



Brindishe Lee Newsletter
Friday 9th July 2021
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

As we begin to move towards the end of term, the school has been immersed in lots of different learning opportunities along with preparation for the year ahead. There have been many highlights this week including the wonderful virtual dance performance Year 5 took part in as well as Year 6 busily rehearsing for their end of year production *Wonderland*, which is being recorded next week. Finally, today in class bubbles, children across the school enjoyed the joy of reading outside in our beautiful grounds.

At the beginning of the week, we heard that further restrictions will be lifted, and changes will come in from Monday 19th July. A letter has been sent to you regarding our response to this and the activities planned for the end of the term. Please take a moment to read the letter so you are clear about the last two weeks of term.

During a Lewisham meeting this week, we talked through the implications on schools for September. We will be in contact before the end of term to let you know about any changes that will be in place when we welcome you all back for the new academic year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and for those who are football fans, fingers crossed that England can indeed break the cycle and bring the trophy home.

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Bubble Sports Day - Reminder

As you are aware, we have been advised that sports day should be pupils only this year. Next week, children will take part in a range of sports events as well as team challenges in their class bubbles. Of course, all children will participate in the sports event and we will make it really special for the children. As a school we will have a whole school virtual assembly on Friday to celebrate the sporting event as well as the learning occurring that week.

We will be utilising our *Itslearning* page, so we can share images of the sports event with parents/carers.

The week commencing the 12th July, children will take part in a bubble sports event at school. Please can you ensure your child comes to school suitably dressed for the sports event. An email was sent out this week with regards to this event, there was also a timetable outlining which day the class bubble event is due to take place, weather permitting.

Fundraising for new sports equipment

Brindishe Lee and the F@B Team have joined forces to organise an exciting fundraising event in support of Bubble Sports Day.

Family members can donate funds to their child's class virtual page in support of the Bubble Sports Day. All funds will go towards replenishing our school sports equipment and the outside area at Brindishe Lee. Please refer to the information emailed out this week providing you with details about the sports fundraising event and how you can donate funds if you wish to do so.

Thank you to the Brindishe Lee community

Thank you parents/carers, for your ongoing support. A special thank you to the F@B Team and in particular Caroline and Jen for helping the school to organise this exciting event.

Online Safety – Keeping Children Safe Online – Reminder

Whilst our school has comprehensive safeguarding arrangements in place to ensure our pupils' online safety, it is equally as important for parents/carers to talk to their children about online safety and monitor their internet usage at home, using age-appropriate parental controls to restrict their access to unsavoury material. Parental controls can be activated on home broadband, search engines, *YouTube*, mobile phones and games consoles.

Whilst it may not always be easy to talk to your child about challenging issues such as cyber bullying and online gaming, if you are open and honest with them about the dangers they may encounter online, it may encourage them to confide in you in the future. If you are concerned that your child is being secretive or spending too much time online, it may be worth moving their computer into a communal family area so that you can keep an eye on them.

You should encourage your child to act responsibly online and treat others as they would wish to be treated. You should also warn your child that they should never hide behind an anonymous username to make unkind comments or say something they would be reluctant to repeat during face-to-face interactions. Remind your child that the comments they make and the pictures and videos they post online may end up having a wider audience than they anticipated – and even if they delete them, there is no guarantee that someone has not already saved, downloaded, or taken a screen shot of their post.

If your child has been targeted online, the website *Internet Matters* offers detailed advice about who to report the incident to. In addition to this, the school are always here to help and can signpost parents/carers to targeted support and resources. The DFE also have a useful list of organisations that provide support to parents/carers and children, listed below are a few examples:

- NSPCC • CEOP • Childline • Childnet • Internetmatters • Kidscape • Get connected
- The Parent Zone • Thinkuknow • Young Minds • UK Safer Internet Centre

Online Safety Parent/Carer Tech Workshops – Reminder

Please find attached to this newsletter information from Lewisham regarding some free online safety workshops for parents/carers

The purpose of the workshops is to increase awareness and provide some useful skills to support parents. By the end of the workshops, parents/carers will be able to:

- Recognise how modern technology can be used to jeopardise young people's safety
- Distinguish between different types of technological abuse that could affect children and young people
- Assess the risk factors involved in cases where technology is being used to abuse children and young people
- List different ways in which you can empower your children to use technology safely and positively

There are four workshops available via Zoom in July. Please refer to the attached letter for further information, you can also contact Miss Matthews on katiemathews@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk to discuss the workshops.

Class Information for Next Year – Update

Next week, your children will be told who their new teacher will be next year and as parents/carers you will receive an email with the relevant information. On **Tuesday 20th July**, the school will take part in their transition morning. Children will meet their new teacher and will take part in some fun activities linked to next year.

Gifts for Staff

We have been asked by several parents if they are allowed to bring gifts for staff at the end of term. Although staff at school do not expect any gifts from children, parents/carers, those wishing to bring something in the last week of term are more than welcome to do so.

