

Friday 29th November 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week... Wow! What a week of fabulous learning and educational visits and visitors!

On Monday evening, the Y2/3 choir performed at the Turning of the Year concert in Blackheath Concert Halls. The evening was simply fantastic and the children should all be commended on their hard work leading up to the concert. They sang beautifully and were very professional. I know many parents have sent their thanks to Eleanor Benton (Topaz Y4 teacher) for all of her hard work with the choir.

On Thursday, Year 3 visited the British Museum to look at the Pre-historic Britain rooms in order to find out more information about different artefacts. They used ipads to do this and had a great time throughout the day.

Year 2 went on a local visit this week to the Good Shepherd Church on Handen Road. During the visit they were told the story of the Nativity and had time to explore the church and ask questions.

Year 4 welcomed 'Splats' theatre company into school to support the children with a mini production of Macbeth. The children worked really hard all day to put on such a great performance to their parents and carers and showed just how much they had learnt.

A special thank you to all of the adults that give up their time to accompany children on all of the educational visits that we offer throughout the year. We would not be able to run them so successfully without your kind offer of help and support.



AFRIL food collection ... You may wish to donate items such as rice, UHT milk and/or tinned goods. Please donate what you can to this excellent cause! The collecting box is in the office area so please give generously. Thank you!

If you would like more information on the work this charity does then please visit their website <https://www.afril.org.uk/>

PSFA... Not long now until the Brindishe Manor Christmas Fair!

The elves have been busy and things are coming together, we do however need a bit of help. We are collecting new adult and children's items for the ever popular tombola; mince pies and cake for the cake stall on the day and most importantly we need volunteers to help the day run smoothly.

If you can offer an hour of your time we have lots of stalls to fill. Games, craft, face painting and refreshments. If you can help before or after to tidy up or set up we are always grateful. Please email us on brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com or chat to one of us... Wendy Humble, Julie

Morrison, Shara Choudhury, Diane Foster, Hayley Saunt, Jenny Spearing, Patricia Durao Lewi. You can also find us on our Facebook page, Brindishe Manor PSFA .

Fantastic attendance this week...

KS1 – Ruby 98%
KS2 – Topaz 97%

Winter Performances...

KS2 - performances are split into two groups

Tues 10th December 9.30am

Weds 11th December 2pm

Pearl
Topaz
Quartz
Diamond

Tues 10th December 2pm

Weds 11th December 9.30am

Sapphire
Amber
Jet
Opal

Moonstone & Onyx
Amethyst & Jasper
Ruby & Jasper
Moonstone & Onyx
Amethyst & Onyx
Ruby & Jasper

Monday 16th December - 9.30am

Monday 16th December - 2pm

Tuesday 17th December - 9:30am

Tuesday 17th December - 2pm

Wednesday 18th December - 9:30am

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Parents/carers are welcome to take photographs during school performances but these must remain for personal use and must not be posted on social media or shared publicly. This is for the safety of all our children and we thank all parents/carers for helping us keep all of our children safe.

We would also ask that parents/carers consider others in the audience when taking photographs, so that everyone can see our wonderful performers!



Please remember it is the FUSS Christmas Fair this Saturday, between 12-5pm on Staplehurst Road.



Dates for your diary



Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair 3:15pm
Monday 9th- Friday 13th December - KS2 Winter performances
Thursday 12th December – EYFS Winter performance
Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner/ Dress Festive day
Thursday 12th December - Full governing body meeting
Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Winter performances
Thursday 19th December - Last day of term

Best wishes for the weekend

Kate Porter
Headteacher

Nursery: We have been continuing our celebrations of Christmas in Nursery. The Children are working very hard in Santa's Workshop making cards, decorations and writing their names. We have been practising very hard getting everything ready for the Winter Sing-a-Long Performance on the 12th of December. Children have been learning some new songs and making their own props. We are very excited to see all the adults in the audience. Please keep practising the songs at home.

Reception: The children are working hard to learn the words and actions in the Winter songs for our EYFS performance on Thursday 12th December. They are really excited about performing in front of an audience on the stage.

The children have been busy making cards for each other and family members and creating art using natural resources such as pebbles, shells and leaves. We have also been exploring symmetry. The children used different shapes in their individual creations ensuring that they were the same on both sides.

We would welcome any donations of wrapping paper, tags and bows for our Elves' Workshop.

Year 1: Year 1 have been getting in the festive spirit, learning about the Christmas story and how it is celebrated. For the Christmas production, the children will need to wear black bottoms and a top (leggings/jogging bottoms and a long sleeve top), and we will be making our own headbands in class.

In maths, we are finishing our topic of subtraction with number stories. The children have been using all of the skills they have learned so far – part-part whole, counting backwards, bar modelling and creating number sentences. Try creating your own subtraction story at home and writing the matching number sentence.

We have also made an area to showcase fantastic learning that the children do outside of school and bring in for show and tell. Can we please ask that anything bought in for show and tell be linked to the learning taking place in the classroom and not items/objects that can be easily broken, damaged or lost?

Jasper class are finishing up their animal information leaflets and Onyx class their pirate stories. You are welcome to come in on Thursday 19th December when you pick up your child to see the learning they have been working so hard on.

Year 2: This week, Y2 have been working on writing in role. They have studied the book 'Sophie Scott goes to Antarctica' and have used drama to work out how they would feel if they did the same trip. They have begun writing their own journals based on the book. In maths, children are working on their 3 times tables and problem solving. They have also been learning about the Nativity story and all really enjoyed visiting the Good Shepherd church on Tuesday. Thanks to all the parents and carers who helped! Nativity preparations are well underway and children have been practising on the stage

Year 3: Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the visit to The British Museum where they were able to use tablets to navigate their way round the Pre-historic Britain rooms to find about different artefacts. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied us on the visit. Sapphire class have been learning their 8 times table this week, we started by using concrete resources to learn them and then moved onto solving problems. In English, we have

been planning and writing an alternative ending to 'The Stone Age Boy', focusing on using adjectives to describe settings. Pearl class have been learning how to divide, we started by using concrete resources to divide and then moved onto drawing arrays to help us. In English, we have been writing non-chronological reports about the Stone Age. For the Winter Performance next week, we are asking children to wear either a red, green or a festive jumper.

Year 4: This week, Amber class have been writing poetry linked to both Hamlet and Macbeth whilst in maths we have ended the week looking more closely at the 9 times table. Please do learn **all** your tables at home, they are so important to be able to recall at speed and out of order! In Topaz class, we will soon complete Lady Macbeth's monologue and we will begin to look at instruction texts to create recipes for the witches' potions. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch Y4 perform 'Macbeth'. We are so proud of all the children, they did brilliantly and had only 1 day to do so, what talent we have in our midst! What was great to see was how well they understood the play and the complex characters in it. There are more performances to come next week as the children perform in our winter performances and we hope to see you there!

Year 5: In year 5 this week, we are using a short story 'Alien Landing' as a starting point to create our own short story. We have started immersing ourselves into the text through reading and drama. We are trying the process of 'slow writing' to get the children to really think about the structure of each paragraph, focusing on use of conjunctions and figurative language such as similes and personification. In Maths, we have begun to convert fractions to decimals by changing the denominators to 10ths, 100ths or 1000ths, and also by using the bus stop method for division. In our classroom reading areas, we would like to start a 'book recommendation station'. We thought it would be lovely to get families involved so if you had a favourite book as a child, could you write a short recommendation to share? If possible, we would love some pictures of families reading their favourite books to add to the display. We will then try to get copies of the books for the children enjoy. The children have also worked extremely hard on their singing for next week's Winter Performance - we look forward to seeing many of you there!

Year 6: Year 6 have finished publishing our biographies of Anne Frank. All of the final copies were of an exceptionally high standard, from the language used, the care taken over presentation and the powerful messages contained within. We began today, to present our work in imaginative and engaging ways; by creating, for example: audiobooks, stop-motion animations, artwork and music. In science, we have continued to develop our understanding of electricity and how circuits work. In history, we have begun to create our presentations using *Prezi* software. In art, we have started various artist studies, looking at the work of Henry Moore among others. We have also been sharing our singing with other classes and are very excited for the Winter Performances, next week - hope you all have tickets!

BRINDISHE MANOR
FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
3.15-5.15PM

CHRISTMAS FAIR

GAMES
CRAFTS
TOMBOLA
SANTA'S GROTTO
CAKES, DRINKS
AND MORE!

PLUS CHOIR
PERFORMANCES
FROM KS1 & KS2

