

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025 from 8:35am.

# Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

### What has been happening this week?

This week we enjoyed the performance by Adeola and Jeffers class. After being in school for just one term, the children performed beautifully and really enjoyed sharing their singing with their families.

Nursery had a fantastic Christmas Craft morning on Tuesday! The children had a chance to explore a range of craft activities with their adults.

#### Today we have said goodbye to Miss Hockham

We held two celebratory assemblies today to say goodbye! Miss Hockham has worked at Brindishe Manor for 14 year and supported the children and school in so many ways throughout her time here: from being a class teacher, English lead, Science and DT lead, Geography lead to the last 5 1/2 years as Assistant Headteacher. We are incredibly grateful for all of her commitment, hard work and the numerous out-of-hours that she has contributed! Julie has always worked with such care, passion and dedication and we will all miss her! Julie is going to step away from working in a school and will be exploring some other avenues after Christmas. We wish her lots of luck and love with her new adventures and hope to see her visiting us soon! Goodbye from us all Miss Hockham!

### Thank you...

A huge thank you to our volunteer readers and the PSFA committee! Our volunteer readers really make a difference to children in some of our classes, providing a 1:1 opportunity for children to make further progress. Thank you Becky, Helen and Katy.

The PSFA are continuing to support our school in a way that really is beyond what I had hoped. This year alone the sum of money they have managed to raise has provided us with equipment, resources, rugs, furniture, books, art resources, DT consumables and so much more. The Brindishe Manor budget simply does not allow for us to be able to purchase all of the things we want for the children and the PSFA make this so much easier for us to teach fabulous lessons. ALL of the resources they provide have impact and support all of our children. A huge thank you from myself, all of the staff and children, who want to thank you for your efforts, your generous time and brilliant ideas!

#### To all of our families ...

We wish you all a really great Christmas break with your friends and family. We hope the children can take time to rest and enjoy doing the things that they enjoy. We look forward to seeing you return to school on Tuesday 7th January from 8:35am.

### Starting school in Reception in September 2025

Please be reminded that if you are applying for a Reception place for your child for the next academic year, you will need to apply by January 15th 2025. Your application should be made via **eadmissions** at https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/





## Number Day 2025 is fast approaching and this year we are seeking your support!

Do you use Maths in your job? Would you like to discuss how Maths supports the role you do?

We would love children to get a feel for how maths is used in the real world and make links to the learning we do in school. Whether you're a hairdresser, scientist, accountant, vet, meteorologist, sports analyst, carpenter, nurse - anything that uses Maths, we'd love to hear from you!

If you would be happy to do a short talk about your job to a group of children, please email info-BM@brindisheschools.org Please put FAO Miss Blackie - Number Day in the subject of your email. The date for the event is Friday 7th February 2025.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance.

### **Request for spare clothes**

We are running low on spare clothes for our younger children if they have accidents at school. If you have any unwanted clean joggers/ leggings/trousers/socks/underwear, please could you send in to the office. Thank you!

### **Brindishe Does Talent!**

We want to make a list of jobs and interests of parents and carers of the school with the aim of widening our children's aspirations. It's about showing children that the opportunities are endless, exposing them to a wide range of experiences, and encouraging them to understand that they can be anything they want, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or where they live.

If you could spare some time to speak to children about your job, talent or interest, please email the office, FAO Mr Jones.

### <u>Key Dates</u>

Monday 6th January - INSET day Tuesday 7th - Friday 17th January - Y4 swimming Wednesday 15th January - Y6 visit to the Imperial War Museum Friday 24th January - Y5 Tudor Quiz Wednesday 29th January - Y6 visit Bromley Reform Synagogue Thursday 6th February - Open classroom W/c Monday 10th February - DT week Further dates on the Weduc Calendar

Overall school attendance this week:	95%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%: A huge well done to Turing class who had 99% attendance this week	Turing Goldsworthy Adeola Pankhurst Attenborough	99% 98% 97% 97% 97%
Top classes with all children in on time	Jeffers, Kusama, Escher, Huge well done to them all 🎯	