



Brindishe
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Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 16th June 2023

Dear families, staff and governors,

The wonderful weather this week has meant that pupils have continued to enjoy a range of outdoor activities, from outdoor P.E. (all year groups are busy practicing for sports day!) to gardening and swimming at Glassmill Leisure Centre (Year 5).

We are immensely proud of our Year 1 pupils who completed their Phonics Check this week, and also our Year 4 pupils who have now completed their Multiplication Check. We are always so impressed with the effort and dedication shown by our children at Brindishe Lee to their learning.

Please see below for more information about the summer reading challenge, science week and the air quality campaign that we have been taking part in.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Brindishe Lee Team

Sun Safety

Now that the hot weather is upon us, please ensure that your child comes into school with a sun hat, water and is suitably dressed for the weather. Please note that strappy dresses, strappy tops, crop tops and very short shorts are not appropriate for school.



If you wish your child to reapply sun cream at school, please send in their bottle of sun cream in a small clear plastic bag **clearly marked with their name**. This will be kept in the classroom.

Brindishe Lee Key Dates

- Year 4 Multiplication window opens Monday 12th June until Friday 23rd June
- Thursday 22nd June: Parent workshop led by our Educational Psychologist – how to support your child with anxiety
- Week commencing 26th June: Science Week
- Thursday 29th June: Years 3 & 4 sports day at Ladywell
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 3rd July
- Wednesday 5th July: Drama 4 All workshop – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- Wednesday 5th July: Year 6 theatre trip to see The Lion King
- Thursday 6th July: Years 5 & 6 sports day at Ladywell
- Saturday 8th July: Summer Fayre 11am-2pm
- Wednesday 12th July: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 sports day at Manor House Gardens
- Friday 14th July: Reports to parents
- Tuesday 18th July: Year 6 end of year performance to parents
- End of Term – Friday 21st July 2023



Air Quality Campaign

Last term, pupils took part in Air Quality workshops with Lewisham Council and learnt about the importance of cars not idling when parked or waiting on the street. Pupils designed their own banner to remind drivers not to idle outside the school, and the banner has been printed and arrived this week! It was put up by a group of pupils from Years 5 & 6 and a representative from Lewisham's Air Quality team.



Science Week

The week commencing 26th June is science week at Brindishe Lee! All classes will be taking part in some exciting outdoor science experiments throughout the week. The week will start with a bang when we have a Fizz Pop Science show on Monday 26th June for all classes. The show will showcase some exciting chemical reactions and amazing experiments for the children to see.

Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

On 10th July, staff from Lewisham libraries will be coming into school to hold an assembly to launch this summer's reading challenge.

The reading challenge starts on **Saturday July 8th** and children can sign up at their local library. Libraries are also running many activities for children during the holidays and details will be posted on the website: libraries.lewisham.gov.uk

More information can be found at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



Bike Safety

Please ensure that pupils riding their bikes or scooters to school wear a helmet for safety. Please can we remind families that although School Street is in place at drop-off and pick-up times, **the road is not completely traffic free** as local residents are still allowed to drive within the zone. Therefore, please be vigilant with any children on bikes or scooters and when crossing roads within the zone.



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Minecraft legends

Minecraft Legends was released last month and is available across a variety of platforms. It is rated as 7+ by PEGI with a further content descriptor of 'violence.' As mentioned earlier though, when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft Legends does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.



What should I be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items to support (although not needed) game play. You can set up appropriate parental settings to restrict/prevent purchases.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

You can find out more in this article: [Minecraft parental controls and safety settings | Internet Matters](#)

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 11 (abduction and non-return of children)

Governments must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally by their parents or other relatives or being prevented from returning home.



Article 36 (other forms of exploitation)

Governments must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

Most children never experience abduction or other forms of exploitation, but it does happen and that's why these articles are included in the CRC.

What should adults do to protect children and keep them safe?

- Make sure you are being looked after by someone responsible. If you are going out, make sure they know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Make sure that you have someone to talk to if you feel unsafe and that you know this is always a top priority.
- Encourage you to say no if you are in a situation where you feel uncomfortable.
- Use safe settings on wifi and devices and discuss this with you.
- Provide safety equipment for activities such as cycling and skateboarding.
- Ensure that places such as schools have security gates/locks.
- Provide a sign in system for school visitors.



At Brindishe Schools, through our PSHME curriculum we explicitly teach children how to stay safe and important that we all learn to say no when we are not comfortable with something. Read or watch [No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders](#) together at home with your child and discuss having the confidence to say no when something doesn't feel right.



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Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

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Brindishe Manor

Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm