



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

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Free collection of graphic novels, comic books and manga at Lewisham

Libraries

In an incredible opportunity to engage readers of all abilities and ages, every child in Lewisham can now get free unlimited access to thousands of extra digital books using their library card.

As a brand new addition to their service Lewisham Libraries have introduced 'Comics Plus' - offering digital access for every library member on desktop, mobile or tablet. Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for offline reading - with unlimited copies. There is something for all ages (adults too!) - and each user is only offered content that is suitable for their age group.



For more information follow this link visit
<https://comicsplusapp.com/about/faqs/>



Easter Holiday Vouchers

The London Borough of Lewisham has confirmed that it is able to support families with FSM (Free School Meal) eligible children by providing vouchers for the Easter Holidays.

The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child. Families will receive a supermarket voucher provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.

From Thursday 7th March, families who are on benefit related free school meals should receive a HAF Holiday Voucher from Holiday Activities. Redeeming this voucher will credit your account with 4 credits that can be used to book free activities over the holiday period for 4 hours per day, 4 days a week. Food will be provided along with fruit and snacks.

Please be aware that activities are booked on a first-come, first-served basis so keep an eye out for an email or text message containing a HAF voucher and be sure to browse the available activities.

If you are unsure of the process of redeeming and using your voucher, please see the following link which will take you to the online Parent Guide: <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/articles/12899380332561-Parent-Guide>.

For further support, please email the provider direct on support@holidayactivities.com or call on 01638 438 311.

Right Respecting Article Of The Week

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Who or what influences the way you think about the world and shapes your thoughts and beliefs?

- Your cultural background and heritage
- Friends
- Family
- TV
- School
- Where you live
- Your religion
- Your health
- Social media
- Personal life experiences
- Your family history
- Politicians
- Celebrities
- Education



Article 14 is all about your thoughts and beliefs. These are very personal things and help to define who you are.

What things do you feel most strongly about that make you the person you are?

What more can you do to help other people around you to enjoy this right?

At Brindishe Schools we discuss with children how important it is (and their right) to have their own thoughts and beliefs and that no child should experience any form of discrimination. This is why we believe it's so important to learn about different religions at school.

In this video, 11 year-old Simran shows you a Gurdwara, the Sikh place of worship. Religions often have a special place where people come together to worship. Watch this video at home with your child. What other places of worship can you think of together?



The Gurdwara | Religious Studies - My Life, My Religion: Sikhism



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 fourth meeting of this academic year is on **Tuesday 19th March at 6pm** at Brindishe Manor School.

Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language, and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>



Key Federation Dates

- **SHINE at Blackheath starts Saturday 24th until Saturday 23rd March**
- Last day of term - **Thursday 28th March**
- Easter Holidays - **Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**
- Children return to school - **Monday 15th April**
- Primary National Offer Day - **Tuesday 16th April**