



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

It has been an exciting week for the children of Brindishe Lee with the Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre Ashford to the arrival of the fluffy chicks in Reception. Next week, children across the school will have the opportunity to visit the Brindishe Lee chicks.

We have an incredibly busy and fun packed term ahead leading into all of our festive celebrations at the end of term. Do check the diary dates below as we have a few celebration days upcoming, including Odd Socks Day (Monday, 14th November) to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week as well as other school events.

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from the 14th to 18th November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This year's theme came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. At Brindishe Lee, we consider this to be a special week and an opportunity to celebrate not just the respect we have for each other, but also the differences, and the similarities, that exist between us.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Brindishe Lee Key Dates

- Monday 14th November – Open Door shared learning (3.30-4pm)
- Monday 14th-Friday 18th November – Bikeability for Year 5 Sycamore
- Wednesday 16th November – School tours for new parents (9.30am and 4.30pm)
- Monday 21st November – Thursday 24th November – Bikeability for Year 5 Magnolia
- Friday 25th November – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 28th November – Friday 9th December – Year 5 Magnolia swimming sessions (Year 5 Sycamore in June 2023)
- Wednesday 30th November – Year 4 trip to Museum of London
- Wednesday 30th November – History workshop for Years 2 & 3
- Wednesday 7th December – School health tem – height and weight checks for Year R & 6
- Thursday 8th December – Open Door shared learning (3.30-4pm)
- Friday 16th December – End of term – Christmas holidays begin



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Brindishe Lee Festive Dates for your Diary:

Christmas performances (*please note change of time*):

- 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 16th December at 2pm for all year groups (kindly funded by F@B)

F@B Events:

- Christmas Fair – (date to be confirmed)
- Christmas trees – Saturday 3rd December (more information to follow)



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.

Check you've received all the government's cost of living payments

The government's [cost of living payment](#) is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment, but haven't received one – [report a missing payment](#) to the government here.

Be aware of scams! If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost of living payment, **do not talk to them or send a reply**. Get more information on [cost of living scams](#) on the Money Saving Expert's website.



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Remembrance Sunday 2022

Remembrance Sunday civic service and parade at Lewisham War Memorial

Lewisham's civic service and parade will take place on Sunday 13 November at Lewisham War Memorial, Lewisham High Street (directly opposite Lewisham Hospital).

A parade, led by Sergeant Major Nick Connell of 101 Regiment will proceed along Lewisham High Street to the War Memorial. A service, led by Father Steve Hall of St Mary's Church with contributions from other faith leaders and civic dignitaries, will commence at 10.55am until approximately 11.40am.

Traffic will be stopped for a two minute silence at 11am.

Lewisham residents are welcome to attend the service. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive at the Lewisham War Memorial from 10.30am.

Remembrance Sunday service at Deptford War Memorial

A second service will take place at the Deptford War Memorial on the corner of Lewisham Way and Upper Brockley Road.

A service, led by Reverend Chris Hanning with contributions from other faith leaders and civic dignitaries, will commence at 10.55am until approximately 11.40am.

Traffic will be stopped for a two minute silence at 11am.

Lewisham residents are welcome to attend the service. Both services will be held outdoors so residents who wish to attend should dress warmly and be prepared for the weather.

If you have any general enquiries or access requirements, please contact
civicevents@lewisham.gov.uk.





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Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Is your child ready for social media?

Childnet have produced this article answering your questions around social media, such as when should I allow my child to join social media? The article also outlines some alternative sites that have been created for younger children.

You can read the article below:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-getting-started-on-social-media/>



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

World Children's Day and Article 45

World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. It takes place each year on the 20th November, the date when world leaders adopted the Convention in 1989.

From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future.

Article 45 says non-governmental organisations, such as UNICEF and other United Nations bodies, can provide advice and assistance on children's rights.

At Brindishe Schools, we talk to our children regularly about 'Wants and Needs'. Ask your children what the difference is and explore the fact that some children don't get all that they need.

To celebrate World Children's Day watch some of this video ['We all have rights'](#).





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
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 schools.
Email details can be found on our school websites.

Key Federation Dates

- **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 where your child has been offered a place)**

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

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



New Brindishe Book Bags and Sweaters

We are very excited to inform you that new Brindishe book bags will be available to order through myclothing.com from Monday 14th November – [My Clothing](http://myclothing.com)

They will be Navy blue in colour with the relevant schools logo on (Brindishe Manor, Brindishe Green or Brindishe Lee) and will cost £6.50 per bag.

We are also currently awaiting new branded sweaters and will keep you informed as to when these are online to purchase.

And finally.....

Some pictures of our lovely chicks that hatched in Reception class this week!

