



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

What has been happening this week?

This week was DT week!

Year 1- Made playgrounds

Year 2 - Made animal homes

Year 3 - Food technology (Sandwiches)

Year 4 - Food technology (Soup)

Year 5 - Created kites

Year 6 - Built shelters

The children have developed their communication skills by working together, listening to feedback and editing and improving their designs. They have really enjoyed their projects this week and I hope they will tell you all about their process diaries and final designs.

Medicines

As the cold and flu season arrives, we wanted to make it clear about medicines in school. If your child has been prescribed a medicine that must be given four times a day, a form must be filled in to give permission for one dose to be given in school. Please ask at the office for the form. If the dose is three times a day, you will need to give it to your child before school, straight after school and before bedtime. We are not able to administer any other medicines which have not been prescribed by a doctor.

Happy half term!

We have had a great first half term to start our year off. The children have been working really hard and should be really proud of all that they have achieved so far. We would like to thank you for your support throughout the half term.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and the children have a well-deserved break away from their learning, so that they are ready to return on Monday 30th October 2023.



The National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 26 October, 11.00-16.00

Across the Gallery

Free, drop-in

Join us this October half term for a big drawing extravaganza!
Explore drawing with the senses through fun, playful activities for
all the family.

Israel Gaza War

We wanted to mention the attacks that are happening in Israel at this time and the escalation of conflict along the border with Gaza, in which many innocent people have sadly lost their lives. This conflict has a far-reaching impact all around the world. We would like to take into account the effect that the ongoing conflict could have on school-aged children of Jewish or Muslim faith within our schools. If your child needs further support, then please do not hesitate to inform a member of staff.

We ask that members of the school community report anything concerning and are clear that anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and any other racial and faith-based discrimination will not be tolerated.

Anyone with concerns, or who has witnessed any offences, should contact the police and report on www.met.police.uk, on 101, or call 999 in an emergency.

School Journey Meetings

We are really pleased to be able to give more details about our Year 4 and Year 6 school journeys which will take place next year. The dates of the meetings are as follows: Tuesday 31st October at 3.30 and again at 5pm - Year 4 parents and carers (March 2024 trip)

Thursday 9th November at 3.30 and again at 5pm - for both Year 6 parents and carers (June 2024 trip) and Year 5 parents and carers (September 2024 trip).

If you are unable to come to the meeting, a pdf version of the PowerPoint will be uploaded to Weduc after the meetings.

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:

There will be buckets to collect these items at the front of the school from next week!

- 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

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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.

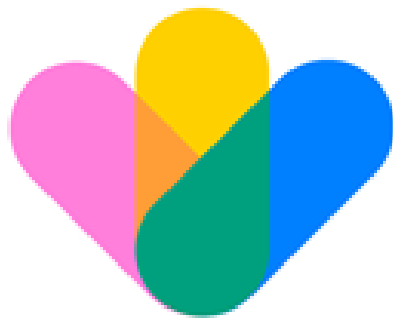
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Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is **Celebrating Our Sisters**.

Holbeach Black History Month Celebration Day

Saturday 21 October | Holbeach Primary School, SE6 4TP | Free

Africa has provided a rich tapestry of art and culture. This Black History Month (BHM) Holbeach Primary – a diverse school, in a diverse borough – would like to celebrate African culture through interactive workshops in storytelling, drumming, dancing and art. The celebration will be open to 457 students and their family and friends.

Black History Family Workshop

Tuesday 24 October, 2-3pm | Catford Library | 23-24 Winslade Way, SE6 4JU | Free

A free family workshop for children aged 4 to 11 and their families which focuses on the positive historical achievements and contributions of Black people in Britain. It will include a range of resources and activities, including recommended books and videos.

[Book the Black History Family Workshop.](#)



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Secondary Transfer - **DEADLINE APPROACHING**

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)

October Holiday Crash Courses

The leisure centres across the Lewisham partnership will be offering a range of activities to keep children of all ages entertained over the October half term holiday. They will be offering intensive swimming crash courses, junior classes, additional junior gym sessions, soft play, holiday camps and additional family swimming sessions. Activities will be running at **Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre, Forest Hill Pools, Glass Mill Leisure Centre, Ladywell Arena, Wavelengths Leisure Centre and the 3G pitch at The Bridge Leisure Centre.**

For further information and the full programme of half term events visit ...

<https://schoolsservices.lewisham.gov.uk/Article/149610?source=Newsletter&guid=2774890E-C48A-4D64-94D6-50A460DA5994>



FSM Vouchers for Half Term October 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 £15 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.

Lewisham has also advised that families with FSM eligible children can also access free meals in the holidays by using the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme. This will be additional to the provision made through vouchers.

If you have any questions or need support with registration, please contact HAFProgramme@Lewisham.gov.uk

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 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

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

Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

Article 24 (health and health services):

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

**People use medicines, vaccines and drugs for lots of different positive reasons.
What reasons can you think of?**

- To feel relief from pain
- To help treat serious mental ill-health
- To protect them from allergies or allergic reaction.
- To treat an illness
- To protect them from infection and possible illness
- To make sure they get the right vitamins
- To help them sleep better



Our Brindishe Curriculum focuses heavily on keeping children safe, both mentally and physically. Within science and PSHME, children learn that drugs, tobacco and alcohol are harmful substances. Our children are confident when talking about how they keep themselves safe and who they would talk to if they were in immediate harm or who they would talk to if someone they knew was unwell.

Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928. Read about him and watch the video in this [profile](#). Research how penicillin and antibiotics are used today. Create a fact file to share the importance of antibiotics.

Online Safety Bulletin

Learning Times Tables?

10 Minutes a Day Times Tables by DK is an Apple app (works best on an iPad) and provides a fun way to learn times tables! Made for ages 6 – 8, your child will practice their times tables whilst racing against another car.

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/10-minutes-a-day-times-tables/id775904110>

