



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 25th February 2022

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Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break!

It was so lovely to welcome you all back on Monday even with the gale force winds followed by hail, rain and sunshine this week. The children have worked really hard this week and have enjoyed their learning, this was highlighted during today's Praise Assembly.

Please see listed below information regarding World Book Day, free school meals, online safety as well as a reminder about our Weduc page where you can find further information about school events as well as class learning highlights.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to **Free School Meals**, you can use the following link to check your eligibility - <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

Please note, eligibility for FSM is not backdated, so apply as soon as possible.

Rights Respecting Weekly Focus

Article 5 of the UNCRC is about recognising that most young people will find that their parents, guardians or family are the people who are most qualified to give them good advice. It's also about understanding how important family is to a young person's wellbeing.

Weduc Updates

Please look on Weduc for key dates and information regarding your child's class. All information regarding updates, parent meetings and what your child is learning about will be posted for you to access

Nut Free School Reminder

Please can we remind everyone we endeavour to be a nut free school. Children and staff who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check but we hope that you recognise the importance of it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Online Safety Parental Support - Password Security

Does your child understand that they should not share their passwords with others? The risks include the other user viewing personal information about your child, they could take control of your child's account by changing the password and then use the account inappropriately or they could spend money from your child's account. Learn more here: <https://www.childnet.com/help-andadvice/new-online-accounts/how-can-i-keep-my-account-secure/>

World Book Day

We are very excited to be celebrating **World Book Day next Thursday 3rd March** at Brindishe Lee. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. **You are invited to come dressed as your favourite character from a book and to bring your favourite book to school.** Every child will receive a £1 book token that they can use to purchase a book from participating retailers. More details can be found here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



COVID Update

From yesterday, Covid-19 restrictions have now been lifted. As we begin to return back to a sense of normality, as a Federation, we want to ensure that we continue to be as vigilant as possible, keeping everyone as safe as we can be.

In school, we will continue to keep classrooms well ventilated and focus on washing hands. The cleaning around school will carry on during the day and after school and we will be encouraging 'hands, face, space'. We are also beginning to review our risk assessments to accommodate and will update parents/carers of any changes as they occur.

We would like to remind you of the following guidance:

- If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, Public Health advice remains unchanged which is to **stay at home** and **avoid contact with other people**.
- Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should take a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.
- Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Important Dates

- Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day
- Tuesday 22nd March – Year 6 local walk
- Friday 1st April – End of term
- Tuesday 19th April – Children return to school

**More dates to follow shortly re. visitors, events and trips*