



Brindishe Manor

Newsletter

Monday 10th September 2023

What has been happening this week?

This week we launched our learning and celebrations around Black History Month in our assemblies. I introduced the children to the musician Sheku Kanneh-Mason (pictured) at the start of our assembly and we talked about where, when and why Black history month was started and how we celebrate it at Brindishe Manor. You will have seen in last week's newsletter information from Mrs Phillips about a display wall for Black History Month in our school. Children can create a presentation, produce artwork or even a biography based on an inspiring or famous black person. All entries should be brought in by Monday 16th October.



What has been happening this week?

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the National Gallery this week. This supported their learning about Identity in their PHSME and art lessons. A member of the public approached Ms Groothues whilst she was in one of the galleries to praise the children on their impeccable behaviour and the respect that they were showing the public. Well done Year 6!

Thank you to all of the parents who accompanied the children. Trips and visits would not be possible if we did not get volunteers to support the children and staff.

This week we also welcomed families from Nursery and Reception to our early Reading, Writing and Maths workshop. Lots of you came along and told us that you found it really useful! We are hoping to run more of these for our older year groups as we move through the year!

Leaving us next week...

Next week we are saying goodbye to Mr Tzanos who is leaving us to return to Greece to continue with his studies. Mr Tzanos has worked at the school for a number of years supporting children in a range of classes. He has also supported them at lunchtimes and playtimes with his sporting skills. I know that the children will miss him enormously and we wish him every success in his next chapter and his studies!

Book Fair

Each year we invite the Scholastic book fair to our school. This is a great opportunity for you to purchase a book for your child, whilst supporting the school! Every time a book is purchased a percentage of the money is donated to the school, which we can then spend on books for your children in class.

The book fair opens on Thursday and is CASH ONLY.

If you think you can offer 30 minutes of your time from 3:10-3:40pm on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th, Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th October to help take payments then please let us know by emailing info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk



Lost Property

Since the start of term we have seen the number of items of unnamed lost property grow enormously. Although this includes many items of clothing, there are also a large number of lunchboxes and water bottles!

We have put this outside in the playground at the end of the day a number of times and we still have bags and bags of it. Next week we will try our best to put this outside as much as possible and also invite the children to come and look. Please can I ask that you see if you are missing any items ASAP as we will be arranging for a charity collection at the end of the half term, as we do not have the storage space for it!

We need your help ...

Sometimes you have valuable resources/ items at home that we can make good use of in school, which support our children in lots of ways...whether it be for lunchtimes clubs, our early years classes, DT week or art sessions. This term we are asking for the following items:

- good quality non-fiction books that your child/ren have finished with
- good quality paperback books that you no longer need
- orchard toy games that your child/ren have outgrown
- games that can be used for indoor lunch club eg chess, connect 4 etc
- kitchen rolls (not toilet rolls)
- egg boxes
- cereal boxes for our DT and junk modelling



2 WEEKS OF HALLOWEEN FUN

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER

FRI 27TH OCTOBER

SPOOKTACULAR SPORTS & DANCE

SPORTACUS HALF TERM CAMPS



EXTENDED
DAYS
AVAILABLE




FOR
CHILDREN
AGED 4-12

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

NORMAL DAY: 9:30-3:30 EXTENDED DAY: 8:00-5:30	Brindishe Green Beacon Rd London SE13 6EH	Darrick Wood Jr School Lovibonds Avenue Orpington BR6 8ER
WEEK 1 MON 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER		
WEEK 2 MON 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER		

CHILDREN AGED 4-12

MULTISPORTS & DANCE (DANCE AVAILABLE EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY!)

FANCY DRESS FRIDAY: DARE TO SCARE IN A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN BASED OUTFIT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SPORTACUS PRIZE!

PRICES

STANDARD INDIVIDUAL DAY: £28.50 FULL STANDARD WEEK: £93.50
 EXTENDED INDIVIDUAL DAY: £45.00 FULL EXTENDED WEEK: £200

EXTENDED HOURS NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL VENUES!

SAVE 10% WHEN BOOKING 2 OR MORE STANDARD OR EXTENDED FULL WEEK BOOKINGS USING THE CODE **SIBLING10**
 CODE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR 2 OR MORE BOOKINGS OF THE SAME WEEK AND CANNOT BE USED ON INDIVIDUAL DAYS.
 WE NOW ACCEPT TAX FREE CHILD CARE VOUCHERS. PLEASE EMAIL OUR TEAM TO FIND OUT HOW TO REDEEM.

OUR EXPERIENCED AND HIGHLY SKILLED TEAM ALL HOLD ENHANCED DBS CERTIFICATES AND ARE FIRST AID TRAINED.

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Friday 5th October 2023



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.

This weekend you can enjoy **Gallery In The Air** at Deptford Market Yard. This event is free to all.

A fantastic series of free, open-air exhibitions giving a platform to local young, black artists. Taking place each Saturday throughout October from 10am – 4pm in Deptford Market Yard. There will also be an indoor space showcasing and celebrating the rich heritage and history of Britain's black communities – from miners to dockworkers, from Britain's Black Panthers to the roots of the Notting Hill Carnival.

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

What else is on in Lewisham this weekend?

If you like Dinosaurs, Blackheath Halls presents 'Ultimate Dinosaurs' with Professor Ben Garrod this coming Saturday and Sunday. Prices fixed at £9 per person. Visit the website for further information and to book.



<https://www.blackheathhalls.com/whats-on/>

Rights Respecting 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)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

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.

At Brindishe Schools, we believe that everyone is special and important! We encourage the children to think about what is the best thing about being them. You can find a wealth of Black History resources to share at home with your child on CBeebies, including presenter videos of their idols including Nelson Mandela and Harriet Tubman.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/cbeebies-house-black-history-heroes?collection=black-history-month>

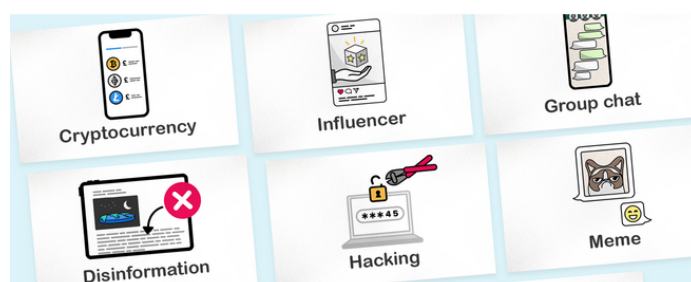


Online Safety Bulletin

Does your child have speech, language and communication needs? Talking about life online can be challenging for any young person. Having speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it almost impossible.

Parent Zone understand that talking about life online with a young person who has speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it difficult, so they have created a selection of visual and spoken resources to help you.

You can find out more here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/TalkTech>



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

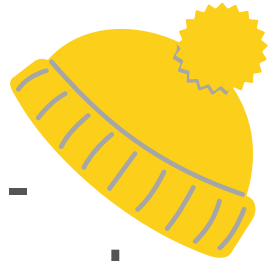
- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Tuesday 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.**



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PSFA

Pay what you can - preloved winter clothes sale.

Friday 13th October, 2.45 to 3.30pm.

Pop along to our winter clothes stall and get children's winter outerwear for a pay what you can donation to the PSFA.

We need your preloved winter clothes.

We need gently worn, coats, shoes, hats, gloves and scarves (no other items). They must be clean, without holes and shoes paired together.

Items should fit ages 3 to 12 years (no baby items). Donations accepted at the drop-off point in the playground, from Monday 9th to Friday 13th.



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