



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023

Vacancies at Brindishe Schools

We currently have a number of vacancies across the federation for office posts, including Federation Housekeeper and HR and Payroll Manager. Please visit our school website for further information, job descriptions and application forms.

[Brindishe Federation - Vacancies \(brindisheschools.org\)](https://brindisheschools.org)

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 2 – Non-discrimination

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination.

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 March. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

Why do you think it is important to have a special day to celebrate women?

- To celebrate how amazing women are.
- To recognise how women have changed the world.
- To acknowledge the challenges women still face around the world.
- To encourage women to be themselves – to be the best they can be!
- To let women know they are appreciated.
- To speak out about inequality.
- Fewer girls than boys go to school – this isn't right.
- Women often get paid less than men for doing the same job.
- It is about equality and ensuring all are treated fairly and not discriminated against.
- To explore what we need to do to create a world where gender equality exists.



There are so many amazing women to learn about and some brilliant books that we share with children in Brindishe Schools. Watch this [clip](#) to see some drawings of the women who are part of the Puffin Little Leaders books.





Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

How old is your child online?

Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account?

For example, did your 8-year-old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age? If so, please read some of the implications outlined below that you should think about.

If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults.

In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all functionalities (whereas some apps place restrictions on access to under 18s for example to direct messaging).

The following news article from Ofcom explains this in further detail as well as providing tips to help keep your child safe online: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/risks-of-children-using-false-ages-on-social-media>

Age ratings Parent Zone provide some advice on age ratings and why they matter in this blog: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>





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Secondary Offer Day – Wednesday 1st March 2023

When you will get your offer

Online applications

If you applied on time using the online system for admission in 2023, you will get an email after 5pm on 1 March 2023 telling you where your child has been offered a secondary school place.

Paper applications

If you applied using a paper application, Lewisham will send your result by first class post on 1 March 2023. This may take a couple of days to arrive.

If your child is not offered one of the schools you applied for, and you are unable to contact Lewisham by telephone, please email secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk and include 'Secondary transfer 2023 – allocated place' in the subject line.

How to accept your place

If you applied online, you need to accept the place on the [Eadmissions website](#).

If you completed a paper application, you should return your completed acceptance form to secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk and use 'Secondary transfer 2023 Acceptance' in the subject line.

You must accept your place by Wednesday 15 March 2023.

If you have not been offered any of the schools you applied for

Unfortunately, Lewisham can't offer every child a place at a school they applied for. However, they do make sure they offer every child who lives in the borough a school place.

If you live in the borough and Lewisham can't offer you a place at any of the schools on your list, they will offer you a place at your nearest Lewisham school that has a vacancy. This could be a faith or non-faith school.

[For further support and advice please visit Lewisham Council Website here](#)

Lewisham School Term Dates

Lewisham schools term dates have now been published up to 2027 and can be found on Brindishe Website or on the Lewisham Council Website.

[Lewisham Council - School term and holiday dates](#)



Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 rd March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 rd May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 th July 2023, 6pm



Key Federation Dates

- SHINE at Blackheath starts – **Saturday 25th Feb**
- Secondary offer day - **Wednesday 1 March 2023** (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)
- Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April
- Monday 17th April – Children return to school for Summer Term
- **Primary offer day** - Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)

Further Strike Days – possible school closures will be communicated closer to the strike days

- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

Are you throwing a community event for the Coronation?

Local people can apply for small grants of up to £300 to organise Coronation related activities:

[Apply for a coronation small grant](#). Deadline Sunday 19 March 2023.

The National Lottery are offering funding of up to £10,000 through Awards For All England:

Apply for a [National Lottery grant here](#). Deadline: Ongoing. You must apply at least 12 weeks before your event, for example, if you are planning an event for 6 May, your deadline will be 25 February.

If you want to host a street party, you don't need any special permission or insurance, but you will need to apply for a road closure:

[Apply for a street party road closure](#).

