



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is **Celebrating Our Sisters**.

**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**



Starting on Monday 16th, you can enjoy a curated collection celebrating black sisterhood. Enjoy paintings, photography, sculpture and multimedia installations created exclusively by black female artists which pays tribute to the collective experiences of black women.



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 half term?

This October Half Term 2023 The Conservatoire has a holiday programme which is running from Monday 23 October to Saturday 28 October with the theme of Going Underground. You'll find an eclectic mix of music, art, drama, dance and digital technology courses for all ages. For example, creative Dance for kids, Brilliant Brass, Cello Journey, Moving With The Earth, Drama In A Day and Make a Musical.

You can also find out more by visiting our [website](https://www.conservatoire.org.uk) or emailing info@conservatoire.org.uk.



Please find attached the full conservatoire with our newsletter.

Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

Introducing Article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



What are all the things that you need to survive and to develop?

- Good health – physical and mental
- Education
- Healthy food
- Clean water
- Somewhere safe to live
- People to look after you
- A name and an identity so you can be registered for healthcare and education
- Protection so you are safe from abuse and neglect
- A good standard of living
- Time and space to relax and play
- Knowledge of your rights



Article 6 talks about developing to your full potential and surviving; other words that are sometimes used are 'flourish' and 'thrive'. At home with your child, look up the definitions of these words – do they all mean the same thing?

Online Safety Bulletin

Talking to younger children - It is never too early to start chatting to our children about how to stay safe online. But how can we do this? Here are some of our suggestions:

Use books to spark conversations

Childnet have created a collection of five 'Digiduck' stories to help you educate your child (aimed at aged 3–7) about online safety. The stories are available here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>.

In addition, Childnet have created a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above titled 'On the internet.' The book also includes puzzles to encourage conversations. The book can be downloaded here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/>

Watch Jessie & Friends together

ThinkuKnow have created three different animations for three age groups between 4 – 7 years. ThinkuKnow also provide some useful guidance and advice on what else you can do to keep your child safer online, such as setting up appropriate parental controls. You can find out more here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

Is your child under 5?

This article is specifically aimed at those with children under the age of 5 and discusses the benefits of being online as well as how to create a safer online environment. You can read the article here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>



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 second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**