



# Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire

Brindishe  
Lee

Dear Parents/Carers,

Gerlinde Achenbach, Headteacher of Brindishe Green

Gerlinde Achenbach, has worked within the Brindishe Federation for over 30 years making a positive contribution to each of the three schools she worked in. Since September, Ms Achenbach has been unable to return to school due to health reasons and has made the difficult decision to resign from her post. Gerlinde is on the road to recovery and is beginning the next stage of her life away from London. The staff and governors of the Brindishe Federation would like to thank Gerlinde for her dedication, support, care and leadership during her time within each of the three schools and wish her all the very best for the future.

**A message from Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors: THANKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY**

*'For more than 30 years, Gerlinde was a key member of the Brindishe community, working across all years and at all three schools, making a significant contribution to the breadth, depth and richness of teaching, and inspiring the children to achieve their full potential. Latterly as head of Brindishe Manor and then Brindishe Green, her skills and leadership ensured that both schools remained outstanding. On behalf of the governors of the Brindishe Federation, I'd like to thank Gerlinde for all her work, commitment and dedication to the Brindishe community, and wish her well in this next chapter of her life.'*

Kind regards,

Rachel Waite  
Executive Headteacher

## **Message from the Headteacher**

It has been a busy week at Brindishe Lee with Year 5 taking part in the *Bikeability* training, Year 4 enjoying cricket coaching as well as other bubbles exploring a range of activities from constructing poppies out of clay to solving real life equations. The teachers would like to share photographs of the children and their learning with you on *Itslearning*, our password protected platform. This will be updated on a weekly basis so that we can share and celebrate the wonderful learning occurring in school.

Please can we draw your attention to our weekly Covid Bulletin, which offers guidance and updates to ensure that everyone is kept informed and up-to-date. Thank you for your continued support.  
Have a lovely weekend!

*Kind regards,  
Ms Maxine Sebire.  
Headteacher & the Brindishe Lee Team.*

## **Warm Layers**

The weather has got noticeably cooler this week and it is very important that all children come to school wearing layers and a warm coat.

Following key government guidance, classrooms need to be well ventilated. Windows and doors will remain open to maximise ventilation. Therefore, it is very important that the children and staff come to school, wearing layers, including warm jumpers or a fleece.

## **Primary School Applications for 2021**

Our virtual tour/promotional video will be filmed next week which you will be able to view on our school website very soon. In the meantime, can we remind you that the application process for primary places for 2021 is now open.

- Applications already open (apply online): Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
- Closing date for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

### **Virtual Tour and Promotional Video - Reminder**

The best way to get to know a school is to visit. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to host visits to the school at this current time.

However, we are delighted to announce that the staff and children at Brindishe Lee will be producing their very own virtual tour and film.

Next week, we will be joined by a professional film maker/editor who will be capturing the school at its best.

This video can then be viewed by prospective parents/carers on our school website as well as the Brindishe Lee community.

If you do not wish for your child to be filmed and appear in this virtual tour/promotional video, please let us know by emailing [info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk).

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Promotional video being filmed

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Teacher/Parents Online Meetings

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Reception hearing and vision test

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Deadline for photos to be ordered

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day (more info to follow)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – End of term

### **School photograph deadline**

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already ordered school photographs. Please note, if you wish to receive your order by the end of term, orders need to be placed by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**.

## **Winter Writing Competition**

Following on from last years successful writing competition, Mr Richardson has designed another competition for all children in Brindishe Lee to enter. He would like you to design a poster for a new pencil. This can be completed on paper or by using IT. We will collect all entries from the children following COVID procedures. All entries must be in **by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

One lucky winner in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 will receive a book token to the value of £10.00. More details attached to this newsletter

Good luck and we look forward to receiving your entries.

### **Pupil Safety and Dark Nights**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, we set our clocks back an hour to indicate the end of summer. Research shows that road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the month after the time changes. Sadly, some of these collisions will involve pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.

The resources listed below are for parents/carers to use at home to help remind children about road safety and safe cycling. We will also share these resources in school with all children.

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Road safety teaching resources for children <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

## Brindishe Lee writing competition



You have developed a new type of pencil and are going to market it to the British public.

You can create either a poster or a written advertisement to sell your product.



### Things to consider:

- What is the name of your new pencil? Make it catchy!
- How are you going to persuade people to buy your product?
- What are the unique features of your pencil?
- What can your pencil do that makes it different to other pencils?
- How did you develop the idea for your pencil?
- Do you have any testimonials (expert reviews) that would add credibility to your claims?



Please make sure your entries include your name and your class.

The deadlines for entries is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Please give your entries to your class teacher for the attention of Mr Richardson in Year 6.

There will be glittering prizes for the best entries!