

Brindishe  
Federation

# Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023



## Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2024. 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.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Thursday 28th September - 10am and 4.30pm	Tuesday 26th September - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Thursday 21st September - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Monday 16th October - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

## Mayors Universal Free School Meals Expansion.

As you are aware, from September all pupils will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to their parent/carer. This is known as The Mayors Universal Free School Expansion and is a government initiative.

As this is very new, we have allocated a 3-week trial period for all children in Key Stage 2 who may wish to transfer from packed lunch to school meals. During the first 3 weeks of term, your child/children can try the school meals (free of charge) provided by Radish and teachers will take a daily 'lunch register' during this time. At the end of the 3 weeks, we ask that parents/carers and children make a definite decision as to whether they would like to continue with school meals free of charge or return to a packed lunch option. The Autumn Term School Meals menus can be found on our school website.

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

# Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

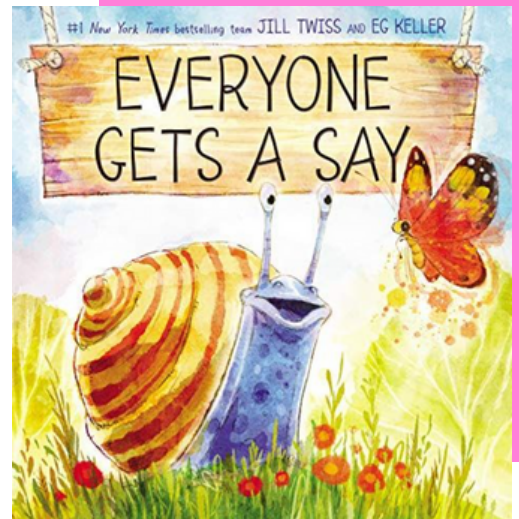
## Article 12 – respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

### Why should you be able to share your views and opinions on matters that affect you?

At Brindishe Schools, we believe that Pupil Voice is invaluable. Across our schools we have teams made up of children from all year groups who are able to discuss important issues and make decisions about the school e.g. Rights Respecting Team, School Parliament and Digital Warriors.

Listen to this story, Everyone Gets A Say, then discuss with your family at home why it's important to listen to a lot of people's ideas.



## Secondary Schools Transfer 2024

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2024, then now is the time to start filling in your online application and visiting Lewisham secondary school 'Open Days'. The Lewisham website has all the information you need to know about secondary admissions.

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2024](#)

**Closing date for applications:** Tuesday 31 October 2023 )

### Key Federation Dates

- 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 – **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Schools closed to all children.

## Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - [lmurphy@brindisheschools.org](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org). Our first meeting is on Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School.