



Brindishe
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Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

They say that time flies when you are having fun and I can confirm that this half of term has flown by! The children at Brindishe Lee are brilliant and I love to hear them talk about their learning. From discussions in assembly to reading pieces of writing, every day I have a moment where I feel proud of the children's achievements.

Throughout the week, children have been discussing and learning about children's mental health in their assemblies and classrooms, as well as taking part in class activities. Other highlights this week include key stage two children taking part in Air Quality workshops as well as celebrating success in Friday's praise assembly.

Enjoy the half-term break. We will see you back at school on Monday 20th February!

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

LGBT+ History Month 2023

Every February is LGBT+ history month. Lewisham Children & Family Centres are a safe, open and welcoming place for all families regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. All our sessions are open to all types of families.

The LGBT+ History Month 2023 [#BehindTheLens](#) celebrates LGBT+ peoples' contribution to cinema and film from behind the lens. Directors, cinematographers, screen writers, producers, animators, costume designers, special effects, make up artists, lighting directors, musicians, choreographers and beyond.

At a time when LGBT+ lives are in the media we also encourage you to look 'Behind the Lens' and listen to LGBT+ peoples' lived experiences.

[You can find out more about LGBT+ History month here.](#)

LGBTQ+ History Month 2023 in Lewisham

There is a wide range of events happening in the borough throughout February. See the link below for more details. If you know of any activities that are taking place and should be included [contact the team here](#).

[Lewisham LGBTQ+ webpage 2023](#)





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Children's Mental Health Week 2023

Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Brindishe Schools have been encouraging our children to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways.



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

Article 13 (freedom of expression)

Sharing Thoughts Freely

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

At Brindishe we think it's important that children and young people are able to express their thoughts, ideas and opinions freely.

- Their views matter.
- Free expression helps good conversation and discussion.
- Many thoughts and ideas can lead to a better world.
- Children have some great ideas that adults might never think of.
- It helps to prepare them for adulthood.
- Adults have this right so children should have it too,
- It helps children and young people to feel valued.
- Involving young people means there are more people to make a difference.
- We all have different views and experiences, so including everyone means we get lots of perspectives.
- It can help children to learn about politics and democracy.
- Children have rights!



We have many teams at school, which children lead including Rights Respecting teams, Digital Leaders and Lunchtime Buddies. Brindishe children are able to share their thoughts freely.

Watch [this video of Greta Thunberg](#) addressing adults at COP26 for inspiration. Is there anything that you feel very strongly about? How do you express your thoughts about this issue? How could you help your child share their views in school?



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Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Safer Internet Day - 7th February 2023

Online Safety with Google

As part of Google Families, Google have a hub of resources that you can use including conversation starters with links to additional tools and advice and information about parental controls.

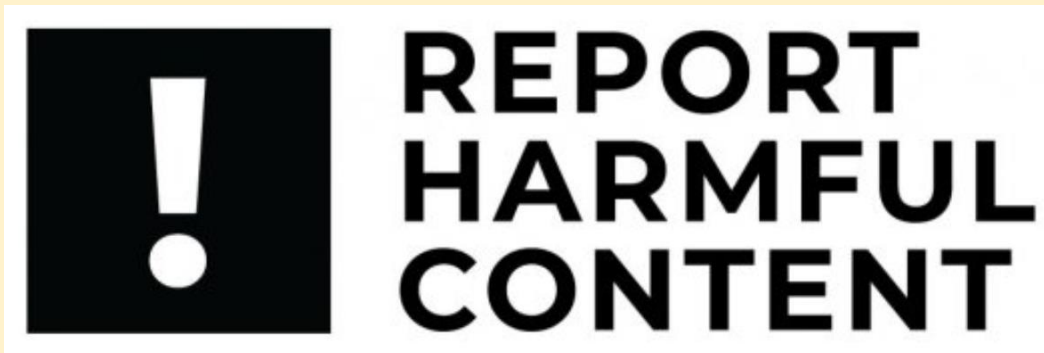
Google also provide you with resources to help your children build healthier habits and stay safe online. There is also a selection of ideas on how to use technology as a family in a fun and engaging manner such as exploring the world and learning how to code. You can access the hub here: https://families.google/intl/en_uk/

How can the law help you?

Whilst we wait for the Online Safety Bill to be passed, which will hopefully improve Online Safety, there are certain laws already established to help protect us online.

For example, in the UK we have the Malicious Communications Act 1988 that states it is an offence to send a communication that conveys an indecent or grossly offensive message or a threat. We also have the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, which covers threatening behaviour or harassment online.

Report Harmful Content have curated a list of laws that are relevant to online behaviour here: <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/when-should-you-go-to-the-police/>



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 2
Summer 1
Summer 2

Brindishe Green
Brindishe Manor
Brindishe Lee

Thursday 23rd March 2023, 6pm
Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 6pm
Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm



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Lewisham School Term Dates

Lewisham schools term dates have now been published up to 2027 and can be found on our Brindishe Website or on the Lewisham Council Website.

[Lewisham Council - School term and holiday dates](#)



Key Federation Dates

- **Half Term - Monday 13th Feb – Friday 17th Feb**
- **Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April**
- **Monday 17th April – Children return to school for Summer Term**
- **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)**

Further Strike Days – possible school closures will be communicated closer to the strike days

Thursday 2nd March 2023
Wednesday 15th March 2023
Thursday 16th March 2023

Key School Dates & Events:

- **Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February - Half term holiday**
- **Monday 20th February - Science Dome**
- **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)**
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**More details & events to follow.*