

# Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023



Brindishe  
Lee

## What has been happening this week?

As you know, Ofsted came to inspect our school this week. We will be able to share the outcome of the inspection with you in a few weeks. The inspectors have asked us to pass on their thanks to you for talking with them and sharing your feedback. They have also thanked the children for talking to them about their experience at school. The children made us very proud! The teachers worked incredibly hard to give the inspectors everything they needed and the wider federation team offered wonderful support. Thank you all so much!

The children celebrated National Fitness Day (the day after the official date, due to our special visitors!) They had a special assembly on Monday, to highlight the role physical activity plays across the UK, helping us raise awareness of its importance in assisting us to lead healthier lifestyles. In the classroom, children could be seen doing start jumps when the code word was said throughout the day. Some classes had a code word for their teachers too!



## Are you going to a Garden Centre this weekend?



Our planters are looking very bare and we'd like to fill them with Autumn colour. Please consider buying an extra pack of pansies/ primulas or any winter bedding or small shrub. A bag of bulbs would also be great so that we can watch them appear in early spring. Send in anything you get with your child. Your child can then plant them in one of our containers for all to enjoy. Many thanks in advance.

# Important Information from the Office

**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:** Your child's lunch choice will be locked in from Monday as the trial period has now finished. Please stick with that choice for the rest of the half term.

**Drop Off:** Please ensure Reception and Key Stage 1 children are escorted all the way to their gate at drop off. Thank you.

**Collection arrangements:** Please could you let the office know by 2pm if there are changes to your child's collection arrangements. This helps us to get all the messages to the teachers in time to ensure a smooth pick up.

## Child Flu Immunisations

Last week we posted onto Weduc a letter and information on child flu immunisation. Lewisham NHS is now inviting parents/carers to register their consent for their child so that a healthcare team can vaccinate them in school. The vaccination is free and in most cases is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please copy and paste this into your browser to register your consent:

<http://qlink.uk/LiF2324/100717>

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them from getting the flu and prevent it spreading among more vulnerable family and friends. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.



## Snack Time

Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or raw vegetables into school to have as a morning snack. This is because many children find it hard to make it to lunchtime without getting hungry, which affects their concentration and learning behaviour. Only fruit and vegetables are allowed in school for snack time. This is so that it can be taken outside, eaten on the carpet or eaten at their tables while they continue their learning.



# Attendance This Week

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	89.26%	0
Year 1	98.47%	50
Year 2	95.02%	5
Year 3	100%	5
Year 4	98.52%	48
Year 5	98.47%	40
Year 6 Magnolia	91.45%	33
Year 6 Sycamore	89.74%	86

# Important Key Dates- Autumn 1

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



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**National  
Attendance  
Expectation  
96%**

## Punctuality Matters

Thank you to parents/carers (and children) who have adjusted so well to our new start times across the federation. It is so important that children make a prompt and effective start to the day. We fully understand that a late arrival does sometimes happen due to unavoidable circumstances. Whenever possible, it is always better to inform the school by telephone when a child will be late.

Where a child has a pattern of late arrival, we will investigate causes and seek an improvement. A pattern of late arrivals after the registers have closed may lead to the school referring the family to the LA's Attendance and Welfare Officer for investigation.

**Good punctuality means  
being in school on time every day**

**Lost minutes = lost learning**



# Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

## Article 38 (war and armed conflicts)

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflict.

## Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)

Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

**The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day")** is observed around the world each year on 21st September. Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace.

What does **peace** mean to you?

At Brindishe Schools, we discuss with our children in a sensitive way, how it might feel to living through conflict and war. We discuss peace and conflict around the world and how we might be good 'Peacemakers' in our own lives.



## Online Safety Bulletin

### Back to school photos - Are you a 'sharent'?

With the excitement of a new school year and your child reaching a new milestone, many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks. If you post online, then try following these basic rules:

- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
- Never include your child's full name.
- Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
- Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
- Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.

Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents etc.) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.

CEOP have published this article which includes advice on sharing photos of your child online: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>



Sharing pictures of your children online

# 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
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

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org). Our first meeting is on **Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School**.