

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023



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What has been happening this week?

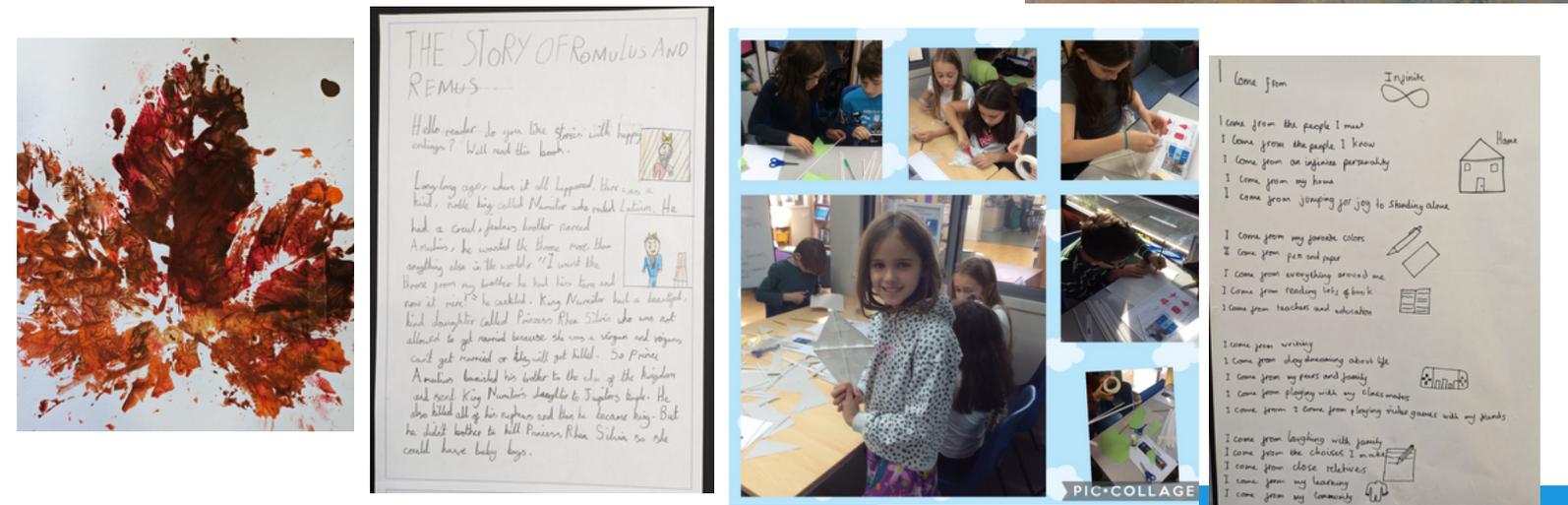
We are still awaiting the final copy of our OFSTED Report. They are currently going through the final stages of verification and it will be shared with you early in the new term.

It was great to see everyone at Open Classrooms on Thursday. The children are so proud of their learning this term and we hope you enjoyed having a window into your child's school life.

The Brindishe Climate Action Green Halloween event was a great success. We are planning a Christmas Jumper swap, as there are already more than enough Christmas jumpers in the world.

Congratulations to all the children who were awarded certificates for completing the Summer Reading Challenge in assembly on Monday. Phong, from Lewisham Library Service was impressed with the number of children who had taken part this summer.

It's been another great week of learning. Reception have been using their new knowledge of letters and sounds to write their own Anansi story. Autumn has finally arrived in Year One. Year Two have been making visual notes about the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Year Three have been making art inspired by the Stone Age and Year Four have been publishing their Romulus and Remus stories. Design and Technology has been a focus for Year 5 this week in their Kite Making project and Year Six have celebrated their poetry by creating a wonderful display.



What is happening after Half Term?

We will be wishing Year Six 'Bon Voyage' as they head off to Swanage for their School Journey. Year Four will bring their Romans learning to life with a visit to Crofton Roman Villa. Year One will kick off their Science learning about trees with a trip to Manor House Gardens. They will also use the opportunity to look at the playground to help with their DT project next term.

Cut Your Carbon in November

Cut Your Carbon is a national schools campaign, delivered by the country's largest environmental schools programme, Eco-Schools. The campaign creates a national moment, spotlighting the various aspects of our lives that result in carbon emissions and challenges pupils to take positive action to reduce their carbon footprint.

The central challenge of Cut Your Carbon is a checklist of 9 simple actions that pupils can complete at home with family and friends throughout November. These actions relate to everyday activities and prompt families to consider how they can make small changes to help reduce their impact on our planet.

There will be a special assembly on the first day back and look out for the 9 simple actions you can take at home.



F@B news and events

Teatowels- a great Christmas gift!

The children are currently working on their self portraits for the Brindishe Lee tea towel, which will be available to buy later in the year. Watch this space for further details!



Save the date!

The F@B AGM will be on Thursday 25th January, at 5pm in the school hall. Please do come along to support us and get involved.

Health and Safety Notice

Please make sure your children do not go on the play equipment after school- you are not covered if there is an accident. Keep your children in your sight to ensure their safety please, and leave the school site promptly. Thank you!

Important Information from the Office

Lateness: Reminder that the gates close at 9am. If your child arrives after this time a late mark is recorded. Please be on time.

Water bottles etc: Please upskill your child to remember their things. Parents/ Carers dropping bits off for their children takes time away from staff. Maybe get your child to make a tick list they can use each day to build their independence and reduce parents mental load!

Attendance This Week

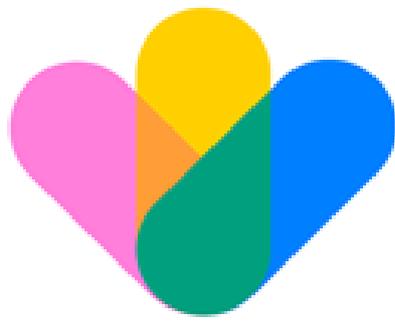
Class	Sessions possible	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	272	90.44%	98
Year 1	264	92.42%	40
Year 2	271	97.42%	70
Year 3	262	96.18%	11
Year 4	271	91.88%	94
Year 5	262	94.27%	32
Year 6 Magnolia	237	85.65%	222
Year 6 Sycamore	229	92.58%	39

We need to improve our punctuality next term! Look at all that learning time lost!!! Please let us know if you need support with your morning routine- we know it can be tricky.

Important Key Dates- Autumn 2

November 2023		December 2023	
Weds 15 th Nov 9.30am & 4.30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families	Wk begin 4 th Dec	Parent/carer evenings
3.35-3.50pm Thurs - 16 th November	Open classroom	Winter performances Reception and Year 1 Tuesday 12 th December 2.30pm Year 2 and 3 Wednesday 13 th December 2.45pm Year 4 and year 5 Thursday 14 th December 2.45pm Year 6 Friday 15 th December 2.45pm	
Week- 13-17 th November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying	TBC	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need- wear something spotty	Wed 20 th Dec	Last day of term and Pantomime in school
20 th - 22 nd Nov	Book Fair at school		
Tues 21 st Nov R-Y6	Flu immunisations	Thu 21 st - Fri 5 th January 2024 (Mon 8 th Jan INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays
Fri 24 th Nov	Inset Day No school		

Have a great half term and see you all on Monday 30th October



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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.](#)



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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>

