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Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on a key change that will be happening after the Easter holidays. Maxine Sebire, the head of Brindishe Lee, will be relocating out of London and therefore resigning from her post at the end of this term. It has certainly not been an easy decision for Maxine to make as Brindishe Lee has become a big part of her life and she has invested a lot over the last three years ensuring it goes from strength to strength. On behalf of the children, staff and Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maxine for all her hard work in leading the school and wish her all the very best for the new ventures ahead. As a federation, the leadership of the school will be in place for the summer term, ensuring the school continues to thrive and we will be advertising the headship in due course. I will be writing to update you further next week.

Kind regards,
Rachel Waite.



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Message from Ms Sebire:

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

I have written a number of letters home to parents/carers throughout the years but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all. As mentioned above, I have resigned from my post as Head of School as my family and I are moving out of London. It has certainly not been an easy decision to make as Brindishe Lee has become a big part of my life. I cannot commend the school staff enough for their hard work, team spirit, dedication and love of the school and the children. They strive to make the experience for your children the best it can be. Your children are a delight and a credit to you and I look forward to hearing about their successes in the future. Thank you also to the parents/carers at Brindishe Lee for your support and kind words, it is very much appreciated. Brindishe Lee may be a small school but it has a very big heart.

Although I will greatly miss my colleagues, children and the Brindishe community, I am looking forward to the new and exciting opportunities in the future. Please feel assured that it will be *business as usual* until my departure. I will continue to serve the Brindishe Lee community and will work tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition for the school and my successor so the school can continue to thrive.

Kind regards,
Ms Maxine Sebire.



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Governor Vacancies

Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Governor? A friend, a colleague, a relative?

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Brindishe Federation Governing Body, particularly for people who would widen the diversity of our current members and/or be able to offer key skills we require including knowledge around finance, education, recruitment. We have recently recruited for our Parent Governor vacancies, so anyone interested could not be a parent/carer of a pupil within the Federation.

If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with either Rachel Waite, Executive Head rwaite@brindisheschools.org or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

For more information about becoming a Governor, please click on the link below:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

Lewisham Live - Brindishe Lee Salsa Group:

On Tuesday 7th March, a group of children took part in Lewisham Live where they performed a Salsa routine at Broadway Theatre in Catford. The children were simply amazing and shone like stars. I felt very proud of our children and staff on Tuesday evening. A huge thank you to Shirley, Trevor and Martha for making this event happen. Please look on Weduc for a video of the performance as well as photographs of the evening.

Message from the Chair of Governors:

I just wanted to say thank you for inviting me to the Lewisham Live show last night. I so enjoyed seeing all the various performances, with the highlight of course being the fabulous Brindishe Lee salsa. The children danced brilliantly and gave it their all, and they represented the school beautifully.

Please pass on my thanks to all the staff involved in devising the dance and rehearsing the dancers, and of course to the stars of the show - the children themselves.

Key Brindishe Lee School Dates & Events:

- Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March – NEU Strike Days (More info to follow).
- w/c 27th March Parent meetings (A letter will be sent on Monday re. booking appointments).
- Saturdays in March – Shine Project at Blackheath High School.
- Friday 17th March – F@B Bake Sale.
- Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day (More info to follow).
- Friday 24th March – Year 3 British Museum trip.
- Tuesday 28th March – Year 4 British Museum trip.
- Friday 31st March – End of the Spring Term.
- Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday.
- Monday 17th April – Start of the Summer Term.
- Monday 17 April - Primary Offer Day - (You will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place).



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 17 – access to information from the media.

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Why do you think it is important to think about whether the information you receive is reliable (can be trusted)?

- So that we know whether to trust the information to be true.
- To help us learn accurate information.
- To be able to confidently discuss information with others.
- To learn about bias and 'fake news'.
- To know that it's okay to ask more questions if something doesn't seem right.
- To learn the difference between a fact and an opinion.
- So that we can have healthy discussions based on facts.
- To feel confident to say, 'I'm not sure if that's true'.
- To know that some people deliberately put false information online.



We always like to keep our children up to date with current affairs around the world. Some classes watch [Newsround](#) and discuss the information after. In Brindishe Schools we also teach our children to be mindful of fake news. Try this [fun BBC quiz](#) at home with your child to see if you can spot the fake news headlines.

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Is your child playing Gacha Life?

Gacha Life is rated as 9+ on the App Store and for 'Everyone' on the Google Play Store.



Players can dress up characters and add props (including weapons) and create scenes with their characters as well as play games. The app does allow in-app purchases ranging from £1.70 to £17.99 and does include adverts.

This article from Internet Matters provides further information and discusses in detail what you need to be aware of:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-gacha-life-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Further information:

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/app-reviews/gacha-life/user-reviews/adult>



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Key Federation Dates

- Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April
- Monday 17th April – Children return to school for Summer Term
- **Primary offer day** - Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)

Further Strike Days – possible school closures will be communicated closer to the strike days

- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 rd March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 rd May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 th July 2023, 6pm

Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

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