

End of term Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 3:15pm

#### What has been happening this week?

Yesterday we enjoyed the Reception, Y1-Y3 sports day in the park. It was a lovely morning for all involved. Thank you to so many parents and carers that were able to join in to support their child (and team) and for those that could stay around for a picnic lunch. The children all had lots of fun and enjoyed taking part in all the sporting activities on offer.

A huge thank you to Jade MacKay, Adeola class teacher (Reception) who worked her socks off to prepare all of the activities, resources, staff and children. It was a great community event that was a joy to be part of and what makes Brindishe Manor a very special school!

This week our Year 6 children have been taking part in a variety of transition sessions, preparing them for their move to secondary school. We have had visits from some of our Lewisham outreach teams, Montage Arts Theatre Company and the children have also been attending transition days in their new schools.





#### Sumdog

We had a fantastic email last week from Sumdog:

We're thrilled to congratulate you on your incredible performance in the Sumdog Maths Week London contest! A huge well done to Attenborough class for winning 1st place, and to Pankhurst for an impressive 3rd place finish, what a fantastic achievement for both classes!

Sumdog visited school today to present the trophy and then children were thrilled. A huge congratialtions to all of the children who took part.

#### **End of year reports**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July we will be sending home end of year school reports. Your child will also be finding out what class teacher they have for the following year.

Reception parents will have their letter for which class your child will be going to and the class teacher's name on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

We have a few resources that we would love to have for the children at lunchtimes, after school and our EYFS. rather than buy them brand new, we thought we would ask our

school community first.

- We need the following items:
- A wooden toy car garage
- Action figures
- Wooden dolls house
- Stickle bricks
- Duplo
- Magnetic tiles
- Octons



If you have any of these items that you can offer the school, then please bring them to the school office, where we will be very happy to receive from you! Thank you in advance

#### Summer Term Key Dates



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 singing concert in school hall at 2:45pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3 Songfest concert at St Lauren Church Catford Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Whole school BBQ for lunch Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July - School reports sent home Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Class teachers announced Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Afternoon Year 6 performance Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Evening Year 6 performance Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fair straight after school Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July - bowling for year 6 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 6 leavers assembly

### Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 4th July 2025



### Free parenting app for parents of young children

As part of Lewisham's commitment to supporting local families and parents in the early stages of their child's development, Lewisham Council has commissioned the EasyPeasy app.

The EasyPeasy app has been launched to support parents, carers, and early years practitioners of babies and children aged zero to five across the area and transform everyday parenting moments into playful learning activities.

EasyPeasy brings together the best ideas, advice, and inspiration from a diverse community of parents, experts, and brands supporting families and their zero to five year-olds during the crucial early years. Parents can access thousands of simple, fun, and educational parenting tips and activities, tailored to their child's age and development stage, designed to use everyday materials that families already have access to at home.

The app includes information, activities, and tips on a range of topics including:

- wellbeing
- bedtime
- nutrition
- speech
- language
- mindfulness



The EasyPeasy app also allows parents and carers to create and share their own parenting tips and experiences, building peer-to-peer support systems in local communities.

Residents can download the EasyPeasy app from the <u>App Store</u> or the <u>Google Play store</u> on their mobile devices now and enjoy free, premium access as part of this partnership. More information can be found at <u>easypeasyapp.com</u>.

# **Online Safety Bulletin - A guide to Apps & Social Media**

The number of apps and social media channels your child could be exposed to grow all the time, as does an app's functionality. We recommend you visit Child Matters to read the latest and most current advice on over 70 apps to ensure you know what they do, how you can limit their features as well as recommended age restrictions.

The apps included are:

- Fortnite
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- YouTube
- Minecraft
- Kik
- TikTok
- And many, many more



https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/?age\_min=0&age\_max=16

# Lewisham Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Story Garden challenge will keep children reading over the holidays - in libraries and in the Great Outdoors.

All Lewisham public libraries are offering the Challenge throughout the summer holidays, and it's free for children to take part. Children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.



For further information click link here https://readingagency.org.uk/the-summerreading-challenge-2025-story-garden-takesreading-to-the-great-outdoors/

## Weekend Activities at Lewisham Leisure Centres-19th/20th July

Over the weekend of the 19th and 20th July the leisure centres across the London Borough of Lewisham will be running a range of activities over the course of this weekend.

They have a variety of activities on offer across the borough so whether this is your first time or you are a regular visitor they will have something for you and your family.

Highlights include

- Taster swimming lessons
- Kids Swim for £1
- Athletics tasters

To find out more visit <u>h</u>ttps://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/lewisham/news/national-summer-open-weekend-19th-20th-july

# **Brindishe School Streets**

Please can we take the opportunity to remind you that although all three Brindishe Schools have school streets this does not mean that the streets will be completely car free during school street times. Residents are permitted to enter and exit, many Lewisham residents have permits that exempt them from school streets and so do some members of staff for exceptional circumstances. It is also important to note that emergency vehicles can enter and exit school streets and as we have seen near Brindishe Manor do so at very high speed when responding to an emergency. Please remind your children (as we will do in school) that safe road awareness should be followed at all times.



# Arbor

As you will be aware, earlier this term Brindishe Schools moved their MIS systems over from Horizons to Arbor. Some of you may be familiar with Arbor, as we have used it previously across our federation. For some of you it will be new.

Did you know that in order to access your child's information, pay for clubs, music, trips and see attendance data, Arbor have a parent/carer app? The Arbor App brings all the functionality of desktop Parent Portal to your phone.

Please find attached to this newsletter a 'How To' guide - The Arbor App Usage Guide for Guardians. If you would like support with using the desktop parent portal or the app please let the school office know and we will be happy to assist.



### **Key Federation Dates**

- Reports to parents/carers Friday 11th July
- End of 2024/2025 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025
- Children return to school Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### **Brindishe Schools Governing Body**

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - *rawaite@brindisheschools.org. Our last meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Brindishe Lee School - 6pm.* 



High level coaching Advanced skill development Feedback and progress report 9am - 3pm
Breakfast club available from
8am at an additional £5
Please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch and water

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