



Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Thursday 15th September 2022

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Bank Holiday on Monday 19th September – Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

It was announced over the weekend that Monday 19th September has been declared a Bank Holiday to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. I can confirm that our schools will be closed on that day.

Over the next week, the staff will continue to talk to the children, answering any questions they might have and taking time to explain to them what will happen during this period of National Mourning. We will continue to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth and the succession of King Charles III in appropriate ways.

A statement from the Mayor of Lewisham.

I am saddened to hear the news from Buckingham Palace, announcing the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

Her Majesty sacrificed much for our country and served with unwavering dedication and that will not be forgotten.

Earlier this year Lewisham residents came together to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, with community events and street parties held across the borough. In the true spirit of Her Majesty, these parties, concerts and picnics brought people from different communities, backgrounds and ages together for a very special weekend of celebrations. Lots of local people also took part in the formal celebrations in central London. These are special memories that will be cherished.

I know that many people will have their own personal memories which they will reflect on, and the Council will be opening books of condolence for those who wish to pay their respects locally. These will be available from tomorrow afternoon at The Civic Suite, Catford; Downham Library and the Deptford Lounge.

The flag at the Civic Suite is being flown at half-mast as a mark of respect and our thoughts and sympathies are with the Royal Family at this sad and difficult time.

Damien Egan
Mayor of Lewisham



Books of condolence

Books of condolence are now open to allow residents to pay their respects to Her Majesty the Queen at the following locations:

- [The Civic Suite Catford](#) - Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday
- [Downham Library](#) - Open 9am - 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am - 5pm on Saturday
- [The Library at Deptford Lounge](#) - Open 9am - 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am - 5pm on Saturday

Buckingham Palace is also welcoming messages from the public in an [online book of condolence](#).



Primary School Admissions for 2023

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2023?

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you can apply for a Reception place for September 2023.

Before you apply you should:

- Research your local primary schools
- Visit schools you want to apply for
- Carefully check the criteria for schools you are interested in.



Lewisham website has all the important information you need to know about applying for primary school places. The information is intended for residents of the Lewisham borough only. If your child lives outside the borough, you are welcome to apply for schools in Lewisham but must do so through your local council.

Useful websites

All you need to know about applying to start primary school in the Lewisham borough

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start primary school in September 2023](#)

Apply online for admission to primary schools at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2023.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Thursday 29 September 10am and 4.30pm	Tuesday 27th September 9:30am and 4:30pm	Thursday 22nd September 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 18 October 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 13th October 9:30am and 4:30pm	Monday 17th October 9:30am and 4:30pm
Thursday 17th November 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 14th November 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 16th November 9:30am and 4:30pm

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools. Email details can be found on our school websites.



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

What age should your child be using social media apps?

What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

Reporting functions

If your child is using any of the below apps then make sure you show them how to use the reporting facilities within each app and ensure your child knows that they must tell you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Use the apps together and explore the different security and privacy settings.

Further information

Is your child too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media? Then you could suggest an alternative option.

Internet Matters list several apps that have been created for younger children, they are grouped for ages 6 – 10 and ages 11 – 13: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week



Article 38 (war and armed conflicts)

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflict.

Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)

Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

This week's articles are linked with International Day of Peace, observed around the world each year on 21st September. Children at Brindishe use existing strategies such as mindfulness and calming techniques to ensure their learning environments are peaceful.

Take five minutes to sit peacefully, be still and quiet... to consider all that you could do for yourself.

How does it feel to be at peace with yourself, and in your community?

Being at peace within yourself is important. What one thing could you do to bring greater peace into your own life?

...and to the people around you?



Black History Month in Lewisham

Black History Lewisham

Black History Month runs nationally every October to commemorate the history, achievements and contributions of black communities in the UK.

Black History Lewisham will explore Black history and culture during the month of October and beyond starting with a fun filled, family-friendly day packed full of free creative workshops, installations and talks exploring our air, health and environment.

We Breathe, Together, at the Horniman

Saturday 17th September

We Breathe, Together is programmed by Invisible Dust for We Are Lewisham, London Borough of Culture 2022 with the support of Arts Council England and the Mayor of London. Further information can be found [here](#).

[We Breathe, Together, at the Horniman - Black History Month 2022](#)





Lewisham Foodbank

Lewisham Foodbank are gearing up for Harvest time and once again will be relying on schools to consider supporting us during this season.

Despite having a few quiet weeks, they are beginning to gear up for the potential of being overwhelmed in the autumn as a result of the cost of living crisis which will affect their clients more than we dare to imagine.

Some numbers

In the first half of 2022 Lewisham Foodbank fed: 6,509 adults and 3,371 children totaling 9,880 people. This is compared to the same dates in 2019 (pre-Covid) when they fed 3,242 adults and 1,877 children totaling 5,119 people.

Any donation, however small, will be hugely appreciated.

What they need

Each school has been given a nomination.

Brindishe Green: BREAKFAST & BISCUITS

Where to send Harvest donations

Please email logistics@lewisham.foodbank.org.uk to arrange delivery/collection.

Polio Booster for 1-9 year olds

Children aged 1 to 9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. For some children this may be an extra dose on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations. There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in London is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread in Lewisham and beyond.

Lewisham Hospital is offering children the polio vaccine. Polio can be very serious, and the vaccine will boost children's protection.

Parents can book an appointment for their child by completing this form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bde8m2z8>

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/polio-booster-campaign-resources>

Key Federation Dates

- Secondary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1st September 2022**
- 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 – **Monday 31st October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022)
- October Half Term – **Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**



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