

**Monday 1st July - All schools
closed to all children.**



Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 28th June 2024



Federation Choir Delight!

Last Thursday, over 100 children and parents/carers joined together for our annual Federation Choir Performance. Each choir had rehearsed all year their own individual song, as well as a joint rendition of 'We Are The World'. The younger children in KS1 beautifully and skilfully performed rounds within their songs and KS2 children sang their harmonies effortlessly. From Toy Story's 'You Got A Friend In Me' to WWII classic 'In The Mood', it was spectacular. It was lovely to see children from Brindishe Green, Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Lee join together to sing and parents/carers from across our federation join together to appreciate our fantastic choirs. Thanks to all the teachers who supported the choir from all three schools and a special mention to Ms Cliftlands from Brindishe Green for co-ordinating the whole event and the logistics on the day with the help of the premises team and IT.

Weekly Online Safety Bulletin WhatsApp Warning



Whilst WhatsApp has an age rating of 13+ (recently lowered from 16), a BBC investigation has found that children as young as nine have been added to WhatsApp groups and seen inappropriate content.

If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group settings as by default, group privacy settings are set to 'everyone,' which means anybody can add your child to a group without their approval.

You can change this setting to 'My Contacts' so only contacts can add them to groups without their approval and if somebody who is not a contact wants to add them to a group then they will need to send them an invite.

You should talk to your child about the risks of joining groups and show them how to use the reporting/blocking tools.

**You can find out more about the BBC investigation here:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy0l4z8n1p9o>**

LESSONS & COURSES FOR KIDS

Give your child the best start in life by enrolling in a lesson or course at Better. Not only will they have fun and meet new friends, it will also boost their self-esteem, communication and improve those all-important life and movement skills.

Led by a team of fully qualified staff, your little ones will learn a range of new skills in a positive and friendly environment. You'll find a range of lessons and courses on offer, including their extensive [gymnastics](#) programme and award-winning [swim school](#).

**Enter code SUMMER50 at checkout
to claim 50% off your first payment
before 31st July 2024.
Join today at better.org.uk/lessons**



Right Respecting

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. Through celebration, education and raising awareness, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month helps tackle prejudice, challenge myths and amplify the voices of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in wider society.

This year the theme for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month is 'What Makes a Home?'

Article 2 (non-discrimination): The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

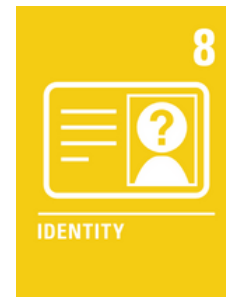
Article 8 (protection and preservation of identity):

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups): Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

***This year's theme for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month is 'What Makes a Home?'.
What do you think is needed for a place to feel like home?***

- You feel safe there.
- You know where everything is around you and locally.
- The people there matter to you.
- It's where you feel you belong.
- You feel comfortable there and can be yourself.
- You can enjoy your right to relax and leisure.
- It's where you feel connected and have memories.



Children all over the world and in our Brindishe Schools are very different, but they also have a lot in common. Where you are from or where your parents or grandparents are from? Discuss with your child at home and [watch this clip](#) of 'Welcome to Our World' by Moira Butterfield and celebrate the cultural backgrounds of all children in your child's class and in your families.



Public Health Briefing - Measles

Since 1st October 2023 there has been an increase in measles cases across England. In London, there has been an increase in cases since December 2023, with a very large increase in cases over March and April 2024. The UKHSA has been notified of over 600 cases across London, and over 85% of these were unvaccinated. Ninety cases of measles have been confirmed in South East London.

In readiness for any significant increases in cases locally, we are sending out this update to share some information and resources with you.

Measles

Measles is very infectious and can spread from person to person quickly, especially in education and childcare settings. Little can be done to prevent measles spreading if people are unvaccinated. The MMR vaccination is the most effective way to control the spread of measles. Measles is spread by airborne transmission (for example by droplets which are expelled when someone with the infection sneezes or coughs) and direct contact (for example contact with nose or throat secretions).

Some people are considered very vulnerable to severe measles infection. This includes immunosuppressed people, unvaccinated pregnant women and children under the age of one. Children who get measles can be very unwell and some will suffer life changing complications.

Someone who has measles is considered to be infectious from 4 days before they develop a rash to 4 full days after they develop the rash (onset of rash is day 0). They should therefore not attend the setting on public health grounds until at least 4 days after their rash developed.

If you have any questions for the Council's public health team, please email publichealth@lewisham.gov.uk.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) provides details on the signs, symptoms and treatment of measles and when to seek medical advice.

[Children and young people settings: tools and resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) an exclusion table setting out how long children and young people need to be off school following a period of illness.

Hand hygiene resources for education settings via e-Bug Home (e-bug.eu)

In school to promote hand and respiratory hygiene we ...

- **Supervise and/or encourage children to wash their hands regularly, using paper towels or hand dryers for drying hands (with wastepaper bin provided for disposal of towels).**
- **Remind staff to wash their hands throughout the day.**
- **Encourage good respiratory hygiene, using and disposing of tissues in the bin, followed by hand washing (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it Poster - Infection Prevention Control)**
- **Home (e-bug.eu) has a range of educational resources for ages 3-16 to learn about microbes, infection prevention and control, antibiotics and vaccination.**



Key Federation Dates

- INSET Day - schools closed to all children - **Monday 1st July**
- End of Term - **Thursday 25th July 2024**

Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our last meeting of this academic year is on ***Tuesday 16th July at 6pm at Brindishe Lee School.***