



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

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Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

As another week passes us by we wanted to share with you a few highlights of the week including discussions with the children about why Brindishe Lee is special to them. We were humbled by both the children's and the staff responses. Please see a selection of comments listed below as well as our lovely whole school display. If any parents/carers would like to share a comment with us, please do so by emailing info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk and we can add your quote to our display.

In addition, staff enjoyed meeting parents/carers virtually for our meet the teacher event. Staff commented on how lovely it was to meet all the parents and carers and to discuss how each child has settled into their new year group.

Please can we signpost you to your child's Itslearning class page where there are a few updates from the #HelloYellow event last week. To add to this, please remember to visit Weduc for school updates and reminders, for example information about being cashless and school voluntary contributions.

Finally, a friendly reminder that next week is our final week at school before the half-term holiday. The holiday starts from Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October. There is an INSET day on Monday 1st November so we will see all children back at school on Tuesday 2nd November.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Stay safe and well everyone.

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.



WEAR RED DAY – Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 22nd October 2021

Each October **Show Racism the Red Card** holds its annual Wear Red Day! The annual Wear Red Day will take place across England, Wales and Scotland on **Friday 22nd October 2021**. Children at Brindishe Lee are invited to wear red on this day.

If you wish to donate, please click on the link below.

<https://www.theredcard.org/>



Half Term Holiday Camp

Sportacus will run their ever popular holiday camp again this half term. From **Monday 25th to Friday 29th October**, they will be providing an action packed programme of sports and games at Brindishe Lee School. Please call Harry on **07828 218690** or email Harry@sportacus.co.uk for further information.

INSET Days and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Reminder

An INSET day is a day in the year, where all staff are required to attend school for training or to complete administrative tasks. **Children do not attend school on these days**. This academic year, our INSET days as a federation are as follows:

INSET 1: Wednesday 1st September 2021

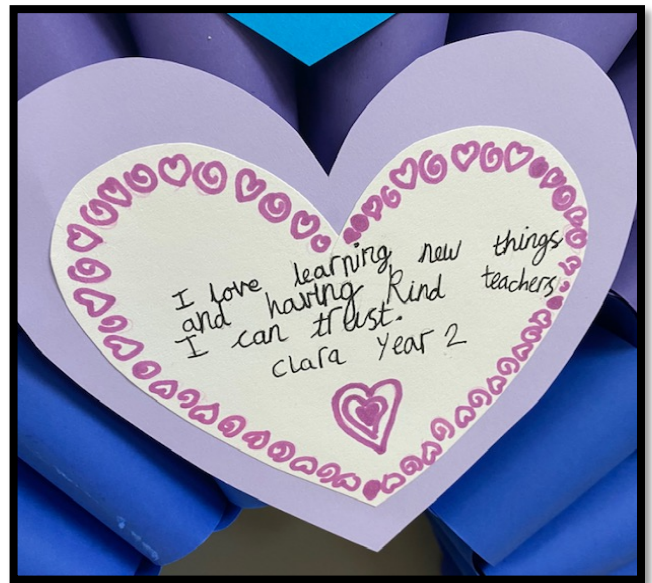
INSET 2: Monday 1st November 2021

INSET 3: Friday 26th November 2021

INSET 4: Tuesday 4th January 2022

INSET 5: Monday 4th July 2022

Next year, there is an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. Nationally this will be on Friday 3rd June. As this date falls during the summer half term break, schools have been advised to take this day at another time. **Therefore, school will be closed on Monday**



Aspirations Programme at Brindishe Lee

You may recall that we wrote to all parents/carers back in March this year informing you and inviting you to take part in a new and exciting *Aspirations Programme*. The response from our community was over-whelming. A huge thank you to all of those parents/carers who contacted the school to offer their time, expertise and support. We believe that every young person should have the chance to embrace new and exciting opportunities throughout their lives and we want to equip all our children with the tools and confidence to reach their full potential.

Due to covid restrictions, this programme was delayed last term. We are now in a position to start this exciting programme. Miss Matthews will be in contact with the parents/carers who emailed in to offer their time and expertise.

We are still looking for parents/carers from any skilled professions who would be willing to support the school and speak to the children about their career pathway. We are looking for a range of professionals including doctors, fitness coaches, musicians, café owners, hairdressers, carpenters, plumbers, vets, etc. If you would like to share your career path or have a story to share about your own experience and aspirations growing up and how you reached them, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to volunteer or would like to speak to someone for further information, please email Miss Matthews at katiemattthews@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk.

