



Brindishe  
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# Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## ***Neurodiversity Celebration Week***

This week (13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> March) is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent people are perceived and supported and gives us the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week will be hosting a series of free online events on a range of subjects, such as the experiences of neurodivergent women and girls and neurodiversity in the workplace, criminal justice and culture. You will need to register and many will be repeated at different times over the week, including events for parents and carers.

Check out the [2023 Neurodiversity Celebration Week events schedule](#).



## ***Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week***

### **Article 35**

**Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.**

At Brindishe Schools we teach children that abduction, sale and trafficking of children is rare, but it is still important they know how to keep themselves safe and know who to talk to if they think themselves or a friend is at risk.

Ask your child: *How do you keep yourself **safe at home**, at school and in the **community**?*

Did they say any of these?

- By making sure adults know where you are.
- By being supervised by adults at home, school or during activities.
- By thinking about staying safe online.
- By making sure you have safe travel plans in place when socialising.
- By considering risks when you do things.
- Parents and carers arrange for us to be looked after when they can't.
- Teachers and other staff in school keep us safe during the day and make sure we know who we can talk to if we are worried.
- Police officers make sure that we are safe within our communities. If someone is in danger, they will support them.
- Social workers can support children who need extra help to stay safe.



Look at the resources from [Clever Never Goes](#) which help you to think through how to stay safe in different situations. This resource is for adults working with children, young people and families to educate and inform on avoiding abduction.



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## ***Governor Vacancies***

Do you know someone who would be interested in 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](mailto:rwaite@brindisheschools.org) or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors [lmurphy@brindisheschools.org](mailto: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***



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### ***Itsme App***

Itsme is a socialising app that is used to make friends through text, voice and video chats as well as Snapchat. **This app is rated as 18+ and is not suitable for children.** Itsme allows users to meet/ chat as their avatar. Users will be chatting with strangers, which can present risks.

### **BRECK Principles**

Being a parent to a child of the digital generation can be challenging. The Breck Foundation work with parents and carers to educate them about the dangers of online grooming to help them educate and empower their children to make better decisions to stay safer online. At the Brindishe Schools, we follow the Breck Principles in school to help children keep themselves safe online.

To learn more about the story of Breck and where these come from, visit [Online Safety | Breck Foundation](#)

## ***Key Federation Dates***

- Easter Holidays – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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)



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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 - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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