



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

As this is the last newsletter of the spring term, we would personally like to thank the Brindishe Lee community for all your support and kindness this term. It was great to see so many parents/carers discussing their children's learning with the class teacher this week during the parent meetings. There were so many lovely comments about the children's learning and progress made this term. In addition to this, Year 4 and Year 3 children enjoyed visiting the British Museum; a group of Year 5 children enjoyed working with Blackheath High students while the Year 6 children enjoyed designing their sculptures this week.

We would like to wish Nikki Tatler all the best with her new role working across the federation from the summer term. We thank Nikki for all her hard work, dedication, care and humour during her time at Brindishe Lee. We wish her the very best of luck and will see her on a Friday at Brindishe Lee.

Finally, we hope you all have a lovely spring break. Here's hoping the sun will be shining for the next two weeks. Have a good rest over the break, Ramadan Mubarak or Happy Easter to those of you celebrating these festivals.

My team and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 17th April for the summer term.

Happy holiday!

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.



Brindishe Lee School Dates & Events:

- Friday 31st March – End of the Spring Term.
- Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday.
- Monday 17th April – Start of the 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).
- Thursday 20th April – Reception class to The Unicorn Theatre.
- Monday 24th April – Year 4 to the British Library

**More details & events to follow.*



Holiday Programme Food & Fun

Lewisham are providing a varied holiday programme with funding from the Department of Education. A wide range of providers in Lewisham are supporting the delivery of this programme, offering various fun-packed sessions, including arts and crafts and sports.

There will be free activities and lunches for children and young people who are:

- aged 4 to 16 years (reception to year 11)
- in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals

Each club will provide:

- a wide range of exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- fun physical activity sessions
- free, nutritious and tasty food

Lewisham have teamed up with local organisations, clubs and others to offer a wide range of free activities for eligible school children this Easter. There's something for everyone – from sports and drama, to arts, crafts and cooking. The spring holiday programme is attached to this newsletter or [click here](#) for Lewisham website with further information.

You'll need to book your activity in advance – places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, and there are priority places for children eligible for Free School Meals. Find out how to book, and who to contact, in the programme. If you have any questions or need support with booking, please contact HAFProgramme@Lewisham.gov.uk

Mini-Egg Hazards

Little signs of Spring are popping up all over the place... daffodils, Easter bonnets, baskets and yes, Mini Eggs!

Experts are once again reminding us, not to let young children have small Easter eggs like Mini Eggs because they're a choking hazard, particularly younger children.

Cadbury / Nestle put a warning on the packaging of their mini eggs that they are a choking hazard and should not be given to the under 4's. This will apply to many other brands as well. Solid chocolate eggs pose a choking risk to children - they're very similar in shape and size to grapes.

If you are going to give these eggs to your children as a treat, they should be cut in half which will make them easier to swallow. Please remember children, particularly younger children should be supervised when eating these eggs and should be seated and not running around.



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance): Both parents (or legal guardians) share responsibility for bringing up their child and parents and carers should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents and legal carers by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

Article 5 (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities): Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.

Articles 5 and 18 are all about the job of parents and carers in the upbringing of children and young people.

What are some of the important things that carers and parents do for children?

- Provide you with a home.
- Care for you and show you love.
- Provide food and clothes.
- Set you a good example.
- Help you to become independent.
- Give you emotional support.
- Support your learning and going to school.
- Make sure you have opportunities to be fit and healthy.
- Prepare you for adult life.
- Share their culture and identity and beliefs and values with you.
- Allow you to be yourself.
- Help you to enjoy all of your rights!



Parents and carers have a right to support from the government to help them bring up their children. Governments often provide this help through the council or through charities. [Home Start](#) is one example of charity support for families.

Governor Vacancies

Do you know someone who would be interested in a becoming a Governor? A friend, a colleague, a relative?

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Brindishe Federation Governing Body, particularly for people who would widen the diversity of our current members and/or be able to offer key skills we require including knowledge around finance, education, recruitment. We have recently recruited for our Parent Governor vacancies, so anyone interested could not be a parent/carer of a pupil within the Federation.

If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with either Rachel Waite, Executive Head rwaite@brindisheschools.org or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

For more information about becoming a Governor, please click on the link below:
<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Is YouTube safe?

Do you know your child's favourite YouTuber?

So many children love the miniseries, vlogs and updates available on YouTube, but it is recommended by YouTube that children access its content through YouTube Kids. The suggested age restriction for accessing media on this site is 4+.

The site uses algorithms to filter content from its mother site, however, as this is done digitally rather than manually, sometimes inappropriate content and targeted adverts can still sometimes slip through. The app also gives you the option to limit search functions and restrict it to videos and channels you would like them to see.

The NSPCC have produced this article discussing the risks associated with using YouTube and the safety settings and features that are available depending on how old your child is and what they do on YouTube.

You can access the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>



Easter Holiday Vouchers

We can now confirm that London Borough of Lewisham will use a further allocation of the 'Household Support Fund' to support families with FSM eligible children by providing vouchers for the holidays this year (23/24) and in particular, the upcoming Easter Holidays. The available funding means Lewisham can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child for Easter. There will not be an additional allocation made to cover inset days or other closures.

If you are eligible for the voucher, look out for further communication from your school and your £30 holiday voucher.



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Key Federation Dates

- 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)

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

Summer 1	Brindishe Manor
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee

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

Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

[Brindishe Federation - Home \(brindisheschools.org\)](http://brindisheschools.org)