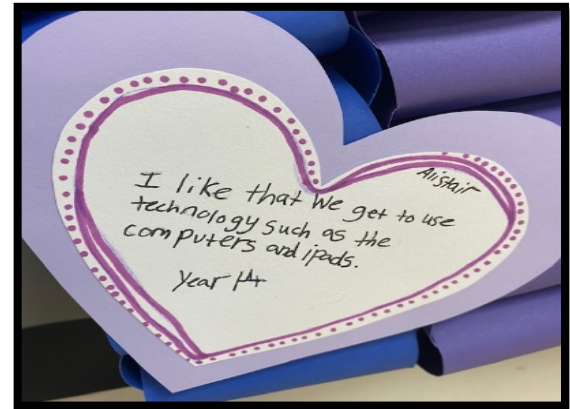
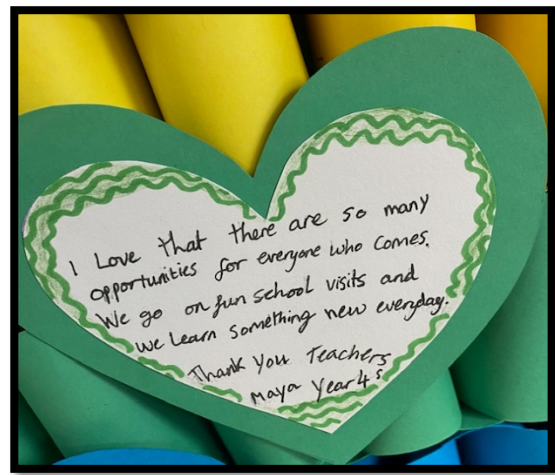
We will launch our *Aspirations Programme* for the whole school on **Thursday 11th November** with a special assembly, followed by fortnightly aspirational talks for Key Stage 2 and termly for Key Stage 1. More information will be emailed out next week regarding this exciting programme.

Your Child's Details

Please can all parents/carers ensure that your child's details are fully up to date on Arbor. This can easily be done through the app and ensures that we have all the information we need to stay in touch with you and contact you if we need to.

Applying for Secondary School 2022 - FINAL REMINDER

All applications for Secondary Schools must be made through Lewisham Council Admissions. The deadline for applications is the **31st October**. All Lewisham Secondary Schools are now advertising their open days/online sessions, so please have a look at each school for their dates and times. If you need any support when completing your application, please contact the school office via info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk and the office team will signpost you to a member of SLT.

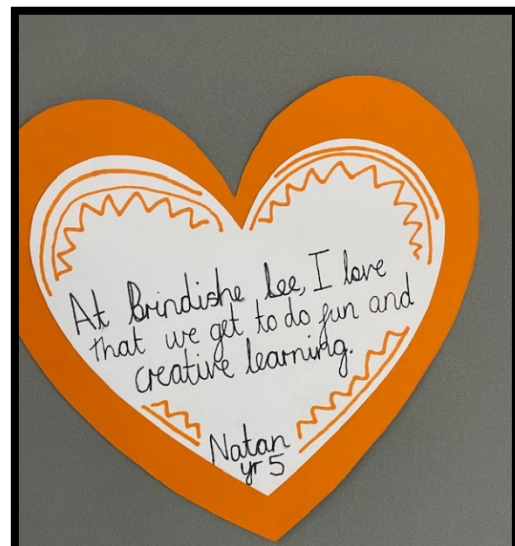
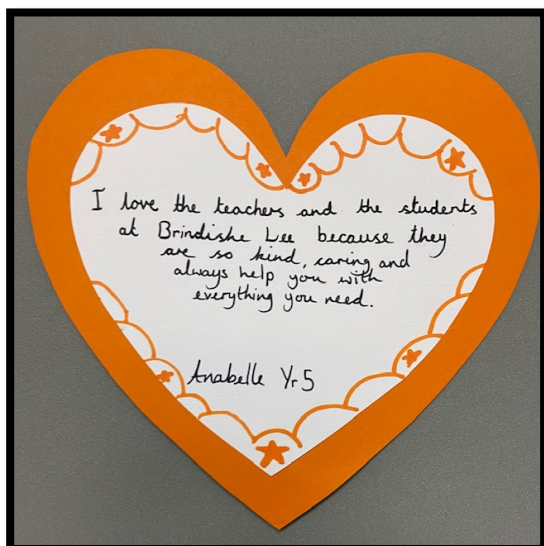


Important Dates

- **INSET Days** – Please refer to the INSET box for further information.
- **Half Term Break** - Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October
- **Deadline for Secondary School Applications** – Sunday 31st October
- **Year 5 Swimming Fortnight** – Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 12th November
- **Year 6 Hazard House (Junior Citizen Scheme)** – Friday 12th November
- **Winter Break** - Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd Jan 2022

Online Safety Bulletin

Many children are lucky to have a Play Station, X Box or Ipad at home. It is really important that you always talk with your child about playing safely online. Many children think that they always know the people they are playing with, because they are someone else's friend. The school have found a great website with child friendly videos, which can help teach your child how to stay safe online https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/stay-safe/play/



COVID UPDATES - PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of your household is exposed to Covid-19.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better or 48 hours if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual 	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact school to inform us</p> <p>Obtain a PCR test</p> <p>Self-isolate until results are known</p> <p>Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school</p>	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return</p> <p>Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace</p> <p>Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so</p>	<p>After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend</p> <p>Children can return after 10 days' even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks</p>
My child tests negative for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
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NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	...the quarantine period has been completed