

# Brindishe Federation

## Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

It has been a busy but productive week at Brindishe Lee. The children have settled back to school life beautifully. A special well done to all the reception children who have successfully completed their first full week at Brindishe Lee. A highlight for me this week was spending quality time in every class to see the children's learning and I have to say, I was so impressed with all the children and their learning behaviour. I cannot wait to see the progress that we make this year!

This week has been a sombre one for many, mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We marked this in school with a special assembly. Over the next week, the staff will continue to talk to the children, answering any questions they might have and taking time to explain to them what will happen during this period of National Mourning. We will continue to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth and the succession of King Charles III in appropriate ways. Buckingham Palace announced that the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will take place on Monday 19th September. This day is a bank holiday and the Department for Education have confirmed that schools will be closed. This is to allow everyone to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 20th September.

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.



### A statement from the Mayor of Lewisham.

I am saddened to hear the news from Buckingham Palace, announcing the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Her Majesty sacrificed much for our country and served with unwavering dedication and that will not be forgotten.

Earlier this year Lewisham residents came together to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, with community events and street parties held across the borough. In the true spirit of Her Majesty, these parties, concerts and picnics brought people from different communities, backgrounds and ages together for a very special weekend of celebrations. Lots of local people also took part in the formal celebrations in central London. These are special memories that will be cherished.

I know that many people will have their own personal memories which they will reflect on, and the Council will be opening books of condolence for those who wish to pay their respects locally. These will be available from tomorrow afternoon at The Civic Suite, Catford; Downham Library and the Deptford Lounge. The flag at the Civic Suite is being flown at half-mast as a mark of respect and our thoughts and sympathies are with the Royal Family at this sad and difficult time.

Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham.

### Books of condolence

Books of condolence are now open to allow residents to pay their respects to Her Majesty the Queen at the following locations:

- [The Civic Suite Catford](#) - Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday
- [Downham Library](#) - Open 9am - 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am - 5pm on Saturday
- [The Library at Deptford Lounge](#) - Open 9am - 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am - 5pm on Saturday

Buckingham Palace is also welcoming messages from the public in an [online book of condolence](#).

## Primary School Admissions for 2023

### Is your child due to start primary school in September 2023?

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you can apply for a Reception place for September 2023.

Before you apply you should:

- Research your local primary schools
- Visit schools you want to apply for
- Carefully check the criteria for schools you are interested in.



Lewisham website has all the important information you need to know about applying for primary school places. The information is intended for residents of the Lewisham borough only. If your child lives outside the borough, you are welcome to apply for schools in Lewisham but must do so through your local council.

### Useful websites

All you need to know about applying to start primary school in the Lewisham borough

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start primary school in September 2023](#)

Apply online for admission to primary schools at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).

### 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
<b>Thursday 29 September</b> 10am and 4.30pm	<b>Tuesday 27th September</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm	<b>Thursday 22nd September</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm
<b>Tuesday 18 October</b> 10am and 4.30pm	<b>Thursday 13th October</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm	<b>Monday 17th October</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 17th November</b> 10am and 4.30pm	<b>Monday 14th November</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm	<b>Wednesday 16th November</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools. Email details can be found on our school websites.

## Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

### What age should your child be using social media apps?

#### What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

#### Reporting functions

If your child is using any of the below apps then make sure you show them how to use the reporting facilities within each app and ensure your child knows that they must tell you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Use the apps together and explore the different security and privacy settings.

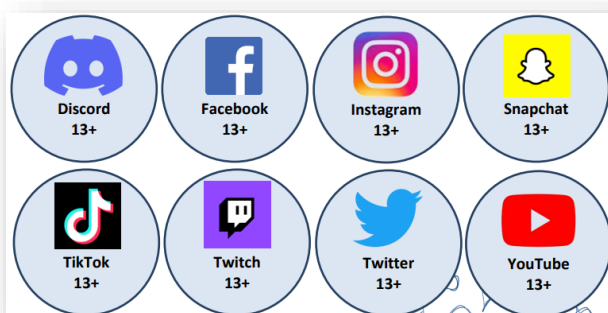
#### Further information

Is your child too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media? Then you could suggest an alternative option.

**Internet Matters** list several apps that have been created for younger children, th  
ages 11 – 13: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>



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

### Article 38 (war and armed conflicts)

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflict.

### Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)

Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

This week's articles are linked with International Day of Peace, observed around the world each year on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Children at Brindishe use existing strategies such as mindfulness and calming techniques to ensure their learning environments are peaceful.

**Take five minutes to sit peacefully, be still and quiet... to consider all that you could do for yourself.**

#### **How does it feel to be at peace with yourself, and in your community?**

Being at peace within yourself is important. What one thing could you do to bring greater peace into your own life?

...and to the people around you?

## Black History Month in Lewisham

### Black History Lewisham

Black History Month runs nationally every October to commemorate the history, achievements and contributions of black communities in the UK.

