



Brindishe
Lee

Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025

What has been happening this week?

British Science Week has been a great time to consider the importance of science in the world and consider possible future careers. Mrs Rathbone's assembly and the whole school science investigation helped the children to understand that we need to test ideas and really find out the facts, as things are not always as you would first think! The investigation was a great illustration of how we grow and change as we get older. Have a look at the display outside the boardroom the next time you visit the school.

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday. They got to see the London Philharmonic Orchestra play music from *The Snail and the Whale*. They had fun joining in with the singing.



What is happening next week?

Assembly on Monday will celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as part of our Rights Respecting Schools work. Click on the link opposite for more information. We will also be learning about the significance of St Patrick's Day in the UK and Ireland.

Year 3 will be heading out to the Petrie Museum to look at some Ancient Egyptian artefacts closely. This will really enhance their History learning as they understand how we can learn about the past from these objects.



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Important Information From the Office

Payments need to be made for the following trips on **Horizons**. Thank you for your co-operation!

Reception: Unicorn Theatre

Year 1- Planetarium

Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Please look out for the message on WEDUC regarding booking your meeting with your child's class teacher.

Year 6 parents, we need to postpone your meetings until Ms Benton is up to date with your child's progress.

Year 1 parents, you have the option of Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March. We are unable to offer any late evening appointments for Year 1 at this time. If this is a problem for you, please do contact the school and we will make other arrangements for you.

Reception, Year 2, Year 3, year 4 and Year 5 can book appointments on Tuesday 25th March between 3.40pm and 5.40pm and on Thursday 27th March between 3.40pm and 6.30pm.

Family Navigator Meeting at Brindishe Lee

Meet Our Family Navigator

Wednesday 26th March at Brindishe Lee 2.45pm

What can a family navigator do for you?

Kashmir Thethi can:

Provide information,

Signpost to local services

Provide practical advice

Help complete forms... and lots, lots more.



Please email the office if you would like to attend - Info-bl@brindisheschools.org
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

F@B are excited to offer the kids a school disco on Tuesday 1st April. There will be separate sessions for KS1 and KS2, both on the same evening. Tickets and further details to go out shortly. 🧑🏻‍🎓 🧑🏻‍🎓 🌐

You'll be pleased to hear that the tattoos and glowsticks are old stock that the team are using up. We are keen to stay in line with our Eco- Schools guidance and bearing this in mind, we thought it better not to waste these things that we already have.



Attendance

Well done, once again, to year 6!

Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Reception	94.44%	42
Year 1	97.78%	273
Year 2	98.15%	21
Year 3	99.15%	228
Year 4	97.22%	4
Year 5	90.54%	3
Year 6	98.81%	0

Important Dates

March 2025		April 2025	
Friday 7 th March	Dress Up for World Book Day	Mon 7 th – 21 st April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 25 th March and Thursday 27 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Tues 22 nd April	Start of Summer Term



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FREE SEN Support Engagement Events for Parents and Carers - 25th April to 1st May 2025

- Fri 25th April 2025, 9:30 – 11:30
- Sat 26th April 2025, 13:00 – 15:00
- Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Wed 30th April, Thurs 1st May 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 AND 17:00 – 19:00

Within the context of Lewisham's Delivering Better Value (DBV) Programme there will be a number of FREE bookable parent/ carer SEN Support engagement workshops covering themes that are of relevance to a large group of parents/ carers of children and young people at SEN Support level.

The workshops will be delivered by a range of partners including SEND Advisors, School Staff, Educational Psychologists, CAMHS, OT and Speech and Language Therapists.

There will be three thematic workshops which have two areas of focus in each:

- Ordinarily Available Provision and Effective Use of Teaching Assistants
- Emotionally Based School Non- Attendance (EBSNA) and Relational Approaches
- Language, Communication and Thinking Skills

There is a promotional 'Save the dates' flyer attached to this newsletter.

Events will be held in a number of venues across Lewisham borough.

Further details including booking information will be available soon.



Easter Holiday Vouchers

Holiday Activities and Food vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families so you can participate in activities during the Easter Term break. Your vouchers were sent on 3rd March via the email address we have on our system. Please check your email inbox.

Lewisham School Health Service Showcase Event!!

Lewisham are inviting all professionals, parents/carers and children to a showcase event on Thursday 27th March. This is hosted by Lewisham School Health Service Team and is online from 3pm - 6pm. If you would like to attend, follow the link here for free booking - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lewisham-school-health-service-showcase-event-tickets-1277812003099?aff=oddtcreator>



Online Safety Bulletin

Should children have mobile phones?

The Children's Society explore this important question in their recent blog titled "Should children have mobile phones?" The article discusses concerns such as excessive screentime being linked with mental health issues as well as the benefits of a child friendly phone rather than a smart phone.

You can read the full article here:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/should-children-have-mobile-phones>



The
Children's
Society

Rights Respecting - Article of the week

World Water Day

March 22nd is World Water Day.

We all know that water is vital for everyone in their daily lives across the world, and back in 2015 the world committed to working together to make sure that everyone has access to safe, clean water and good sanitation. This was Sustainable Development Goal 6.

But there is still much work to be done with over 2 billion people drinking unsafe water. An important aim of World Water Day is to inspire everyone to take action and make the necessary changes so that the right to clean water can be achieved by 2030 for everyone.

Article 24 (health and health services) - Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 27 (adequate standard of living) - Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

Each year World Water Day identifies a theme. Take a look at the [World Water Day website](#) to find out what this year's theme is. Make a poster with your child to promote it and decide on one action that you will take.



Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - rawaite@brindisheschools.org. **Our fourth meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.**

Key Federation Dates

- End of Spring Term 2 - Friday 4th April
- Easter Holidays - Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025
- Children return to school - Tuesday 22nd April
- BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 5th May
- Year 6 SATS week - Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May