn7wy4ph>





# Key Federation Dates

- **October Half Term - Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025**
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - INSET DAY - Schools closed to all children.**
- **Secondary Application Deadline - Friday 31 October 2025** (*we recommend that you submit your online application by Friday 24 October 2025*)
- **End of Autumn Term - Friday 19th December 2025**

## Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. This means you can sit and observe the meeting but will be unable to speak/comment and would need to leave the meeting during confidential items.

If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - [rawaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rawaite@brindisheschools.org). An email to confirm attendance at the meeting will need to be received before a parent/carer can join the meeting.

***Our first meeting for 2025/2026 will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Brindishe Green School - 6pm.***