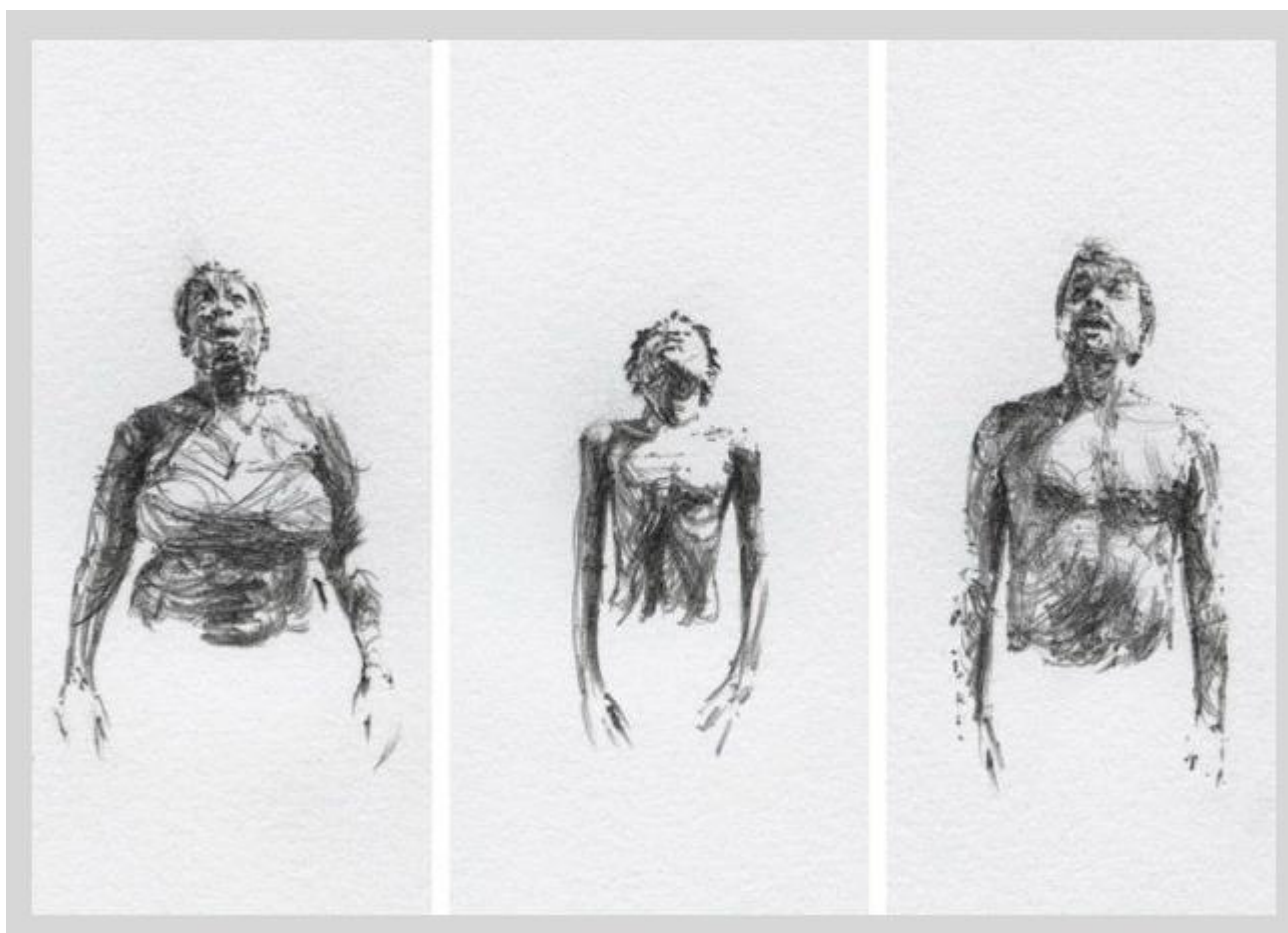
Black History Lewisham will explore Black history and culture during the month of October and beyond starting with a fun filled, family-friendly day packed full of free creative workshops, installations and talks exploring our air, health and environment.

#### **We Breathe, Together, at the Horniman**

Saturday 17th September

We Breathe, Together is programmed by Invisible Dust for We Are Lewisham, London Borough of Culture 2022 with the support of Arts Council England and the Mayor of London. Further information can be found here

[We Breathe, Together, at the Horniman - Black History Month 2022](#)



### Polio Booster for 1-9 year olds

Children aged 1 to 9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. For some children this may be an extra dose on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations. There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in London is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread in Lewisham and beyond.

Lewisham Hospital is offering children the polio vaccine. Polio can be very serious, and the vaccine will boost children's protection.

Parents can book an appointment for their child by completing this form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bde8m2z8>

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/polio-booster-campaign-resources>

### Sharing Learning at Brindishe Lee

Next week, we will provide parents/carers with more information about our open door – sharing learning opportunities, which were a great success last academic year. At pick-up time parents/carers are invited into their child's classroom to look at their learning. Information will be emailed out next week outlining the dates allocated to sharing learning opportunities. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss with your child their learning as well as look at the wonderful work on display.



### Brindishe Lee School Key Dates

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Year 6 residential trip meeting at 5.00pm
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Reception open day
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 trip to Chislehurst Caves
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 trip to the Thames Explorer
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Flu immunisations
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Half term holiday
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood

*\*More dates to follow.*

### Key Federation Dates

- Secondary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022)