



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What has been happening this week?

Thank you to everyone who visited our Scholastic Book Fair. A percentage of the money raised from the fair goes towards new books for your children's classroom libraries. We hope the children enjoy their new reading material!

This week we welcomed Sarah Vitty from Lewisham Foodbank to talk to the children about Harvest time and how we can support people in our community. Please see the poster above for ways in which you can support Lewisham's foodbank at this time.



PINS coffee morning

A reminder about our PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) Coffee Morning on Wed 23rd October, 8.45-9.45 – please see the poster below.

A Representative from Drumbeat will be attending, as will our school Speech and Language Therapist and a Principal Speech and Language Therapist from Kaleidoscope.

The school Inclusion team will be introduced (Gemma Caller, Amy Etuk-Smith, Marva Hudson and Elaine Ayeni), and there will be discussion of ways in which neurodivergent children are supported in Brindishe Manor.

Parents and carers will be consulted about what they would like future sessions to focus on, and plans will be formed following this meeting.

I hope to see many of you there,

Gemma Caller
Inclusion Lead

What is happening next week?

We are hoping that you can join us on Tuesday 22nd October from 3:15pm for our first Open Classroom of the year. The children are very excited to show you their classrooms and some of their learning to date. The session will run for approx 30 minutes, so if you have more than one child you will be able to move to multiple classrooms.



CAKE SALE

Next week on Thursday 24th October the PSFA are running a cake sale after school. Although there are paper plates available, you may wish to bring a plastic container to put your cakes in.



PSFA funds

As you may be aware, budgets for schools have become tighter and tighter over the years, which means that we are not always able to purchase some of the extra resources that we would like to. The PSFA have worked incredibly hard over a number of years to run a whole host of events throughout the year in order to raise money for the school. With your support, we have recently generated more planting around the school, bought library furniture and books, provided playground equipment and contributed to larger projects, such as the climbing equipment and art room resources.

Later this term we will purchase more resources for the children, such as: easels, DT resources, non-fiction books for our library, podcasting equipment for some of our older children and Yoto players for our younger children's classrooms (devices for listening to stories).

Thank you for your contributions at these events, as otherwise we would not be able to stretch to some of these resources.

Lost property

We have lots of unnamed lost property in school. If your child has lost a piece of clothing/packed lunch box/water bottle, please come and check on Monday as anything left over will be taken to charity next week.

Attendance

Overall school attendance this week:	95%	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%: A huge well done to Rashford and Yousafzai class who had 100% attendance this week	Rashford Yousafzai Goldsworthy Turing Attenborough	100% 100% 99% 99% 99%
Top classes with all children in on time	Kusama, Rashford and Escher Huge well done to them all 🍷	

Key Dates

Tuesday 22nd October - Open Classroom after school.

Wednesday 23rd October - Swanage meeting for Year 5 parents/carers

Thursday 24th October - PSFA Hallowe'en cake sale.

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half term - look out for the PSFA Halloween trail info in a future newsletter.

Monday 4th November - Friday 8th November - DT week.

Thursday 7th November - Rec - Y6 Flu immunisations

w/b 11th November - Anti-bullying week
Monday 11th/Tuesday 12th Reception to Manor House Library

Tuesday 26th November - Reception and Year 6 Height and weight check



**Halloween
Cake Sale**

**Thursday 24th
October, 3.15pm.**

Bake a halloween cake and it will be entered into our cake competition - Halloween goody bags and certificates for the three best decorated cakes.

(No nuts and please list all ingredients)

Homemade or bought contributions are very welcome. Please bring them to the office on the morning of the sale.

The sale will take place after school and cash or card payments will be available.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that Brindishe Manor is participating in the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)** programme. This is a national initiative which aims to further enhance inclusivity within schools.



As part of the project, we will hold regular meetings for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The first meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 23rd October

8.45-9.45am.

A representative from Lewisham Drumbeat Service will attend to introduce PINS and we will be planning how the sessions will run for the academic year, and what parent and carers would like meetings to focus on. Over the course of the year, we hope to welcome neurodivergent young people as guest speakers, as well as external professionals and colleagues from Lewisham services.

Please try to join us and encourage other parent and carers to come along too.

We look forward to seeing you.

Gemma Caller - Inclusion Lead
and Brindishe Manor Team

A safe place for you to:

- Discuss well-being concerns and the needs of your child
- Learn about strategies to improve well-being
- Share and listen to experiences
- Connect with others and discuss ideas
- Learn about options for support



All are welcome.

You can drop in to the meeting, but you can also indicate your attendance by sending an email to

info-BM@brindisheschools.org