

# Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



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## What has been happening this week?

Donations for AFRIL have been coming in. Thank you! the donations will be collected on Monday 16th October so there is still time. AFRIL have asked for tinned fish in particular, but any donations of tinned or packet food are welcomed. AFRIL is a small, locally-run charity based in Lewisham. They work to relieve poverty and social isolation amongst refugees and asylum seekers, by providing education, family support services, and access to emergency supplies. They are always very appreciative of the support and generosity of Brindishe Lee families.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended meetings this week for our upcoming Year 6 School Journey and Reception Early Reading and Maths workshop. It's been great to see so many parents and carers engaged with school.

We have seen some great learning this week! Reception have been looking for signs of Autumn in our beautiful grounds and Year 1 have been painting...with their hands and feet! Year 5 have been busy at home with their home learning project and the results are impressive.



## What is happening next week?

On Tuesday 10th October we have our Hello Yellow Day. Wear something yellow! We will celebrate and focus on our mental health throughout the day.

Brigit from AFRIL will be taking assembly on Wednesday to teach the children all about this fantastic charity and the children will find out where their donations will be going.

Year Three will be heading out to the Natural History Museum on Thursday, to enrich their learning about the Stone Age in History and Rocks and Soils in Science.

**HELLO  
YELLOW DAY**

Tuesday  
10th  
October  
2023

Come to school wearing your  
brightest colours!  
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[HTTPS://WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

# Black History Month

The theme this year is 'Saluting Our Sisters' - recognising and celebrating the crucial role that Black women have played in building communities, inspiring change and shaping history in the UK and around the world. Assemblies this month will focus on this theme. If there is anyone in our school community who would be willing to come and speak to the children about the topic, to enrich their experience, please get in touch.



## Important Information from the Office

**Medication:** Please do not send any medication to school in your child's bag. It needs to be brought to the office by the parent/ carer and the form needs to be filled in so that we can be sure we are administering it correctly.

**Lateness:** Lateness is creeping up, especially in our younger classes. Please remember the gates open at 8.50am and close at 9am. Arriving late means your child has a rushed start to their school day and the learning has already begun.

## F@B news and events



### PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.



Last chance to order Pizza and Cookies  
TOMORROW!!!! Remember the school  
makes money with every bite you take!

## Green Halloween!

Have a clear out over the weekend and see what the children have grown out of! Bring any Halloween dress up clothes, warm winter clothes and wellies to be loved and worn by another child. Reduce, reuse and recycle!



# Attendance This Week

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	94.07%	0
Year 1	94.25%	74
Year 2	98.15%	0
Year 3	97.32%	0
Year 4	95.19%	61
Year 5	96.93%	23
Year 6 Magnolia	91.77%	10
Year 6 Sycamore	96.44%	60

# Important Key Dates- Autumn 1/2

October 2023 Black History Month		November 2023	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Early reading, writing and maths workshop (Reception parents)	Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am & 4.30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 9.30am & 4.30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families	3.35-3.50pm Thurs – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Open classroom
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 3.35-3.50pm	Open classroom	Week- 13-17 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Hello Yellow Day- wear something yellow.	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need- wear something spotty
		20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Book Fair at school
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Half term	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov R-Y6	Flu immunisations
		Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Inset Day No school



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# Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2023



## Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is **Celebrating Our Sisters**. Lewisham are joining together with partners and local community groups to offer a broad programme of events celebrating the history, achievements and contributions of the borough's African Caribbean communities this October and beyond.

This weekend you can enjoy **Gallery In The Air** at Deptford Market Yard. This event is free to all.

A fantastic series of free, open-air exhibitions giving a platform to local young, black artists. Taking place each Saturday throughout October from 10am – 4pm in Deptford Market Yard. There will also be an indoor space showcasing and celebrating the rich heritage and history of Britain's black communities – from miners to dockworkers, from Britain's Black Panthers to the roots of the Notting Hill Carnival.

Visit <https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/black-history-month> for more information and lots more to explore in Lewisham this October.

## What else is on in Lewisham this weekend?

If you like Dinosaurs, Blackheath Halls presents 'Ultimate Dinosaurs' with Professor Ben Garrod this coming Saturday and Sunday. Prices fixed at £9 per person. Visit the website for further information and to book.



<https://www.blackheathhalls.com/whats-on/>

# Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

## 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 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.

Black History Month takes place in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Having begun in the USA, it has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage.

At Brindishe Schools, we believe that everyone is special and important! We encourage the children to think about what is the best thing about being them. You can find a wealth of Black History resources to share at home with your child on CBeebies, including presenter videos of their idols including Nelson Mandela and Harriet Tubman.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/cbeebies-house-black-history-heroes?collection=black-history-month>



## Online Safety Bulletin

Does your child have speech, language and communication needs? Talking about life online can be challenging for any young person. Having speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it almost impossible.

Parent Zone understand that talking about life online with a young person who has speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it difficult, so they have created a selection of visual and spoken resources to help you.

You can find out more here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/TalkTech>



# Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2024. For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Tuesday 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Monday 16th October - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

## Secondary Schools Transfer 2024

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2024, then now is the time to start filling in your online application and visiting Lewisham secondary school 'Open Days'. The Lewisham website has all the information you need to know about secondary admissions.

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2024](#)

**Closing date for applications:** Tuesday 31 October 2023 )

### Key Federation Dates

- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Schools closed to all children.

## 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](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org). Our first meeting is on **Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**