

# Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023



Brindishe  
**Lee**

## What has been happening this week?

We had a great time on Monday morning at playtime planting the bulbs and flowers you kindly sent in. Please send some in if you haven't yet done so. The children really enjoy planting them and the school is starting to look more colourful.

### **Pupil Parliament**

This week the children learned about democracy and put that learning into practise by electing their class representatives for Pupil Parliament. They will quickly be put to work by Mrs Ferrant as there are two urgent issues to discuss: How we reward good behaviour in assembly and how we reward class attendance.

The Pupil Parliament will then set their agenda for the year and feed into the School Development Plan.



## What is happening next week?



To mark the season and appreciate how lucky we are to have food, at this time of year we are making a Harvest Collection for AFRIL across the federation. Please bring in your donations by Friday 13th October. Our school has been asked to collect tinned fish especially, but any donations of dried/ tinned food are welcome. During that week, the children will have an assembly to learn about the important work of the charity.



## Special Menu on Thursday- Census day!

Have a look at our special menu to promote our school lunches on Thursday! If your child would like to have a school lunch on this day, please let the office know. We'd like as many children as possible to enjoy it. This is a very important day for our school because we are given money from the government for every child who is in school on this day. This money is used for resources, staffing, the environment, keeping the building updated....the list goes on. Please try to ensure that your child is in school on time on Thursday 5th. Thank you!

## 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!



## Alumni News

We hope our Year 6 leavers are all settled into their new schools! Lots of parents have asked about their destinations to help guide their choices for pupils in Year 5 and 6. Here we have a list of our leaver's destinations:

School	Number of children
Conisborough College	4
Eltham Hill School	3
Thomas Tallis School	3
The John Roan School	2
Bexley Grammar School	1
Blackheath High School	1
Bonus Pastor Catholic College	1
Bromley High School	1
Colfe's School	1
Greenvale School	1
Haberdashers' Knights Academy	1
Harris Academy Greenwich	1
Newstead Wood School	1
Prendergast Ladywell School	1
St Thomas the Apostle College	1
Sydenham School	1
Townley Grammar School	1

# Important Information from the Office

**Year 6 School Journey:** Outstanding payments need to be settled by tomorrow! There is a meeting for parents at 3.40pm on Thursday 5th October to share more information about the experience your child will have.

**Music:** We still have spaces if your child would like to learn an instrument. Vikki has all the details. If your child is signed up for music lessons, please ensure you have made your payment.

**Lunch money:** We still have outstanding payments from last term. We really would appreciate your accounts being settled as soon as possible.

## Attendance This Week

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	95.63%	38
Year 1	94.25%	18
Year 2	98.41%	0
Year 3	98.77%	20
Year 4	99.26%	5
Year 5	96.17%	0
Year 6 Magnolia	85.9%	30
Year 6 Sycamore	90.22%	0

## Important Key Dates- Autumn 1

September 2023		October 2023 Black History Month	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Inset Days	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Early reading, writing and maths workshop (Reception parents)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep Y1-6	Start of term	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 9.30am & 4.30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families
Reception dates	See separate letter	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 3.35-3.50pm	Open classroom
WB 11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep @ 3.45pm –	Class meetings See newsletter	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Hello Yellow Day- wear something yellow.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep – 9.30am & 4.30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Half term



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Federation

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## 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.

### Community-Led Events in Lewisham

#### #ADAPT Black History Harvest

*Sunday 1 October, 11.30am - 3pm | Coco Collective- Ital Community Gardens, SE6 3SE | Free*

Expect food growing workshop for children and young people.

[Book your free ticket for #ADAPT Black History Harvest.](#)

#### 75 Years and Counting

*Thursday 5 October, 11.30am - 2.30pm | Honor Oak Community Centre, SE4 2JD | £3*

This intimate exhibition will comprise shared experiences of the Windrush and NHS – both of which turned 75 this year. To book, email [info@60up.org.uk](mailto:info@60up.org.uk) or call 020 3667 3704.

#### Gallery In The Air

*Saturday 7/ 14/ 21/ 28 October | Deptford Market Yard, SE8 | Free*

A fantastic series of free, open-air exhibitions giving a platform to local young, black artists.

#### Celebrating Our Sisters: Black Female Artists Honouring Black History Month

*Monday 16 – Sunday 22 October | Pop Up At Brockley, 16-18 Brockley Cross, SE4 | Free*

A curated collection celebrating black sisterhood. Enjoy paintings, photography, sculpture and multimedia installations created exclusively by black female artists.

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



# Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

## Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care

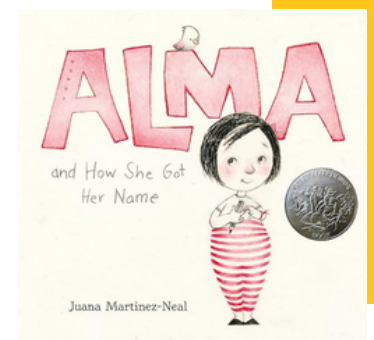
Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

## 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.

At Brindishe Schools, we firmly believe that every child and adult is unique. We celebrate our similarities and differences and ensure that all children are valued.

Our names are very important to us and it is important to try to pronounce people's names correctly to respect the right to a name and identity. Watch '[Alma and How She Got Her Name](#)' with your child at home. How did you get your name?

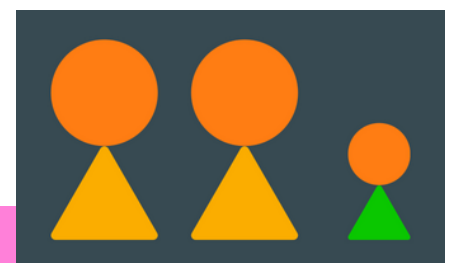


## Online Safety Bulletin - Age Ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs.

One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>
- Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+



# 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.**