



Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

With the Autumn Term well and truly underway, it is time to elect new class MPs for our Pupil Parliament (2022-2023). We would like to thank the outgoing class representatives for their hard work last year and for helping to develop our Pupil Parliament. Candidates are currently busy preparing their manifestos ready for class elections next week. We will announce the new MPs after the half term holiday. Good luck everyone!

We sent out communication this week about some exciting news, that Brindishe Lee is lucky enough to be having new windows installed at the end of October. Not only will this visually enhance the school, improve its energy efficiency but will make the children's classroom a more pleasant and warmer environment for their learning. The work will commence on Saturday 22nd October and the aim is for the project to be completed by Friday 4th November, this will include the contractors working both Saturdays and Sundays within this timeframe. We thank you for your co-operation whilst these essential works take place to improve our school.

Finally, a few reminders:

- As it is getting colder and wetter, please do ensure that your child/children have a warm and waterproof coat for playtimes and lunchtimes.
- No toys, cards or games should be brought into school - this is so children don't get upset if they get lost or damaged.

Thank you for your support, as always. Have a lovey weekend!
Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Brindishe Lee School Key Dates

- Monday 17th October - New Reception Open Days
- Tuesday 18th October – Flu Immunisations
- Wednesday 19th October- Year 1 Trip- Manor House Gardens
- Thursday 20th October – Friday 4th November – Window Project
- Friday 21st October – Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card
- Monday 24th October – Half Term Holiday
- Monday 31st October – Thursday 3rd November – Parent Meetings
- Monday 7th November – Chicks arrive at Brindishe Lee – *more information to follow*
- Monday 7th November to Friday 11th November - Year 6 Kingswood Trip
- Monday 14th November – Open Door – Sharing Learning (3.30-4.00pm)
- Monday 20th November – Book Fair
- Friday 25th November – INSET Day
- Wednesday 30th November – Year 4 Trip - Museum of London
- Wednesday 30th November - History Workshop for Years 2 & 3
- Thursday 8th December Open Door – Sharing Learning (3.30-4.00pm)

**More dates to follow*



Governor Election Results

Thank you to all 13 Brindishe parents/carers who took their time to nominate themselves for the Parent Governor vacancy and thank you to those who voted from across the federation.

On Tuesday, the votes were counted and we are pleased to confirm Claire Friend and Adrian Prandle as our Brindishe Parent Governors.

We are also very pleased to welcome Eleni Papastavrou to the Governing Body as our staff governor.

Brindishe Green, Lunch Time Play Lead Vacancy

Salary: Scale 2 (Scale Point 3 – 4) pro-rata, Term Time Only

Hours: 16.25 hours per week (typically starting at 11.30am); Term Time Only (39 weeks per year)

The post is part time and subject to a satisfactory 6 months' probation period

We are currently recruiting for a Lunch Time Play Leader on a permanent basis. The role will start November 2022.

The post involves:

- Promoting children's safety and well-being
- Helping to maintain a safe and organised play/ lunch environment

We are looking for someone who:

- Can relate well to children and supervise them during lunch times
- Is aware of Health & Safety and can assist the Lunch Time Supervisor in supporting children during lunch times
- Is willing to follow school policies and procedures in relation to the role

As the role involves working with children, you will be required to undergo a full DBS check before being appointed to the post.

Further Information: [Brindishe Green Lunch time play leader - Lewisham Council Careers \(selectminds.com\)](https://selectminds.com)

The deadline for completed applications is midday on **Friday 21st October 2022**.

Interviews will be held on **week commencing Monday 31st October 2022**.

Completed application forms should be returned to rwaite@brindisheschools.org

If you would like to have a conversation about the role before applying, please phone Rachel on: 07508 868726



Brindishe
Federation

Black History Lewisham 365

14th -28th October, Tuesdays to Saturdays | 11am - 6pm | Free

Caribbean Doll Display by Pauline Straker Rodgers

Unit 17, Lewisham Shopping Centre (opposite H & M)

Pauline was born in Kingston Jamaica and is a long term Lewisham resident. In 1997 Pauline came to international attention when she was invited by the Global Doll Society to become one of its speciality teachers – this made her the only GDS teacher recognised in the world of African wigs and costumes and she has since gone on to win prizes for her work. She also volunteers at Lee Seniors Club.

This is a rare opportunity to see some of Pauline's porcelain dolls made with authentic African hair in her home borough.

Saturday 15th October

Queens of Black History

The New Generation, SE26 6AD | 6pm – 10pm | Free

Soul Purpose 360 Lewisham will host a social networking event that will feature Black women poets, a Black History exhibition, stalls by Lewisham based Black women-owned businesses - everything from fashion to literature. The event will also feature, talks, music and food of different African and Caribbean cultures.





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>



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

Article 16 (right to privacy)

Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.

Why is privacy important?

- Not everyone should know everything about everyone.
- It helps to have personal space.
- It helps keep us safe online and in the real world.
- Children are at risk of being harmed if the wrong people know too much about them.
- Things about identity, location, health and personal life, are private.



Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2023.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Tuesday 18 October 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 13th October 9:30am and 4:30pm	Monday 17th October 9:30am and 4:30pm
Thursday 17th November 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 14th November 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 16th November 9:30am and 4:30pm

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual

Key Federation Dates

- Secondary and Primary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1st September 2022**
- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Monday 31st October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022)
- October Half Term – **Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**
- **INSET DAY – Brindishe Federation – Friday 25th November**
- **End of Term – Friday 16th December 2022**
- **Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15th January 2022**
- **Primary offer day - Monday 17 April 2023** (you will get an email in the evening telling you