

Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023



Brindishe
Lee

What has been happening this week?

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended this week's Meet the Teacher meetings. We still have a couple to go but we have been delighted to see so many of you so far.

Well done to our Reception children who have enjoyed staying for lunch and have had their first full day at school this week.

Rosh Hashana to all our Jewish families. The children enjoyed an assembly this week, learning all about this celebration and considering what they want to achieve this year. Enjoy celebrating this weekend!



What is happening next week?

Year 6 Meet the Teacher is on Monday at 3.45pm. Year 5 have their meeting on Thursday at 3.45pm.

We have a focus on reading this year and reading at home for pleasure and practise is an important part of this. To this end, the younger classes will be bringing home their Reading Record book and a banded reading book to use at home. Bug Club is close to being sorted out for the new year and log ins will be shared soon. Older year groups can take a book from their class library or bring in a book from home. Soon we will be holding workshops looking at how you can support your child with reading at home.

Reading Volunteers

Would you like to be a regular volunteer in school? Would you like to support children with their reading and learning? If so, please email info-BL@brindisheschools.org asking for an application form. Under safer recruitment, please note that all volunteers will need a conversation with a member of the Senior leadership Team, are required to provide two professional references and have a clear DBS which will be organised by the school.

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Rights Respecting School

As a Rights Respecting School, it is our responsibility to teach our children, parents and community about the United Nations Rights of the Child. We do this in assemblies, learning, conversations and through the school newsletter. Every week we will share one of the articles for you to read. Look out for these in the Brindishe Lee and Federation newsletters. There are 42 articles and they come under the headings: Protection, Survival, Development and Participation.



Important Information from the Office

Music lessons: These resume in the week beginning 18th September. If your child had a place last term they will automatically have a place this term. Let the office know if your child does not want to continue.

There are spaces:

Violin and Piano on Tuesdays for Years 1-6

Guitar on Fridays for Years 2- 6

Email info-BL@brindisheschools.org or see Vikki for information.

Year 6 School Journey: Outstanding payments need to be settled by 30th September. Please complete the Health Risk Assessment for Cumulus as soon as possible.

School Lunches: There is still time for your child to trial the Mayor's Free School Lunches. They have one more week to take up this offer before we ask you to choose school or packed lunch to stick with for the term. Outstanding school lunch payments must be made as soon as possible please.

Attendance This Week

Class	Attended
Reception	82.32%
Year 1	91.57%
Year 2	92.96%
Year 3	92.06%
Year 4	99.26%
Year 5	93.33%
Year 6 Magnolia	86.42%
Year 6 Sycamore	99.56%

Important Key Dates- Autumn 1

September 2023		October 2023 Black History Month	
Mon 4 th and Tue 5 th Sep	Inset Days	Thurs 5 th October	Early reading, writing and maths workshop (Reception parents)
Wed 6 th Sep Y1-6	Start of term	Mon 16 th Oct – 9.30am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families
Reception dates	See separate letter	Thurs 19 th Oct 3.35-3.50pm	Open classroom
WB 11 th and 18 th Sep @ 3.45pm –	Class meetings See newsletter	Tuesday 10 th Oct	Hello Yellow Day- wear something yellow.
Thurs 21 st Sep – 9.30am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families	Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th October 2024	Half term



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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. Email details can be found on our school websites.



Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Thursday 28th September - 10am and 4.30pm	Tuesday 26th September - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Thursday 21st September - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Monday 16th October - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Mayors Universal Free School Meals Expansion.

As you are aware, from September all pupils will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to their parent/carer. This is known as The Mayors Universal Free School Expansion and is a government initiative.

As this is very new, we have allocated a 3-week trial period for all children in Key Stage 2 who may wish to transfer from packed lunch to school meals. During the first 3 weeks of term, your child/children can try the school meals (free of charge) provided by Radish and teachers will take a daily 'lunch register' during this time. At the end of the 3 weeks, we ask that parents/carers and children make a definite decision as to whether they would like to continue with school meals free of charge or return to a packed lunch option. The Autumn Term School Meals menus can be found on our school website.

[Brindishe Federation - School Meals \(brindisheschools.org\)](http://brindisheschools.org)

Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

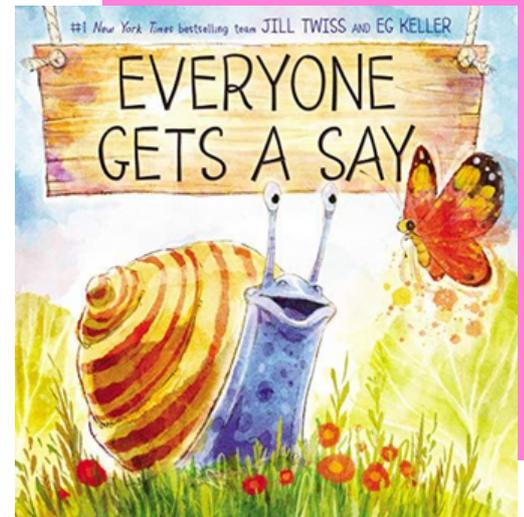
Article 12 – respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Why should you be able to share your views and opinions on matters that affect you?

At Brindishe Schools, we believe that Pupil Voice is invaluable. Across our schools we have teams made up of children from all year groups who are able to discuss important issues and make decisions about the school e.g. Rights Respecting Team, School Parliament and Digital Warriors.

Listen to this story, Everyone Gets A Say, then discuss with your family at home why it's important to listen to a lot of people's ideas.



Secondary Schools Transfer 2024

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)

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 first meeting is on Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School.