



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. There are signs already of spring flowers which is wonderful to see. Our children have been blooming in their learning opportunities too. A few highlights this week at school include children immersing themselves in their learning about animals, report writing, shape and space as well as salsa. We enjoyed opening up our classrooms for parents/carers on Monday. A busy but productive week for all!

This week the school choir took part in Young Voices 2023, which culminated in a concert at The O2 Arena on Tuesday evening. It was wonderful to see our children perform with other schools and artists on Tuesday evening. I felt very proud of our children and staff who represented us brilliantly. A highlight was Heather Small, of M People, singing the song Proud in the arena. We often play this song in our celebration assemblies, so the children were very excited to hear it in real life. Thank you to our amazing pupils and staff who took part and also thank you parents for your ongoing support.

Please also refer to the information listed below with regards to online safety, information from the Brindishe federation and Lewisham as well as key dates for your diaries. Please look on Weduc for information about the NEU Teacher Strike next Wednesday as well as classroom learning highlights.

We hope you all have a great weekend! Stay safe and well everyone.

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Key School Dates & Events:

- **Wednesday 1st February – School closed – Teacher NEU Strike Day**
- Thursday 2nd February - Year 2 trip to The Tower of London
- Monday 6th February - Mental Health Awareness Week (More information to follow)
- Tuesday 7th February- Radish Special Lunch- Taste of China
- Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February - Half term holiday
- Thursday 23rd February - Open Door/sharing learning opportunity, 3.30pm – 4.00pm
- Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter holiday
- Monday 17th April – Children return to school (Summer Term)
- Monday 17 April - Primary offer day - (You will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)



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Discover a new creative passion on a free online taster course

Lewisham adult learning service are offering free online drawing and painting taster courses in February. If you think you can't draw or haven't drawn for years this is the perfect opportunity to explore a variety of different techniques and materials and learn new skills.

Courses include drawing and painting landscapes, portraiture and starting an art project.

[Find out more about drawing and painting courses](#)



Nominate your Community Heroes

Lewisham are after your nominations for the **Mayor of Lewisham Community Awards 2023**. This is a chance to celebrate all those unsung local heroes who go above and beyond to support others and make a difference in our borough. They might be helping a neighbour in need, coaching a grassroots sports team, or running a voluntary group.

If you know somebody who deserves recognition for their tireless work, please enter them for an award now, it will only take a few minutes.

[Get your entries in via the Council website by Monday 30th January](#)

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Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

Article 2: (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 13: (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information if it is within the law.

Article 17 - access to reliable information

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

And remember, at the heart of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child are the values of dignity, equality and non-discrimination.

LGBT+ History Month takes place in February each year.

LGBT+ History Month is all about promoting fairness, equality and diversity and raising awareness of LGBT+ people and culture, now and in the past. It aims to give voice to LGBT+ experiences, celebrate achievements and highlight the challenges people still face today. It is also about helping everyone to learn more about LGBT+ culture and history.

The theme for this year, along with more information about the month, can be found [here](#).

At Brindishe Schools, we know it important to listen to, learn from and celebrate people's differences in school and in our community. It helps to remind us that we are all unique and should all be treated with dignity.

- It reminds us that everyone has different experiences and everyone has the right to be listened to and express their opinions.
- When our differences are celebrated, we feel valued as people and our health and wellbeing improves.
- It helps all people to feel welcome in our schools.
- It reminds us that not all families or relationships look the same.
- It helps us to be open and respectful to new ideas about identity.
- We are all learning all of the time and by listening to others we continue to grow and learn.
- So that we can speak up and challenge unfair comments or actions.
- To help ensure that all Brindishe children and young people's opinions are taken into account when making decisions about them.

Watch the video of the story [And Tango Makes Three](#) at home with your child. There are many different types of families. For example, some children may live with a mum and a dad, just a mum, two dads or live with other carers who look after them.





Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Fortnite

Is your child playing Fortnite?



It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.

In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings.

Find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well.

Further information can be found on the link below.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide/>

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

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