



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 6th 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 31st October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24th October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24th 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. Our first meeting is on **Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**