



Brindishe Manor Newsletter
Friday 28th May 2021
Headteacher: Kate Porter



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

What a fantastic half term we have had! The children have settled back in so well and the learning that the children have produced shows the progress that they are continuing to make this year. We have loved going round to the classrooms, celebrating the work through our praise cards and seeing what is going on in all of our year groups.

As we start a week's holiday, it is important to remember that, although restrictions are lifting, there are still many in place. Whilst we hope you enjoy more socialising both inside and outside with friends and family, when coming back to school we will continue with the guidance and routines we have in place. If or when we are advised otherwise, we will keep you informed. We really want to thank you for all your support and commitment and hope this can continue throughout the summer term.

In the meantime, we hope you have a relaxing break and hope the weather continues to improve so we can all enjoy some time outside, in the fresh air.

POSITIVE TEST: COVID-19

If your child receives a positive test result during half term, please email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk immediately giving your child's name, class and date of test. We need to know about test results so that we can inform any close contacts.

Neurodiversity

In our second assembly focusing on neurodiversity, the children have been exploring how we all learn to read and write in different ways. Some of us find this easy and some of us find it harder than others. We explored what Dyslexia is and what that means for some children. We will continue with our assemblies on neurodiversity after half term by exploring autism and ADHD.



Brindishe Manor Bees – yesterday was a slightly unusual day at Brindishe Manor. We had a swarm of bees descend on our playground during morning play. They decided to swarm across our playground and stop for a rest in a tree close to our games area. The children were brought in from the playground and Miss Porter invited all of the children to a very impromptu assembly where she explained a little bit more about why the bees may have made the tree their temporary resting spot and what the plan of action was! By 1:30pm the bees had decided that they had had enough of a rest and off they flew.

Nursery Place for September 2021

If your child turns 3 by 31st August this year, they are eligible to start in the Brindishe Manor Nursery in September – we have some 30 hour places still available, so if this applies to your child then please call our school office or email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk for an application form.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

As some of you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now a statutory part of the National Curriculum. This change was planned to take place as of September 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been given longer to bring this into their curriculum.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We would really appreciate it if you could read through the policy and share your thoughts with us through an online survey. This survey is a first step in our schools' engagement on Relationships Education with you as parents/carers. Your comments will help us understand your views and take these into consideration as we update our curriculum to meet the new requirements. The deadline for completing this survey is **18th June 2021**.

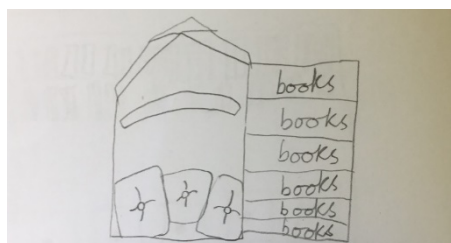
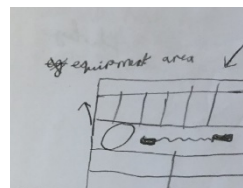
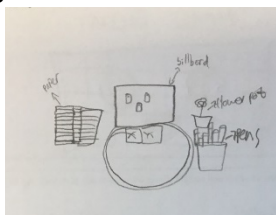
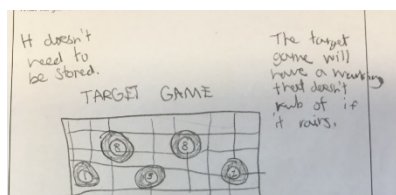
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Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PZPHFD6>

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Playground improvements: A message from Helen Coupe our PE lead

We have been looking at ways to improve the playground and have asked the children to be part of the process. There have been some really enthusiastic responses and some great ideas such as reading areas, running tracks, board game areas to name a few.



Over the next half term, we are going to be working alongside a group of children to design our playground to make it an inviting space for all. The children have come up with some great solutions as to how to raise money for the new project such as read-a-thons, sponsored shoot outs amongst others.

Global Goals

This week's tip: adjust your thermostat, lower in winter, higher in summer!



Have a lovely week!

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team