

Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



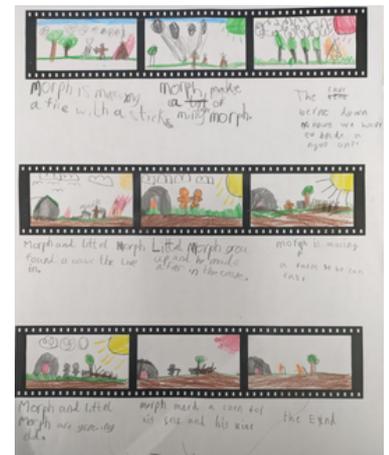
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What has been happening this week?

The school has been full of the sound of children singing this week as they rehearse their Winter Concerts for you to see. Dates are further down the newsletter as a reminder for you.

Assemblies this week looked at the value of Commitment through looking at The Guinness Book of World Records and the record breaker Roger Bannister. On Wednesday Mrs Rathbone led an assembly about recycling and we are excited to announce our new Eco Council on Friday in Praise Assembly. We received many excellent applications for the role so it was hard to choose. Everyone will be able to get involved, even if not selected for the council.

Learning has included storyboarding for animation in Year 3, all things dinosaur in Reception and the creation of maps in Art in Year 5. Year 6 have been learning all about light in Science with some investigations into prisms. Year 4 continue to enjoy their cricket lessons with the coach and Year 1 have been using the information they gathered at the park to make their own playground equipment- their zip lines looked fantastic! We have been impressed by the level of detail in the Year 2 home learning. Thank you for supporting your children with this.



What is happening next week?

Parent Consultations: The Portal closes on Sunday at 6pm. Be sure to book your slot! Mrs Bannister is keen to hear your feedback so please do stop for a chat on your way in or out.

Our fabulous Winter Fair is on Friday 8th December between 3.30pm and 5pm. Please see below for information. Thank you for all the tombola prizes and offers of help. We really do appreciate it.

We have some new clubs coming after Christmas and the sign up will start soon.

New Clubs

Mondays- Ms Jackie will be running **Allsorts Club** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children will do allsorts! Cooking, crafting and games.

Ms Ukoko will be running **Quiz and Puzzle Club** for Year 4, 5 and 6. The children will do quizzes and puzzles such as Sudoku, crosswords and acrostics.

Tuesdays- Ms Abeda will run **Touch Typing Club** for Year 3,4,5 and 6. A really important skill to learn and great fun!

Ms Kaya will run **Drama Club** for Year 1 and 2. The children play drama games and enjoy acting out and making up their own work..

Ms Caitlin will run **Storybook Club** for year 1 and 2. Come and be inspired by stories, then create and publish your own storybook. Ms Caitlin will even bind your book for you to treasure forever

Thursdays: Ms Kitty will run **Choir Club** for Years 3, 4,5 and 6. Learn and perform some new songs and some old favourites.

Ms Bethany will run **Gardening Club**. Our school grounds need a lot of love! If you enjoy growing things and getting muddy, this club is for you!

F@B News

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

For those with tree orders to collect please come between 11-2pm on Saturday at Effingham Road.

If you can't make that time please send an email to friends.brindishelee@gmail.com to let us know when you can come as it's too cold to be waiting outside all day! 🌨️🌨️

Raffle tickets have been sent home with the children today. There are a great selection of prizes to win, including a fantastic £100 voucher for The Lord Northbrook so please buy a ticket if you want to be in the draw. Additional tickets also available on the day.



Attendance

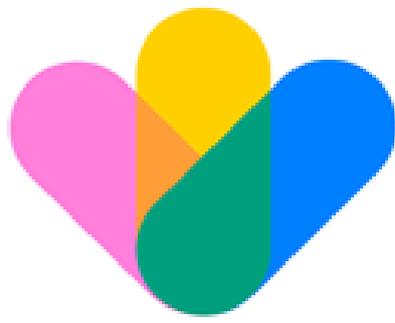
Class	Attended
Reception	88.97%
Year 1	92.42%
Year 2	98.89%
Year 3	94.47%
Year 4	94.07%
Year 5	97.24%
Year 6 Magnolia	91.53%
Year 6 Sycamore	93.89%

Coming to school every day on time is so important! Our learning moves at quite a pace and the lessons are taught in sequence, so coming to school everyday helps your child to keep in step.

