



**Brindishe
Manor**

Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we come to the end of our half term and want to celebrate the wonderful learning and progress that the children have continued to make. This week we have completed our third and final DT week of the year, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed in school. During the week the children work independently and in pairs/groups to plan, explore, design and evaluate their learning, developing their knowledge and skills around design and technology. Please ask your child about their product and maybe you could even have a go at another over the half term!!

We hope that many of you had the opportunity to come into school today and have a look at your child/ren's classroom and learning. We want to make sure you have these opportunities so that you can see the wonderful learning that takes place in school and the learning environment that they learn in all week!

Science Week *Calling all scientists!*



Do you love science?

Does your job involve science of any kind?

Would you be willing to share this with children in the school?

We would love parents and carers to get involved in our science week and are asking for people to come in and talk about how their job or hobbies are linked to science or about their interest in science. You could come in and talk to your child's class, year group or even in assembly.

We want to show children all the different ways we come into contact with science. So if you love an aspect of science e.g. astronomy, insects, cooking or there is an element of science in your daily life, for example you work as a hairdresser, mechanic, doctor, nurse etc.

Please talk to your child's teacher or to Mrs Phillips (Pankhurst Year 3 teacher).

The School House

As you know we have a house on our property, just where our children leave their scooters and bikes. We have recently had this house refurbished and decorated by our PSFA so that it can be used for a variety of reasons by us in the coming years to support children and generate much needed income. Our aim is to have this as a mental health hub, but need to generate some income to support our plans.

We are currently looking to rent the office space on the top floor to anyone who may be interested. There are currently 4 office spaces in total. For example, Sportacus currently rent one of the rooms for their administration team. If you would be interested in renting a room for office space then please email us at info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk to find out more about costings etc.

Message from Parent Governors - Look Out For Your Parent/Carer Survey

Since our election, as well as learning lots rapidly and attending governor's meetings, we have spent time in all 3 Brindishe schools seeing the great work of your children, their teachers and all the support staff. We've also had chance to see some of you at school shows and events - so do look out for us and say hello (our photos are on the Brindishe website) at those events coming up in the final half-term of the year as we're keen to hear from you. Another great way to share your thoughts is through the federation's annual survey.

After half term, the school will be sending you a link for a Parent/Carer Survey which we would like you to complete during the week 5-12th June. Your views and comments are very important to each school and the federation as we want to know what we are doing right, and what you think we could improve upon. We hope as many of you as possible will take just 10 minutes to complete this important survey. Do tell fellow parents and carers who may not read the newsletters, and if anyone needs help completing the survey or for it to be translated then the school will be delighted to assist.

Enjoy the half-term holiday,

Adrian and Claire
Brindishe Federation parent governors

Playtime Update:

Children in years 1-6 spend 20% of their week at 'play' through their morning playtime and lunchtime. Another key focus for us over the past year or so has been to find ways to support children's playtimes through the resources they have access to, the space they can use and the activities on offer.

Our PSFA have already funded our training room furniture and resources which the children use each lunchtime for a quiet space. They have also supported with the purchase of physical resources such as balls and cones, bats and beanbags.

The next stage of our plan is underway to provide children with large spare parts, such as tyres, wooden planks, crates, fabrics, mud kitchens and so on for them to develop their play opportunities. Look out for these developments over the summer term and thank you to all who have donated at any of our PSFA events!

Key Dates:

Monday 29 th May- Friday 2 nd June	Half term
Monday 5 th June – Friday 9 th June	Science Week
Monday 3 rd July	Inset Day, no school for children
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the school year

We hope you all have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 5th June 2023 from 8:50am

Kate and the team at Brindishe Manor

Brindishe Manor Science Week

5th – 9th June

Whole School Home Learning Challenge!

This year's theme is:



Float

Our annual Science Home Learning Challenge will take place next half term during Science Week. Entries have to be in on **Tuesday 6th June**. This year's theme is Float. We know some Year groups will have done Float in previous years but this is a great opportunity to improve on your previous designs! The finals will be between Y5 and 6, Year 3 and 4, and Year 1 and 2. Early Years will have their own final.

There will be certificates for:

- Most successful project (EYFS/KS1 – does it float? KS2 – which entry can hold the heaviest weight?)
- Most original design
- Most effort

During science week, there will be a competition in your child's class to choose which ones will go to the final. The children in the science team will judge the finals and the winners from the finals will share their projects in whole school assemblies at the end of science week.

All projects will be out in the classrooms on Friday after school so parents, carers and children can look at them all.

Rules:

- You can buy the materials to make it with but you can't bring in something that is ready made.
- It can be a joint project with a friend but remember it is a home project.
- Everyone at home can get involved and help but don't do it all. It's their project!

Brindishe Manor Lunch Time Play Lead Vacancies

Brindishe Manor School, Leahurst Road, London SE13 5LS

Salary: Scale 2N (Scale Point 3 – 4) pro-rata, Term Time Only

Actual Pro Rata Salary: Scale 2 Spine point 3 (paid in monthly instalments)

Hours: 10 hours per week (typically starting at 11.45 am); Term Time Only (39 weeks per year)

The post is part time and subject to a satisfactory 6 months' probation period

We are currently recruiting for Lunch Time Play Leaders at Brindishe Manor. All vacancies are on a permanent basis. The roles will start in September 2023.

Rated Outstanding, Brindishe Manor is a 2 form entry Lewisham Local Authority Primary School providing an exciting education for children aged 3 -11 years , all within walking distance of each other. We are a few stops from Charing Cross, Waterloo, London Bridge mainline station or a short walk from Lee or Lewisham station.

We are a very friendly team, working in a highly supportive environment where individual differences are welcome and teamwork is highly valued.

We will be: Committed; Creative; Confident; Empathetic; Curious; Appreciative; Respectful

At Brindishe, we nurture a culture of mutual respect, positivity and curiosity. This empowers our children to become champions of their own learning. We provide a platform for learners to recognise and regulate their wellbeing so they can be physically and mentally healthy and in a position to make the best progress they can.

We want children to leave the Federation feeling valued, empowered and excited to be part of and contribute to a diverse world and to know how to continue to make a difference.

We are looking for a committed and enthusiastic person who is looking for a job in which they can help make a difference to the lives of our children.

The post involves:

- Promoting children's safety and well-being
- Helping to maintain a safe and organised play/ lunch environment

We are looking for someone who:

Can relate well to children and supervise them during lunch times

Is aware of Health & Safety and can assist the Lunch Time Supervisor in supporting children during lunch times

Is willing to follow school policies and procedures in relation to the role.

As the role involves working with children, you will be required to undergo a full DBS check before being appointed to the post.

Further Information:

JD/PS <https://my.uso.im/mydrive/9170b3fde53c4770adf74567c1025fd6/lunchtime+playleader+jd+and+ps-Sept-22>

Application form <https://my.uso.im/mydrive/8021e0da5eea4df6b3177b3d5ce2f77d/Lunch-Time-Play-Leader---Application-Form>

The deadline for completed applications is midday on **Friday 16th June 2022**.

Interviews will be held on **week commencing Monday 19th June 2022**.

Completed application forms should be returned to headteacher@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

If you would like to have a conversation about the role before applying, please phone the Headteacher, Kate Porter.

PSFA THANK YOU

Thanks so much to everyone who has supported and attended PSFA events this half term - it's been a busy few weeks!

From cake sales and coronation games, to art creations and discos, we've had a lot of fun whilst raising funds for the school. Thank you so much to all the parent and carer helpers, and the staff who made the discos happen, everyone who helped and baked for the cake sales, and those who came along or donated. Look out for new equipment arriving in the playground next half term, made possible by everyone's support.

Have a lovely half term break.



COMING UP....

WORLD FOOD NIGHT

Bring a dish to share

Thursday 22nd June, 5 - 6.30pm

SUMMER FAYRE

Sunday 9th July

Brindishe Manor PSFA (1117178)
(Parents, Staff and Friends Association)



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Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2023

Looking for a nursery place for your child? Or know someone who is?

Find one at Brindishe Manor or Brindishe Green!

- both Ofsted-rated 'outstanding' schools

Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Green have **part-time and full-time** nursery places for children aged 3 and 4 years from September 2023.

[Visit our school website to find an application form and further information.](#)

Half Term Holiday Vouchers

We can now confirm that London Borough of Lewisham will use a further allocation of the 'Household Support Fund' to support families with FSM eligible children by providing vouchers for the half term. The available funding means Lewisham can assist these families at a rate of £15 per eligible child.

If you are eligible for the voucher, look out for further communication from your school and your £15 half term voucher.

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Emergency SOS calls

You can set up emergency SOS calls on your iPhone/Android, so it calls the emergency services even when your phone is locked. Here's how to set it up:

iPhone

At the same time, press and hold the side button and either volume button until the sliders appear. Once the countdown on Emergency SOS ends, release the buttons. You can also enable iPhone to start Emergency SOS when you press the side button five times.

Android

Press the power button five times or more. A five-second countdown begins before emergency services are called.





Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 15 - Freedom of Association

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Article 15 is about the right of association which is having the opportunity to gather with others for different purposes.

Why is important that young people should have the opportunity to meet, spend time together and share ideas?

- Joining groups or organisations can help us learn more about different issues.
- Meeting others helps us develop new skills: how to resolve issues, find ways to compromise, share, encourage, show support and empathy.
- It helps us to learn from and mix with a range of other people.
- We can learn a lot from other children and young people that helps to form our views and opinions about different things.
- By being with other people, we learn more about ourselves.
- People can be stronger together.
- Joining together as a group, we can bring about change.
- Young people have a right to participate and to be listened to and be heard.

If your child belongs to a few different clubs and/or groups – what's the difference between them? Are some just for fun? Do others help them to learn new skills? Do others help to make a difference or change something in your school or local community?

Take some time with your child to think about time with others.

Why is it good to meet up?

What's important about belonging?

How can you help to make others feel that they are welcome and really belong to groups you are part of?

How can you show appreciation for what others bring to groups you are in?

Who are the duty bearers who help to make your groups happen? How could you thank them?





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Key Federation Dates

- Half Term - Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
- Year 4 Multiplication window opens Monday 12th June until Friday 23rd June
- Phonics Screening Week Year 1 – Monday 12th June – Friday 16th June.
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 3rd July

Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

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Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm