



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

Black History Month

Next week we will be starting our Black History Month Celebrations. This year, each year group will be linking Black History Month to a curriculum area that is specific to them.

This will be through learning about Windrush in history, focusing on black authors in guided reading, researching inspiring artist in art and learning about significant inventors and scientists in science.

We would also like to create a display wall for Black History Month in our school. Over the next couple of weeks, we would like to invite your child to tell us about an inspiring or famous black person that they think everyone should know about. They may wish to create a presentation, produce artwork or even a biography based on their chosen person. All entries should be brought in by Monday 16th October. If you will be able to help us celebrate Black History Month, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Phillips.

Keeping our children safe in school

Thank you for making sure that you are keeping our children safe in our school building. Can we remind you to come off of your mobile phones before entering our playground and take your earphones out.



Rights Respecting

Next week in our assemblies we will be exploring themes around discrimination.

Every child has rights "without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child's or his or her parent's or legal guardian's race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status."



Drop-in parent session

On **Thurs 19th Oct** we will be joined in school by Cheriece Nelson, Communication and Engagement Lead for Lewisham Council SEND Services for Children & Young People.

She would like to invite parents and carers to come along to this informal drop-in session to share their views on services in the local area. All are welcome.

Early Reading, Writing and Maths workshop

Thursday 5th October 9am and 5pm

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery and Reception families to our early reading, writing and maths workshop which is running next week. We will be sharing how we teach phonics and maths and how you can support at home. We are looking forward to seeing you.

This meeting will be led by Amy Snaith, Adeola Class teacher.

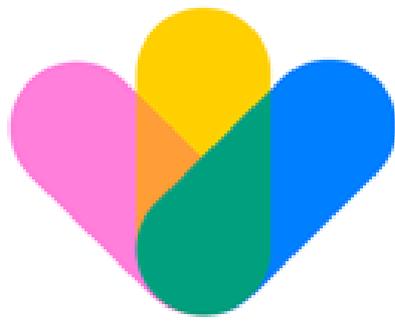
Enrichment at Brindishe Manor

We know that enrichment opportunities are really important for our children. It helps them grow as learners and widen their experiences during the time that they are with us. We offer a huge range of opportunities for children and wanted to share some of these with you so that you know what happens across the school!

- Whole class music lessons
- SHINE project - year 5 pupils Saturday club
- Residential visit to Swanage - Year 6
- Residential Visit to Surrey - Year 4
- Trips to museums and art galleries
- Swimming lessons for pupils in Year 4
- Trips to environmental centres, farms and outdoor learning spaces
- Secondary school transition sessions for our Year 6 pupils
- Individual music lessons - flute, recorder, guitar, clarinet, brass
- Workshops in school - author visits, history days, animal experiences
- Trips to places of worship
- Choir performances throughout the year in school and externally
- Sports competitions
- Platform cricket - Year 4
- Productions and performances
- Sportacus - Lunchtime and after school clubs
- Teachers offer free after-school clubs throughout the year beginning after October

And so much more...





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Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is **Celebrating Our Sisters**. Lewisham are joining together with partners and local community groups to offer a broad programme of events celebrating the history, achievements and contributions of the borough's African Caribbean communities this October and beyond.

Community-Led Events in Lewisham

#ADAPT Black History Harvest

Sunday 1 October, 11.30am - 3pm | Coco Collective- Ital Community Gardens, SE6 3SE | Free

Expect food growing workshop for children and young people.

[Book your free ticket for #ADAPT Black History Harvest.](#)

75 Years and Counting

Thursday 5 October, 11.30am - 2.30pm | Honor Oak Community Centre, SE4 2JD | £3

This intimate exhibition will comprise shared experiences of the Windrush and NHS – both of which turned 75 this year. To book, email info@60up.org.uk or call 020 3667 3704.

Gallery In The Air

Saturday 7/ 14/ 21/ 28 October | Deptford Market Yard, SE8 | Free

A fantastic series of free, open-air exhibitions giving a platform to local young, black artists.

Celebrating Our Sisters: Black Female Artists Honouring Black History Month

Monday 16 – Sunday 22 October | Pop Up At Brockley, 16-18 Brockley Cross, SE4 | Free

A curated collection celebrating black sisterhood. Enjoy paintings, photography, sculpture and multimedia installations created exclusively by black female artists.

Visit <https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/black-history-month> for more information and lots more to explore in Lewisham this October.



Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care

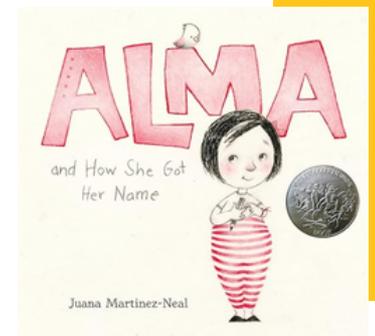
Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

Article 8 – Protection and Preservation of Identity

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

At Brindishe Schools, we firmly believe that every child and adult is unique. We celebrate our similarities and differences and ensure that all children are valued.

Our names are very important to us and it is important to try to pronounce people's names correctly to respect the right to a name and identity. Watch '[Alma and How She Got Her Name](#)' with your child at home. How did you get your name?

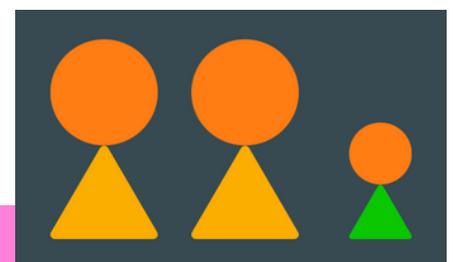


Online Safety Bulletin - Age Ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs.

One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>
- Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+



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.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
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

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 31st October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24th October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24th 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. Our first meeting is on **Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**