



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 25th March 2022

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire

Brindishe
Lee

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Happy Friday everyone! The weather has been glorious this week and the children and staff have enjoyed moving lots of their learning outdoors.

Due to covid restrictions finally being lifted we are planning a plethora of exciting events including an increase in trips, visitors, experiences and clubs for the children at Brindishe Lee. Further information will be emailed out to you before the end of term. In addition to this, once a month, we would like to invite parents/carers into the classroom at pick up to look at the children's learning. Please refer to the grid listed below for open door dates and times.

Please find listed below information about our school survey, Pupil Parliament, safeguarding, covid, attendance, Easter Club as well as our recent Challenge Partner report.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the sunshine with loved ones.

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Safeguarding/Online Safety - Watching Videos, more Information?

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. YouTube Kids (<https://www.youtube.com/kids/>) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on YouTube: what parents need to know . Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

Pupil Parliament Update

We have had a busy term with Pupil Parliament so far and the members of parliament from each class are getting to grips with their role. We have looked at the UN Rights of the Child and talked about the rights of children in the context of the war in Ukraine. After Easter, Pupil Parliament will be organising some fundraising activities to raise money for Ukraine and our school library.

Rights Respecting Weekly Focus

Article 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – 'Governments must respect every child's right to a name, a nationality and family ties'.

Covid Reminder

Over the past few weeks we have seen a rise in cases of COVID across the school, in both children and adults.

It is imperative, that although COVID restrictions have been lifted, it is still very present. We ask you to continue to remain vigilant.

- IF your child has any of the main symptoms, please ensure they are tested
- IF the test is positive, they must isolate for 5 days. **Day 1, is the day after the positive result.**
- Please inform the school office of the positive test result
- **From day 5**, you can test again and when the test is negative, your child can return to school
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We understand that this can be difficult, especially if your child is only experiencing mild symptoms, but we want to ensure we try to keep the staff and children as safe as possible and limit the risk of the virus spreading.

Sharing Learning

Due to covid restrictions finally being lifted, we would like to invite parents/carers into the classroom at pick up to look at their children's learning. Please refer to the grid listed below outlining the dates allocated to sharing learning. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss with your child their learning as well as look at the wonderful work on display. Further information about this event will be emailed out to parents/carers after the Easter holiday.

Summer Term 2022
Sharing Learning
Time: 3.30-4.00pm
Monday 25 th April
Thursday 26 th May
Monday 20 th June
Thursday 14 th July



Challenge Partner Review 2022

On Weduc, we have posted our recent Challenge Partner report for parents/carers to read.

Parent Voice Survey

Last week, via Weduc, we launched our regular parent/carer survey to gather your views on the fullness of your child's experience at Brindishe Lee. We would be delighted to hear your views. There are 14 questions and it should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please refer to Weduc to complete the survey.

We are also asking staff and children to complete a survey to gather feedback from all the Brindishe Lee community.

Thank you for your support everyone.



Important Dates

- Friday 24th March – F@B Bake Sale (location – outside the lodge)
- Tuesday 29th March – Girls Football Tournament at St Winifreds
- Friday 1st April – Year 4 ZooLab Experience
- Friday 1st April – End of the Spring Term
- Monday 4th April - Sportacus Easter Camp (Refer to the attached poster)
- Tuesday 19th April – Summer Term - Children return to school
- Tuesday 26th April, 6pm - Lewisham tech workshop for parents, session 1
- Tuesday 3rd May, 6pm - Lewisham tech workshop for parents, session 2

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

Attendance

'Attend today...and achieve tomorrow!'

As we all know, every child has the right to an education (Article 28). In England, children are expected to attend 190 days of school year, with the exception of when they are too sick to come to school or isolating due to Covid19. This means that there are 175 other days in the year to book holidays, trips away and visits to see family members.

Every year, we receive a number of requests for children to be absent from school during term time. Schools cannot authorise an absence for a holiday/visit and we will only grant an authorised absence for exceptional circumstances.

The process for applying for a leave of absence is as follows:

1. A **'Request for a Leave of Absence'** form is completed by the parent/carers (see the school website or email the office)
2. The request will be passed to the Headteacher and discussed with the school's Federation Attendance, Safeguarding and Welfare Officer
3. The school decides if it will authorise the absence.

Parents/carers should note that flights (etc.) should not be booked before a leave of absence is authorised. Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school. If a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at End of Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%



MONDAY 4TH - THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 2022



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**MON 4TH
THUR 14TH APR**

9:30-3:30 EVERY DAY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12

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