



Brindishe Manor Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

Headteacher: Kate Porter



Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Gerlinde Achenbach, Headteacher of Brindishe Green

Gerlinde Achenbach, has worked within the Brindishe Federation for over 30 years making a positive contribution to each of the three schools she worked in. Since September, Ms Achenbach has been unable to return to school due to health reasons and has made the difficult decision to resign from her post. Gerlinde is on the road to recovery and is beginning the next stage of her life away from London. The staff and governors of the Brindishe Federation would like to thank Gerlinde for her dedication, support, care and leadership during her time within each of the three schools and wish her all the very best for the future.

A message from Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors: *THANKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY*

'For more than 30 years, Gerlinde was a key member of the Brindishe community, working across all years and at all three schools, making a significant contribution to the breadth, depth and richness of teaching, and inspiring the children to achieve their full potential. Latterly as head of Brindishe Manor and then Brindishe Green, her skills and leadership ensured that both schools remained outstanding.

On behalf of the governors of the Brindishe Federation, I'd like to thank Gerlinde for all her work, commitment and dedication to the Brindishe community, and wish her well in this next chapter of her life.'

Kind Regards,
Rachel

This week at Brindishe Manor the children have all been taking part in our first Design and Technology week of the year. Around the school, children have been planning their designs and working collaboratively in pairs or small groups. Many of the children are using a range of resources to support the creating of their designs. We have kites, book marks, glove puppets, Tudor purses and shelters being made in different classes and food technology taking place all around the school. Please speak to your child this weekend about the skills they have learnt this week and what they have enjoyed most. They may be able to talk to you about the process and what they would change if they made them again.

Primary School Applications for 2021

Our virtual promotional video will be filmed next week, which you will be able to view on our school website.

In the meantime, can we remind you that the application process for primary places for 2021 is now open.

- Applications already open (apply online): Tuesday 1st September 2020

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

- Closing date for applications: 15th January 2021
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Safety outside school

Some of our Year 6 children walk home on their own. If you are queueing to enter the school, please make sure you move to the side or wait on the other side of the road if they are walking along so that they don't need to walk in the road.

Virtual Parent/ Teacher Meetings

During the week 23rd November, we are planning on holding Parent/Teacher meetings to discuss how your child has settled into their new school year.



As you can imagine, this year we are unable to hold these meetings face to face due to Covid restrictions. Therefore, parents' evening will be held through the Weduc communication system.

Timescales

Friday 13th Nov	Enrolment letter sent via email to parents/carers. Download the app and login.
Monday 16th Nov	Online booking system opens at 9.30am to book a meeting.
Wednesday 18th Nov	Phone calls to be made to families who have not downloaded the app and booked their appointment.
Tuesday 24th Nov	Meetings will run from 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 25th Nov	Meetings will run from 3.30pm – 5pm
Thursday 26th Nov	Meetings will run from 3.30pm – 6pm

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you (virtually) and we hope that you will do everything you can to book a meeting and keep the appointment.

Free Home Fire Safety Visits

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The LFB want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer free home fire safety visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

What happens during a home fire safety visit?

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes:

- information on how to **prevent** fires,
- the importance of smoke alarms to **detect** a fire,
- your **escape** plan in the event of a fire.

A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required.

Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape, for example strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428
Email: smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk
Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

Warm Layers

The weather has got cooler now 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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The mental health of everyone is more important than ever during these times. The NHS as well as other wellbeing organisations have provided some support and guidance for parents/carers who would like to find out ways to help their family in this area. Please refer to the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health>

RINDISHE MANOR PSFA

Exercise Cha



The PSFA invites you to join us in the Brindishe Manor 2020 Exercise Challenge...

To try to make the number 2020 feel more positive we thought we would attempt a collective exercise challenge - encouraging members of the Brindishe Manor community to get outside (whilst sticking to the current COVID-19 government guidelines) and be active, even when the days are shorter and colder, and some activities have been limited. Money raised will go towards a continuing project to improve the children's outdoor play area.



We are aiming for:

1. Brindishe Manor parents, students and staff, to collectively walk, cycle, scoot or run 2020 miles by the end of this year AND to...
2. Raise money while you do it!

Here's how to be involved:

1. Set yourself or your household an intention to walk, scoot, run or cycle a certain amount of miles each week - it could be 2 miles, it could be 20! It all counts and remember if a Brindishe Manor family of 4 go out together for a 2 mile walk then that would be 8 miles in total! Or you do not have to commit to regular outings - just a couple of family outings over the next few weeks would be super!
2. Keep a running total of the miles you have covered - you can use the attached table if it helps! There are free apps like Runkeeper for your phone to help too. Online tools like <https://onthegomap.com> are also fun and easy to use to help you work out distances covered.

For a guide:

- 2.5 laps of Manor House Gardens (pond and field) = 1 mile.
- 1 lap of Sutcliffe Park = just under a mile
- 1 lap of Mountsfield Park = just over a mile.

Remember you must stick to the current government guidelines - that means only exercising outside with one other person from another household, or with members of your own household.

3. Please regularly share how you are getting on (weekly would be great!) either by emailing the PSFA at BrindishemanorPSFA@gmail.com or by sharing on the PSFA's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa> (get the adults in the household to do this bit). Use the hashtag #BM2020exercise if you like. We are excited to hear how many miles are being covered and the fun you are having while you exercise. You can even set up your own fundraising page by clicking the "start fundraising" button on the link below.
4. Finally, please share info. about the challenge with your friends and family members - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BM2020collectiveexercisechallenge>
5. START STRAIGHT AWAY!

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