



Brindishe Manor Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

We hope that you have all managed to have a break over half term and enjoy some family time. The children returned to school this week very enthusiastically and got stuck in straight away. I have already seen Iron Age mark- making, clay fossils, the beginnings of self-portraits and learning about South America! Over the past few days I have visited each class (from the doorway unfortunately) and praised the children for their positive and committed attitude towards their learning. As you will all be aware, we were unable to welcome Year 6 back on Monday as their bubble was isolating due to Covid-19. We were thrilled to be able to see most of them today, back in school and very eager to stay committed to their learning.

Black Lives Matter

Next week our staff working party is meeting to discuss our next steps in challenging stereotypes and supporting children with their knowledge and understanding around the subject. One of the areas we have already started to involve the children with, is the review of their classroom book corners to see what authors and black leading characters are in the books we have at Brindishe Manor.

If you would like to purchase any books for your children at home (maybe something to think about for upcoming birthdays or festive celebrations), please see the list attached to this newsletter which we recommend.

Wednesday 11th November is Armistice/Remembrance Day.

This is when many people across the United Kingdom take time to remember and think about all those who lost their lives or who have been injured while serving our country in the army, navy and air force. It is also a time to thank those still serving in the armed forces today.

We will hold a short virtual assembly and a minute's silence on Wednesday at school. If your child would like to purchase a poppy to wear or an item from the poppy collection (e.g. pencil, badge, wrist band) they will need to bring between 50p-£1 on Monday. The poppies will be available in class. We will also continue to sell red poppies in the playground early next week (mornings only). Money collected goes straight to The Royal British Legion.



Warm Layers

The weather has got noticeably cooler this week and it is very important that all children come to school wearing layers and a warm coat.

Following key government guidance, classrooms need to be well ventilated. Windows and doors will remain open to maximise ventilation. Therefore, it is very important that the children and staff come to school, wearing layers, including warm jumpers/ hoodies/ fleece.

DT week

Next week is this term's DT week where each year group will research, design, make and evaluate a product. Year 4 are creating Tudor money containers. If you have any fabric that could be used, please send it in on Monday.

Parent Teacher Meetings

As you know, we are due to hold our Parent Teacher Meetings. We have sourced an online platform which allows us to do this through video calling and we are finalising our contract with the company to ensure it is secure. Parents Teacher Meetings will now take place the week beginning 16th November 6, 2020.

We want to thank you all for your patience with this.

Safeguarding children on collection

When children are collected at the end of the day, especially in Early Years, it can take slightly longer to dismiss children as they need support in getting their belongings together. We do need to ask that all parents and carers wait patiently, whilst also keeping a 2m distance from each other, so that teachers can dismiss the children. We want to make sure that the children are safeguarded at all times.

Arrangements for collecting children

Thank you to everyone for their patience following the changes to collecting children. Please remember that the dropping off arrangements in the morning, including which gate to use, **have not changed at all.**

Collecting your children at the end of the day:

Reception and Nursery families use **Leahurst Main Gate** to enter and exit at 3.

KS1 children only families use **Longhurst Gate** to enter **between 3 and 3.10** and the **Leahurst Main Gate** to exit.

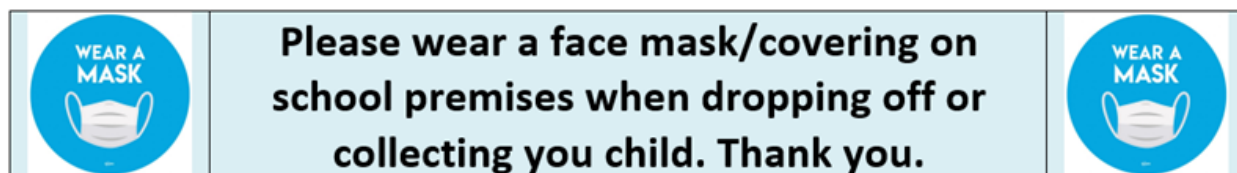
Mixed KS1 and KS2 or just KS2 children families, enter **Leahurst Fire Gate** from 3.15 and **exit** either through **Longhurst Road Gate or Leahurst Main Gate.**

Recovery Email

We recognise that all families are having different experiences at the moment and some of you may be finding this time especially challenging. In order to support you and your child, we have kept our recovery email account active, in order to sensitively support you during this time.

If you feel there is anything that you would like the school to know about your family or about your experience, please contact us via the following email address: recovery@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk . All emails will be treated confidentially.

We wish you all a lovely weekend,
Kate Porter and Brindishe Manor team

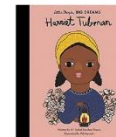
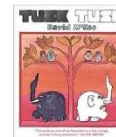
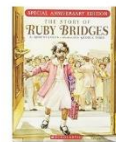
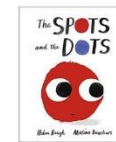
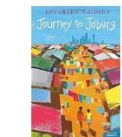
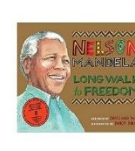
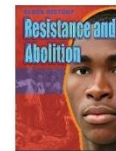
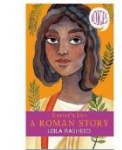
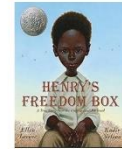
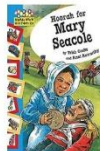
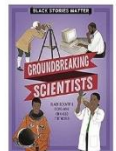
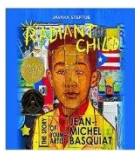
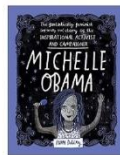
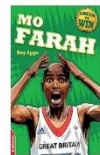
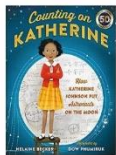
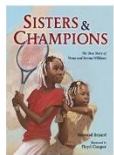
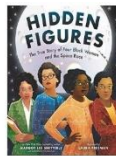
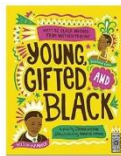


Children's Books



Black Lives, Black History & Anti-Racism

Biographies and Non-Fiction



PSFA News

An enormous thank you to everyone who decorated, donated and took part in the Halloween Fundraiser – together we have raised an incredible £1,310!

In addition, some parents have identified that they work for organisations that will match our fundraising so the total will be more than £2,500. This will all go towards funding improvements and equipment for the outdoor spaces at school.

Did you work out the spooky words using the letters you found at the houses on the trail? It was Haunted House! Well done to everyone who worked it out.

We had some really amazing entries in the Pumpkin Carving competition – they were all fantastic. The winner of the competition and the £10 Amazon voucher is Leila in Y6 Diamond Class – well done Leila! Here's Leila's winning entry.



Watch out for more fundraising ideas shortly – if you would like to be part of the group organizing these events please contact brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome!