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## **Brindishe Lee's Newsletter**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

It's been a rather wet, wet, wet week! Please do ensure that your child comes to school in a warm and waterproof coat (which is named) so that we can make the most of the outdoors over the next few weeks. Please read the newsletter to ensure you are kept in the loop with all the school and federation news and important dates to save. We hope you all have a lovely long weekend!  
See you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Kind regards,  
Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

### **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch 2022**

This year, we are having our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. We are encouraging our pupils and staff to bring a voluntary £1.00 donation to wear their Christmas jumper and the money raised will be donated to Save the Children. We can also accept either cash or a minimum donation of £1.00 through Horizons.

We recognise that some children may already have Christmas jumpers, but if they don't, we do not expect you to go and buy one. Why not get creative and turn an old jumper into a Christmas Jumper, or if you don't want to wear a jumper why not design a Christmas t-shirt instead?

We will also be holding a competition – Design a Christmas Jumper. Templates for the jumper competition will be handed out on Monday 5th December in classes. Children can take them home and decorate, so be as creative as you can! We are asking children to return their competition entries by Tuesday 13th December so they can be judged, and prizes will be distributed on Christmas Jumper Day. There will be one winner per key stage, have fun and good luck!





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**INSET DAY – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - School closed to children.**

**Festive Christmas Performances:**

The festive performances will take place in the school hall at 2.30pm.

We will provide you will more information on Monday 28th November about the class performances and the associated logistics.

If anyone is unable to make the performance, we are going to film it and will send out the link before the end of term.

**Performance dates:**

- 7.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 4 & 6
- 13.12.22 at 2.30pm: Reception & Year 1
- 14.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 2 & 3
- 15.12.22 at 2.30pm: Year 5

**Pantomime:**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm for all year groups (kindly funded by F@B)

**F@B Events:**

- Christmas Fair/Bakesale – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (more information to come from the F@B team).
- Christmas Trees – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Brindishe Lee Key Dates**

- Friday 25th November – INSET Day (school closed)
- Monday 28th November – Friday 9th December – Year 5 Magnolia swimming sessions (Year 5 Sycamore in June 2023)
- Monday 28th November – Year 6 writing workshops
- Tuesday 29th November - Year 5 STEM session
- Wednesday 30th November – Year 4 trip to Museum of London
- Wednesday 30th November – History workshop for Years 2 & 3
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum
- Wednesday 7th December – School health team – height and weight checks for Year R & 6
- Thursday 8th December – Open Door shared learning (3.30-4pm)
- Friday 16th December - Pantomime for all year groups (kindly funded by F@B)
- Friday 16th December – End of term – Christmas holidays begin



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## **Starting primary school in 2023 - advice and support for Lewisham families**

### **Event**

Lewisham are excited to announce that they are running a free informal event for parents to learn about the primary application process. They will be offering friendly and supportive advice from Admissions, Family Information Service, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Free School Meals teams.

**This will be on Wednesday 14 December from 9am-6pm at Catford Library.**

**Primary schools and Early Years providers** – Please see the below link where you can find out more and book a space if you are interested – Lewisham have broken up the day into four timed sessions and some may be more popular than others.

[Book your slot on the 'starting primary school in 2023' event at Catford Library](#)

### **Email reminders**

Don't forget you can also sign up for weekly emails – these go out weekly every Tuesday with tips, advice, and reminders and have been very useful for parents in the past.

[Sign up for weekly emails about applying for a primary school place in 2023](#)





## **Cost-of-living support**

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter.

Each week we will aim to provide some support and information here to help support our families.

### **Find out what help you can get with your energy bills**

Take a look at these resources from [Simple Energy Advice](#), the [British Gas Energy Trust](#) and the [Money Saving](#)

## **Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin**

### **Parental Controls**

Does your child have a game console? If yes, have you set up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

#### **PlayStation**

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/psn-safetyparents-guide/>

#### **Xbox**

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/enGB/apps/family-settings-app>

#### **Nintendo Switch**

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>





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### **Key Federation Dates**

- **INSET DAY – Brindishe Federation – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**
- **End of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**
- **Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**
- **Primary offer day - Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)**

### **Brindishe Green Teaching Assistant with specific experience of EYFS**

- Salary: scale 3 (points 5 – 6) at £26,193 – £26,625 p.a. pro-rata
- (This equates to £22,902 p.a. for 39 weeks of the year, paid in monthly instalments all year round)
- Hours: 35 per week, typically 8.30am - 4.30pm working in school during term times only
- The post is full time and is subject to satisfactory 6 months' probation period

We are recruiting for a full time Teaching Assistant at Brindishe Green School starting in January 2023.

Rated Outstanding, Brindishe Green is a large and diverse Lewisham Local Authority Primary School providing an exciting education for children aged 3 -11 years in Hither Green, SE London. We are a few stops from Charing Cross, Waterloo, London Bridge mainline station or a 10-minute walk from Lewisham DLR.

At Brindishe Green we are looking for applicants who have experience of working with our youngest children either within the primary school or across other educational settings.

For the right candidate, we also have the option to progress in a teaching career and train as a qualified teacher through a salaried scheme. We are a very friendly team, working in a highly supportive environment where individual differences are welcome and teamwork is highly valued.

Our big 5: Curious, Compassionate, Collaborative, Confident, Committed are embedded in all we do and enhanced through a rich and varied curriculum.

We are looking for a well-educated, flexible and confident person who is looking for a role in which they can make a real difference to the lives of our children and their families.

The post involves:



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### **Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week**

#### **Article 45**

**UNICEF can provide expert advice and assistance on children's rights.**

Have you ever considered how UNICEF helps children around the world?

#### **UNICEF...**

- helps governments make sure that all children have an education
- supports communities to have access to clean water and nutritious food
- helps to support good health care systems in lower income countries
- distributes vaccines to protect children from a wide range of diseases and infections
- works to make child protection stronger where countries or organisations need help with this
- helps governments all around the world to look at how children's rights are being met and helps them improve the situation for children
- provides help for children when there is an emergency situation such as an earthquake, hurricane or tsunami
- provides help for children if there is a war to make sure children are looked after
- supports refugee families in a variety of ways
- works within the United Nations and with governments and civil society to make sure children's lives and



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### **Governing Body Dates**

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - [lizcmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:lizcmurphy@gmail.com)

Autumn 2	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 6pm
Spring 1	Brindishe Lee	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 6pm
Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6pm