Year 6 Collection of Medication

On **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July**, a member of the office staff will be at the side gate at the end of the school day, for any parents/carers of children in Year 6 to collect any medication held in school.

Outstanding Dinner Money

Please ensure that all outstanding dinner money on your child's account is paid before the end of term. If you are unsure about how much is owed, please log in to your Arbor account or contact the school office.

FSM Vouchers over the School Holiday

Lewisham have announced that all children in receipt of Free School Meals will received a £90 voucher per child to cover the summer term. This does not include Universal Free School Meals for those children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Summer Activity Camp at Brindishe Lee

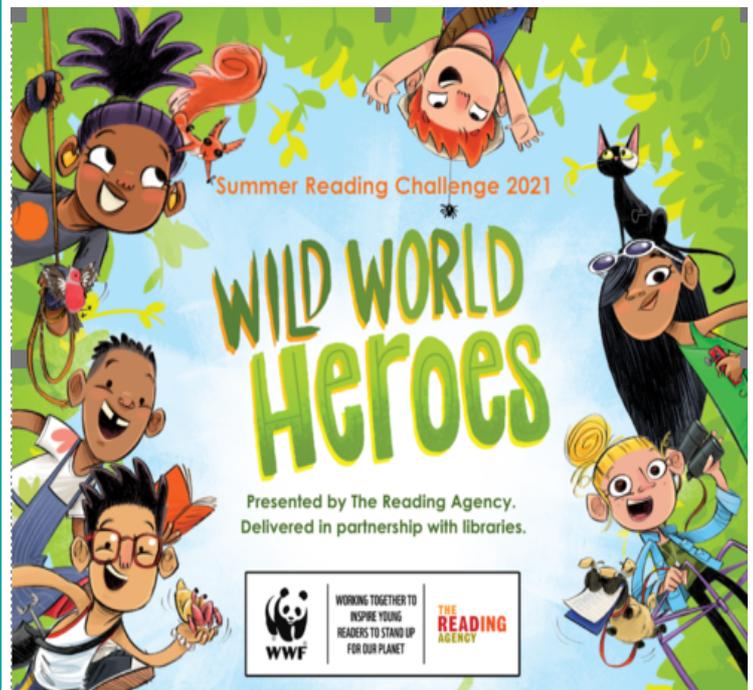
Sportacus will be running an activity camp for four weeks over the summer holiday at Brindishe Lee. Please look at the flyer attached or contact harry@sportacus.co.uk

Summer Library Challenge

This year's Summer Library Challenge is called **Wild World Heroes**. Our local libraries have teamed up with WWF (Worldwide Fund for Nature) for an incredibly special nature-themed challenge that will inspire the children to stand up for the planet! The challenge is open for all families to take part online from **Saturday 10th July**. The children will be able to borrow books from all of Lewisham's libraries or through click and collect, lucky dip, or read online. Not only will they be able to access amazing books, but they will also be able to play different games online, earn rewards and learn how they can make a difference to the environment too. Do not forget to share all the new books they discover with their new teacher in September!

Follow this link for more

information: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Packed Lunches - Water only PLEASE

Please be reminded that **ONLY WATER** should be brought into school.

We are seeing an increase in 'unhealthy foods' creeping into packed lunches. Why not log-in to the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> for more ideas on keeping your child's lunch box healthy.

Appointments

If your child has to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please inform the school office in advance so that it can be logged centrally, this supports the smooth running of the school day. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Reports

Your child's report will be given to you on **Friday 16th July**, at the end of the school day. If your child walks home alone, your child will not be able to take their report, so please arrange to collect it in person.

Covid Reminders

Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

Continuing to keep Brindishe Lee Safe and Our Children at School

We ask that all families support us in keeping the children, staff and community safe:

- Please wear a face covering/mask when near school premises, if possible
- Please try to cross to the far side of the road once you have collected your child, rather than walk in front of the gate where parents are standing and waiting to enter the school.
- Contact the school office via email (info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone 020 8318 4626.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information.

HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

HANDS: We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children to do the same at home.

FACE: Our expectations remain in place. We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds.

SPACE: Maintaining a distance of at least 1m between us where possible will help reduce risk for all.

Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up outside in larger groups, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or two households
- Indoor hospitality can reopen
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation can reopen
- You may also go on holiday or travel abroad, following government guidelines

Travelling

If you or any member of your household are travelling outside of the UK to either a **RED**, **AMBER** or **GREEN** country, you must inform the school (info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

Covid Symptoms

If you, your child or a member of your household becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk immediately providing the person/child's name, class, date, and the type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days.

Thank you for your support with this matter to ensure everyone is kept safe and well.

Important Dates

Monday 12th July – Year 6 to Chessington

Wednesday 14th July – Friday 16th July – Bubble Sports Days

Friday 23rd July - End of Summer Term

Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day

Thursday 2nd September - Start of Term 1

