



Brindishe Lee Newsletter
Friday 7th May 2021
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

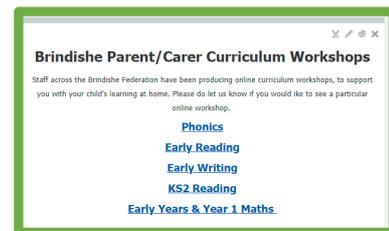
It has been a short but busy week of learning at Brindishe Lee. The children continue to spend their time solving challenging equations, exploring new authors, as well as designing and creating art sculptures linked to interesting texts.

We hope you all have a restful weekend!

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Parent Workshops

We would just like to remind parents and carers that you can access our parent workshops for phonics, early reading, early writing, Key Stage 2 reading and Early years / Year 1 maths on the *itslearning* platform. These can be found in the 'Brindishe schools Shared Parents and Carer room'.



Many parents and carers often ask teachers how they can support at home and these workshops are a great starting point for families.

Please remember that *itslearning* has a whole host of links to websites that can support at home, as well as a whole section on mental health and wellbeing, with resources to support mental health, but also materials to support your children's understanding around the pandemic.



Pyjamarama Day - Friday 28th May 2021

On Friday 28th May, children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas (with outdoor shoes and a coat). Our Pyjamarama Day is all about getting children excited about reading and also to fundraise for our school. Children may wish to donate a £1.00 to school to help replenish our school and class libraries. Thank you for your support.



Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the blessed month of Ramadan. This year (2021) **Eid al-Fitr** is expected to be celebrated on the evening of **Wednesday 12th May 2021**, however, the exact date is subject to the sighting of moon of Shawwal. We would like to wish you all a very special Eid al-Fitr and hope you are able to celebrate with your families.

We understand this is a special day of celebration so if child/ren is going to be absent from school please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Parent-Teacher Meetings - Reminder

Thank you to all the parents that took part in last week's parent/teacher meetings via Weduc or phone call. There are still a number of families who did not sign up, so please do email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk so your child's class teacher can arrange a time to speak to you.

Wrap Around Care

Sportacus, our before and after school provider are up and running again for the summer term. If you are interested in a place at their wrap around care, either before or after school, please call Harry on **07828 218690** or email Harry@sportacus.co.uk for further information.

Online Safety Bulletin

Concerned about what your child might be downloading onto their phone or tablet?

As children get their own devices, they are often keen to download apps and games that their friends might have too. But it is important for us to know exactly what these apps are and check we are confident they are **appropriate and safe**.

One way to do this is by restricting screen time and in app purchases. Here's how!

On **iPhones**, if you already have Screen Time turned on, go to Settings > Content and Privacy Restrictions > enter your passcode if asked > turn on Content and Privacy > tap iTunes and App Store Purchases > In-app Purchases > set to Don't Allow. If you don't already have Screen Time turned on, go to Settings > Screen Time > tap to turn it on > choose whether it's your device or your child's device > follow the steps to set up a passcode. Then just follow the steps above to block in-app purchases.

On **Android**, open Play Store, tap the menu button in the top left > scroll to Settings > Require Authentication for purchases > Select 'For all purchases through Google Play on this device'. Keep an eye on your bank statements to check your child isn't getting round the controls.

School Travel - Staying safe and keeping healthy

The children had an assembly this week focused on how to stay safe and keep healthy on the way to and from school. We talked about how walking, scooting, cycling or even jogging to school helps to keep us fit, and also helps towards the 1 hour of daily exercise recommended for children. Walking to school can help us to arrive at school refreshed and ready for learning, and a walk can also be good for our mental health. For the few families who do need to travel to school by car, we discussed ways we could still reduce the traffic around school and the air pollution, such as:

- 'Park and stride' - can you drive most of the way, but then park your car a few roads away from school, and 'stride' the rest of the way?
- Driving slowly and being very aware of children and adults who may be trying to cross the road.
- Turning off your engine as soon as you have parked or stopped your car. We also had a reminder about crossing roads safely, including staying with your adult when approaching roads.
- We remembered to 'Stop, Look, and Listen', when crossing roads, and recommended an extra 'Look' to check for electric cars and cyclists that may be very quiet.
- We really appreciate your support with keeping our roads as safe as possible.

A friendly reminder – please can parents/carers ensure they drop their children off at the school gate and avoid leaving until your child is safely through the school gates.