Important Key Dates- Autumn 2/ Spring 1

December 2023		January 2024			
Wk begin 4 th Dec	Parent/carer evenings	Mon 8 th Jan	Inset day no school		
Winter performances Reception and Year 1 Tuesday 12 th December 2.30pm Year 2 and 3 Wednesday 13 th December 2 2.45pm Year 4 and year 5 Thursday 14 th December 2.45pm Year 6 Friday 15 th December 2.45pm		Tue 9 th Jan	Start of Spring term		
		Thursday 25 th Jan 5pm	F@B AGM		
		Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day		
		Wed 20 th Dec	Last day of term and Pantomime in school		
Thu 21 st – Fri 5 th January 2024 (Mon 8 th Jan INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays				

Please note the dates and times for the Winter Concerts.



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Lewisham is recruiting foster carers

Lewisham want to reach out to all schools in the borough to ask school staff, parents, guardians and carers, if they would like to consider fostering young people from Lewisham.

All you need is a spare bedroom and the willingness to give some of your time and care to a young person who is in need of a home.

Foster for Lewisham

Lewisham Council is looking for foster carers to make a difference in a young person's life



Walk-in information
mornings every Monday
10am–12 noon at
Fostering Hub
45 Bromley Rd
SE6 2UA

No need
to book,
just
come in!

- Where: Fostering Hub, 45 Bromley Rd, SE6 2UA
- Visit: lewisham.gov.uk/fostering
- Freephone: 0800 015 0129
- fosteringrecruitment@lewisham.gov.uk



Bank of Things Christmas Appeal

The Young Mayor and Young Advisors' initiative Bank of Things is appealing for donations of toiletries, prepaid gift vouchers, socks (sizes 3-6, 6-12), book tokens, chocolate and sweets, notebooks and stationery, hats, scarves, and fun stocking fillers for ages 11 to 25. Donations of money are also accepted as these items can then be purchased.

See flyer attached for further information





FSM Vouchers for Christmas Holidays 2023

The London Borough of Lewisham has confirmed that it is able to support families with FSM (Free School Meal) eligible children by providing vouchers for the October (2023) half term. The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child. Families will receive a supermarket voucher provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.

On Friday the 17th November, families who are on benefit related free school meals should have received a HAF Holiday Voucher from Holiday Activities. Redeeming this voucher will credit your account with 4 credits that can be used to book free activities over the holiday period for 4 hours per day, 4 days a week. Food will be provided along with fruit and snacks.

Please be aware that activities are booked on a first-come, first-served basis so keep an eye out for an email or text message containing a HAF voucher and be sure to browse the available activities.

If you are unsure of the process of redeeming and using your voucher, please see the following link which will take you to the online Parent Guide: <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/articles/12899380332561-Parent-Guide>.

For further support, please email the provider direct on support@holidayactivities.com or call on 01638 438 311.

Online Safety Bulletin - Brindishe Online Workshops

Does your child spend time exploring online?

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to keep them safe online.

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our FREE workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'.

Our workshop will:

- Help you understand how kids experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

For: parents, carers and family members (this workshop is for adults so please arrange childcare if possible)

Date: Tuesday 12th December 2023

Time: 6 pm (this workshop will last 1 hour)

Price: free

Delivered by: NSPCC – Local Campaign Manager Gail Sayles

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUXOdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313

Passcode: 307249

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 second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**

Key Federation Dates

- End of term – Wednesday 20th December
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 8th January 2024
- Children return to school Tuesday 9th January 2024
- Deadline for Primary Admissions – Monday 15th January 2024
- Half Term – Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024.

BANK OF THINGS CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

**THIS CHRISTMAS WE ARE SUPPORTING
LEWISHAM'S YOUNG PEOPLE FACING
HARDSHIP BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A
BUMPER CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG**

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info@bankofthings.org

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HOW DO I DONATE?

Drop into
Unit 19,
Monday to
Friday
10-5pm

Donate
online with
the link
above*

To donate
£10, text
ZCNW02
to 7019

Lewisham Local. Charity number 1101616 | Company Number 4681564
* Fundraising, payments and donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149800), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.asaunited.com