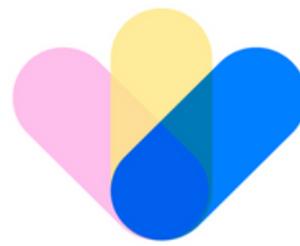


# Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024



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## What has been happening this week?

It has been super to welcome parents and carers to school to meet with the teachers for an update on your child's progress. We hope you found it useful. Thank you so much to the teachers for staying late and managing to be full of beans ready for the next morning!

Reception created vegetable bunting and decorations for our eat them to Defeat Them vegetable eating challenge! The class also looked at beans and seeds and predicted what they were - the apples are actually tomatoes! They talked about what plants need to grow and are watching them sprout. They planted some outside too to see if it made a difference.

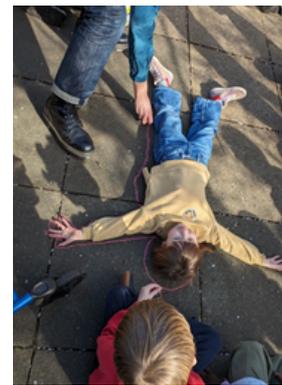
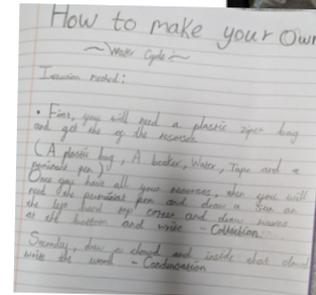
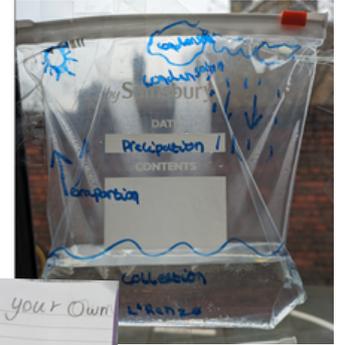
Year 1 had a fun time drawing around each other to learn about the names of the parts of the body.

Year 2 have created their own endings for The Tadpole's Promise story and have made some props to help show off their work.

Year 3 and Year 4 have begun to plant some of the seed donations we received for Science Week. The beds have been prepared for the seedlings and we are looking forward to tracking their progress.

In Year 5, the children made their own water cycles and used the experience to fine tune their instruction writing skills.

Year 6 have been creating collaborative art on the theme of Activism. They will be on display at their Climate Change showcase on Tuesday 26th March.







Nominations are open for children in Years 4 and 5 who have an aptitude for music or singing but whose family may struggle to pay for lessons. If you would like your child to be considered for free Saturday music or singing lessons, please contact Mrs Bannister for more details.

Tickets zoomed off the shelf for the pancake breakfast and it is now sold out, apologies to those who missed out this time around. But given the level of interest we hope to run another one in the next term for those that missed out.

If you didn't get tickets perhaps you could take part in our Easter trail next weekend. This is a free event and details will be available soon.



## Attendance

Well done Year 6 Sycamore! you have the least learning time lost to lateness this week.

| Class           | Attended | Mins Late |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Reception       | 97.78%   | 112       |
| Year 1          | 85.93%   | 48        |
| Year 2          | 93.33%   | 83        |
| Year 3          | 98.47%   | 46        |
| Year 4          | 96.55%   | 110       |
| Year 5          | 95.56%   | 36        |
| Year 6 Magnolia | 92.74%   | 74        |
| Year 6 Sycamore | 95.56%   | 14        |

## Important Key Dates- Spring 2

| March 2024   |   | April 2024                    |                      |
|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | World Book Day- dress as a book character |                               |                      |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March                                 | F@B Bake Sale and Crafts                  |                               |                      |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March       | Parents evenings                          | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Start of Summer Term |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March                                | Red Nose Day- Wear Red                    |                               |                      |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March                                 | Last day of term                          |                               |                      |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 | Easter holidays                           |                               |                      |



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## Free collection of graphic novels, comic books and manga at Lewisham Libraries

In an incredible opportunity to engage readers of all abilities and ages, every child in Lewisham can now get free unlimited access to thousands of extra digital books using their library card.

As a brand new addition to their service Lewisham Libraries have introduced 'Comics Plus' - offering digital access for every library member on desktop, mobile or tablet. Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for offline reading - with unlimited copies. There is something for all ages (adults too!) - and each user is only offered content that is suitable for their age group.

For more information follow this link visit  
<https://comicsplusapp.com/about/faqs/>



## Easter Holiday Vouchers

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 Easter Holidays.

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.

From Thursday 7th March, families who are on benefit related free school meals should receive 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: <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/articles/12899380332561-Parent-Guide>.

For further support, please email the provider direct on [support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com) or call on 01638 438 311.

# Right Respecting Article Of The Week

## Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

### *Who or what influences the way you think about the world and shapes your thoughts and beliefs?*

- Your cultural background and heritage
- Friends
- Family
- TV
- School
- Where you live
- Your religion
- Your health
- Social media
- Personal life experiences
- Your family history
- Politicians
- Celebrities
- Education



Article 14 is all about your thoughts and beliefs. These are very personal things and help to define who you are.

*What things do you feel most strongly about that make you the person you are?*

*What more can you do to help other people around you to enjoy this right?*

At Brindishe Schools we discuss with children how important it is (and their right) to have their own thoughts and beliefs and that no child should experience any form of discrimination. This is why we believe it's so important to learn about different religions at school.

In this video, 11 year-old Simran shows you a Gurdwara, the Sikh place of worship. Religions often have a special place where people come together to worship. Watch this video at home with your child. What other places of worship can you think of together?



The Gurdwara | Religious Studies - My Life, My Religion: Sikhism



## 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 fourth meeting of this academic year is on **Tuesday 19th March at 6pm** at Brindishe Manor School.

## *Fortnite Battle Royale*

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

### **What is Fortnite?**

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

### **What do I need to be aware of?**

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

### **Parental Controls**

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language, and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>



## **Key Federation Dates**

- **SHINE at Blackheath starts Saturday 24th until Saturday 23rd March**
- Last day of term - **Thursday 28th March**
- Easter Holidays - **Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**
- Children return to school - **Monday 15th April**
- Primary National Offer Day - **Tuesday 16th April**