

Brindishe Manor Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Although the week has been short, it has felt very busy here in school. The children have been all very busy with their Autumn term learning topics and have been celebrating their learning in our praise assemblies, which we hold at the end of the week. Throughout the week the children take part in daily assemblies that are broken down into Key Stage 1 & Year 3 and Key Stage 2.

Monday - the Senior Leadership Team lead assemblies based around whole school themes or events that are happening around the world.

Tuesday - a member of the teaching team lead our assemblies around festivals, significant events or significant people in history or the present.

Wednesday - Mrs Clapton and Miss Benton lead singing assembly.

Thursday - Reading assembly. Children, staff and Senior leaders share extracts from stories, information about favorite authors.

Friday - Praise assemblies

Pokemon Cards

We have had several issues at playtimes and in class which have involved Pokemon cards. We have therefore decided that Pokemon cards cannot be brought into school so that we can minimise the disruption to learning. Please can you make sure that your child keeps their cards at home. Thank you.

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Creating strong passwords

We need to create passwords for everything these days and it's important that our children not only understand that they shouldn't share passwords with others but also that they know how to create a 'strong' password to keep their information safe.

Learn more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-young-people/do-the-basics-on-social-media/setting-passwords-and-username/>



Polio Booster for 1-9 year olds

Children aged 1 to 9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. For some children this may be an extra dose on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations. There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in London is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread in Lewisham and beyond.

Lewisham Hospital is offering children the polio vaccine. Polio can be very serious, and the vaccine will boost children's protection.

Parents can book an appointment for their child by completing this form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bde8m2z8>

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/polio-booster-campaign-resources>

Parent/Carer Information Brindishe School Systems

Itslearning

ItsLearning is the **learning platform** for Brindishe Schools. Weekly home learning and sharing and celebration of learning from class teachers can be found here.

In the event of a school closure, remote learning will also be posted on this platform.

<https://brindisheschools.itslearning.com/>



Weduc

This is where you can keep up-to-date with regular communication from Brindishe schools. Messages from teachers to all parents in the class will be posted here as well as whole school messages such as the weekly newsletters, school dinner money payment information, technical issues, changes to school day etc.

Weduc also provides you with an online calendar for you to see any upcoming events. Permission and consent forms are also completed via Weduc for school educational trips and visits.

<https://app.weduc.co.uk/>



HORIZONS Parent Portal

This is our new parent portal system which has replaced ARBOR. In order for you to access the Horizons Parent Portal, you will need to log in from your computer, or download the app.

Once you have logged in you will have access to the following:

Payments – Make payments for specific trips, clubs, music lessons or items and see your payment history.

School Shop – Make top up payments for school meals which is £2.51 per day.

Attendance – Shows attendance for the year.

School information – View contact information for your child's school.

Events – View and give consent to any upcoming events your child is set as attending.

Profile – Update and notify the school of changes to your details the school holds for you.

<https://horizons.junipereducation.org/login>.



Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2023.

These Open Days start this week at Brindishe Lee and continue next week at Brindishe Green and Manor. Please inform the school office if you would like to attend.

| Brindishe Green | Brindishe Manor | Brindishe Lee |
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| Thursday 29 September 10am and 4.30pm | Tuesday 27th September 9:30am and 4:30pm | Thursday 22nd September 9:30am and 4:30pm |
| Tuesday 18 October 10am and 4.30pm | Thursday 13th October 9:30am and 4:30pm | Monday 17th October 9:30am and 4:30pm |
| Thursday 17th November 10am and 4.30pm | Monday 14th November 9:30am and 4:30pm | Wednesday 16th November 9:30am and 4:30pm |

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools. Email details can be found on our school websites.

Key Federation Dates

- Secondary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1st September 2022**
- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Monday 31st October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022)
- October Half Term – **Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**

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 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)

This week's articles are linked with International Day of Peace, observed around the world each year on 21st September. Children at Brindishe use existing strategies such as mindfulness and calming techniques to ensure their learning environments are peaceful.

Black History Month takes place in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Having begun in the USA, it has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage.

There is a different theme every year, for example in 2021 the theme 'Proud to Be', aimed to recognise the achievements and contributions that Black people make to the UK every day. The 2022 theme, Time for Change: Action Not Words highlights the importance of being an ally and coming together around shared common goals to achieve a better world for everyone.

In Brindishe Schools we will continue to recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage throughout history, ensure that we hear a diverse range of stories when considering the past and celebrate people's heritage and cultures.

[Watch these children](#) talking about Black history with their parents. Who could you have a conversation with about Black history? What could you tell them about what Black history Month is and why it is important?

