



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 24th March 2023

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Spring has definitely arrived this week, with the sunny weather, blossom on the trees and the excitement of the Easter holiday looming. Over the last few weeks, the children have been extremely busy with their learning, the children especially enjoyed Red Nose day last Friday as well as the Superhero Olympics. Thank you to the F@B team for the fantastic Spring Bake Sale last week as well as our useful F@B meeting to discuss more fun and fabulous events for the summer term. There will be more information to follow about summer fundraising events.

Over the spring break there are plans to upgrade the nest area in the school with a fresh lick of paint as well as new sensory resources. There are also plans to paint the outside of the school and upgrade the playground area in the summer term. We will keep you posted regarding these exciting upgrades to Brindishe Lee.

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers into school for parent/carers meetings with their child's teacher. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please do so via Weduc or the school office.

A polite reminder, please look on our Weduc platform for key dates and information regarding your child's class. All information regarding updates, trips/visitors, special school events and what your child is learning about will be posted.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.



Brindishe Lee School Dates & Events:

- w/c 27th March Parent meetings (Refer to Weduc).
- Saturdays in March – Shine Project at Blackheath High School.
- Tuesday 28th March – Year 4 to visit The 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).
- Thursday 20th April – Reception class to the Unicorn Theatre.
- Monday 24th April – Year 4 to the British Library (more information to follow).

**More details & events to follow.*



Open Door/Sharing Learning:

In the Summer Term we would like to continue with the open door/sharing learning opportunity whereby we 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.

<u>Summer Term 2023</u> Sharing Learning Time: 3.30-4.00pm
27 th April
16 th May
15 th June
11 th July

The Bank of Things is now open!

A new service-based on the principles of a food bank and aimed at helping young people take an active role in their education has now opened its doors.

What does the Bank of Things do?

The Bank of Things is a new Young Mayors Project working in partnership with Lewisham Local aimed at Young People aged 11 to 25 living in Lewisham. Former Young Mayors have used their budgets to develop the Bank of Things to address the issue of poverty and lack of resources for young people in the borough. They supply everyday necessities to any young person facing hardship living in Lewisham.

Why?

1 in 5 of the UK population live below the poverty line and London has the highest rate of child poverty of any English region. The Bank of Things service is run from Unit 19 in Lewisham Shopping Centre and is open every Monday and Wednesday from 3pm to 6pm during the term time. Young people will be able to drop in and pick up some of the everyday essential items they need e.g. toiletries, sanitary products and some school equipment.

For further information visit [Lewisham Bank of Things - Lewisham Local](#)



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

This week we recognised World Water Day

We all know that water is vital for everyone in their daily lives across the world, and back in 2015 the world committed to working together to make sure that everyone has access to safe, clean water and good sanitation. This was Sustainable Development Goal 6.

But there is still much work to be done with over 2 billion people drinking unsafe water. An important aim of World Water Day is to inspire everyone to take action and make the necessary changes so that the right to clean water can be achieved by 2030 for everyone.

Why do you think that the right to clean water is such an important right?

- Our bodies are made up of over 60% water and we need clean water to keep them working properly and to stay alive.
- Drinking dirty, unsafe water can cause serious illnesses.
- In some communities, children miss out on their education because they must spend time collecting water.
- We need water for washing ourselves and for keeping our clothes and homes clean.
- A good water supply is important for good sanitation and flushing our toilets.
- Not having access to clean water makes it harder to be healthy and have a decent standard of living.
- Water and wetlands provide important habitats for plants and animals.
- Pollution of our oceans, rivers and waterways can have a serious impact on all living things.
- Water is important to generate power in some places and it is a better for the environment than burning fossil fuels.

UNICEF works in lots of countries to make sure that children have access to clean water.

[Watch Stephen's story](#) and discuss with your child at home what difference it makes for children when they have safe water taps and clean water.





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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>

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

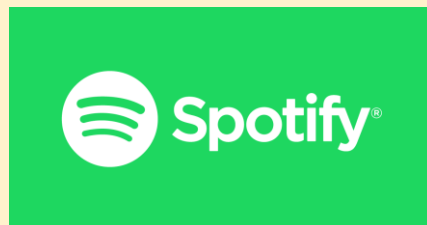
Spotify

Spotify is a music streaming service. You should be over **18 years of age** to agree to the terms, or if older than 13, obtain parent/guardian consent.

There is a Spotify Kids version, but it is only available as part of a Premium (paid for) Family plan. Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information but if your child does use Spotify then it may be beneficial to have a chat about what they are viewing.

https://www.spotify.com/privacy/files/Parental_Guide.pdf

You can find out more about Grooming and who to contact here:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/grooming/>





Easter Holiday Vouchers

We can now confirm that London Borough of Lewisham will use a further allocation of the 'Household Support Fund' to support families with FSM eligible children by providing vouchers for the holidays this year (23/24) and in particular, the upcoming Easter Holidays. The available funding means Lewisham can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child for Easter. There will not be an additional allocation made to cover inset days or other closures.

If you are eligible for the voucher, look out for further communication from your school and your £30 holiday voucher.

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)

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

Summer 1
Summer 2

Brindishe Manor
Brindishe Lee

Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 6pm
Thursday 13th 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.

[Brindishe Federation - Home \(brindisheschools.org\)](http://brindisheschools.org)