

Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



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What has been happening this week?

Lots of trips have enhanced our learning this week. Reception had a great time at The Unicorn Theatre, watching The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Year 6 went to The Copperbox Arena to watch a Basketball game. "It was very exciting- great vibes!" Alejandro said. Year 4 represented the school beautifully on their trip to The Good Shepherd Church. Mrs Rathbone said: "The children were a real pleasure to take and a credit to the school. They tried on robes, baptised baby doll Samuel, read passages from the bible in the pulpit, shared gratitude moments and explored the altar."



Sadly the rain scuppered the Year 2 trip to Lewisham market but they made up for it in class with a very exciting AI activity. They wrote a description of their giant and let AI create the picture from their descriptions with some amazing results!

Year 3 have been reading The Matchbox Diaries, leading into a great home learning challenge to fill a matchbox with as many things as possible.

Year 5 have been busy making their moving toys using cams and wooden frames. they have enjoyed using all of the tools and materials to make their designs a reality.

Year 1 have been working on their sculpture project, making birds, with some great results. Thank you so much to Year 3 for giving them a hand!



What is happening during the first week of Spring 2?

Year 2 will be visiting The Royal Festival Hall to see the London Philharmonic Orchestra Perform 'Stan and Mabel' We are hoping their artwork will be featured in the presentation!

The children will be diving into their new learning for the second half of the Spring Term. Look out for the class newsletter on Weduc for details about their curriculum.



To all celebrating Lunar New Year, have a great time!

Well Done Year 6 Staff and Pupils!

Mrs Bannister received a lovely email from Matt Lillie, Head of Secondary Phase at St George's in Kent, complimenting them on their 'impeccable' behaviour on the way home last night.

F@B News

Upcoming Events

Save the dates for these events coming up:

Bake sale and crafts to celebrate those important women in our lives: Friday 8th March

Pancake Breakfast: Friday 22nd March

Quiz Night: Friday 3rd May



Attendance

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	97.04%	22
Year 1	91.48%	54
Year 2	94.44%	5
Year 3	96.93%	16
Year 4	93.87%	149
Year 5	98.52%	22
Year 6 Magnolia	87.18%	37
Year 6 Sycamore	94.22%	73

Well done Year 2! You have lost the least learning time to lateness this week!

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		

Have a great Half Term! We will be back at school on Monday 19th February



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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

BRECK Principles



This week, some schools in the Brindishe Federation had the BRECK foundation charity come into school to discuss online safety and online grooming with the children across year 3-6.

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.

To learn more about the story of Breck and where these come from, visit
<https://www.breckfoundation.org/post/useful-links-for-parents>

Right Respecting Article Of The Week

Safer Internet Day was marked on Tuesday 7th February this year and all three Brindishe Schools recognise this annual event.

We all have a right to feel safe and secure and that means safe online as well as in the real world. Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of the internet. There are a large number of articles that link with being online. The internet can be a great place but needs to be used carefully.

*What do you feel are some of the great things about the internet and life online?
What don't you like about the internet and life online?*

Your child's right to be safe and protected is always important, including when they use computers, phones and the internet. Can you think of three top tips for staying safe online that you can share with your child at home? Use thinkuknow.co.uk to help.

Watch [this video](#) about safe and respectful relationships online. Talk with your child at home about the lessons you learned from watching it and talk with your child about what they learnt in school this week for **Safer Internet Day 2024**.



Holiday Swimming Crash Courses

Lewisham's February half term crash course lessons will run between **Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024**. Each booking is a week long intensive course – prices for all levels is £40

Swim for All - All pools across Lewisham Partnership will be running additional Swim for All sessions (family swims) in all pools. 'Swim for All' sessions are perfect for all abilities. If you're looking to build your confidence, work on your strokes, float away any stress, or just simply want to enjoy a more casual swim with your family and friends. Come before 10am to take advantage of our Kids for a Quid offer.

Holiday Camps - Bellingham Football Domination multisport - [click here](#) for more information

Soft play - Available at Bellingham and Wavelengths

Adult & Child Gym (9-17 yrs) - 'Adult and Junior Gym' session are for adult members where they can bring along their child (maximum one child per adult)

Junior Gym - If you are aged 11-17 years and want to work out in the gym over the half term break, we have lots of extra sessions available!

Junior Classes - Junior Classes running at Forest Hill Pool, Glass Mill Leisure Centre and Wavelengths Leisure Centres

- Junior Cardio
- Junior Strength & Conditioning

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

- End of Term - **Friday 9th February**
- Half Term - **Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February**
- Children return to school - **Monday 19th February**
- Secondary Offer Day - **Friday 1st March**

Have a lovely half term break.

Look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 19th February.