



Brindishe  
Federation

**Brindishe Federation  
Newsletter  
Friday 11th October 2024**



## Secondary School Applications Deadline

Secondary School closing date for applications is fast approaching: **Thursday 31st October 2024**. We strongly advise that you submit your online application by **Thursday 24th October**. When you start your application, the system will identify your home local authority from your postcode and your application will be sent electronically to your council when you submit. Make sure your home address and postcode are correct, especially if you have made an online application for your children before.

All guidance can be found on the Lewisham website. Alternatively please ask a Senior Leader if you need further support.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>

## Black History Lewisham 365 Events

### Black History Harvest

Sunday 13 October 2024, 11am-6pm

Black Gate next to, 75 Firhill RD, Bellingham, SE6 3SE

Coco Collective presents a Black History Harvest focused on #ReclaimingNarratives for Lewisham's Black community. Activities include stone painting for children, permaculture tours, gardening, and a harvest cooked into Ital soup. **Free tickets are available via Eventbrite.**

### The Little Mermaid – Spontaneous Productions

Saturday 28 September – Sunday 27 October 2024

Sydenham Centre, Lewisham

This new adaptation of The Little Mermaid by Jamaican playwright Lavern Archer reimagines the story with Caribbean culture, music, and dance. The production is aimed at families and celebrates Black culture. [Tickets are available now.](#)



## Greece Day - Thursday 17th October

Greece Day for all Brindishe Schools is booked for **Thursday 17th October**. Radish, our catering company will be serving the children some dishes from Greece, including Chicken Gyros in pitta, Spanakopita and Milopita (Greek Style Apple Spice Cake).

If your child would like to have the Greece Day Menu, they should inform their teachers Thursday morning during the register.



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### GREECE DAY MENU

**MAINS**

- Slow cooked Chicken Gyros served in a Pitta served with Salad and Yoghurt Dressing
- Spanakopita - Creamy Spinach and Feta Filo Pie served with Greek Style Baby Potatoes and Salad

**DESSERT**

- Milopita - Greek Style Apple Spice Cake

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IT'S ALL GOOD

# Panto Competition

Pantomime returns to Catford's Broadway Theatre this Christmas with a spellbinding new production of Sleeping Beauty. To celebrate, Joy Productions, the team behind the show is holding a writing and drawing competition. Children are invited to either write a story (max 200 words) about Sleeping Beauty awakening from her slumber or design a costume for Nanny Nora the Panto Dame.

There will be one winner and two runners up for each competition. All will receive invites to a special ceremony at the theatre to see their work displayed. Entries close on Monday 4 November.

Please contact Helen White, Head of Outreach at Joy Productions, on [helenwhiteoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:helenwhiteoutreach@gmail.com) for more details.



**Young Thinkers Philosophy Club**

The Philosophy Foundation encourages creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills—valuable tools for learning and life.

Philosophy Foundation sessions offer children a fun and engaging space to explore big ideas through open discussions, stories, and activities. Led by an experienced philosopher, each session encourages creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills—valuable tools for learning and life.

Guided by an experienced philosopher, children are encouraged to explore big ideas through thought-provoking questions and collaborative discussions. These sessions help them develop important skills, such as critical thinking, clear communication, and the ability to form and evaluate their own arguments—valuable tools that will benefit them across all areas of learning and life.

Sessions will run on the second Tuesday of the month at Manor House Library, starting October 8th

3:45pm - 4:45pm - Ages 5 - 7 £8 per child  
5:00pm - 6:00pm - Ages 8 - 11 £8 per child

Scan the QR code to book tickets, find out more details including dates and what subjects will be covered. Details can also be found at [www.mhlilibrary.co.uk](http://www.mhlilibrary.co.uk)

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## Young Thinkers Philosophy Club

The Philosophy Foundation sessions offer a unique and enriching experience for children, where open discussions explore philosophical themes in an engaging, fun environment. Using a range of stimulating materials, including picture books, activities, and poems, each session encourages both creativity and critical thinking.

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Full details can be found here - [Buy tickets - Young Thinkers Philosophy Club - Manor House Library \(tickettailor.com\)](http://www.tickettailor.com)

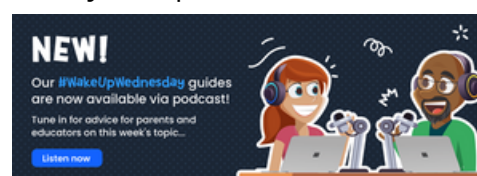


# Online Safety Bulletin

If your child has played or seen any online games from the past few years, they've probably noticed that almost every title of this kind has some kind of chat functionality. Whether allowing players to send text messages to one another or letting them use their mics to chat together on voice if your child is on a multiplayer game, chances are they can talk to fellow gamers, one way or another.

Sadly, such a function comes with its fair share of risks – as is to be expected with a feature intended to connect gamers from around the world and it is immensely important for parents and educators to understand these concerns and help young players address them. That's why The National College has put together this free guide and podcasts, breaking down the most prevalent issues associated with in-game chat and letting you know how to keep youngsters as safe as possible if or when they're exposed to this feature.

Parents/carers can register for free - [click image](#)



# Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

## 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

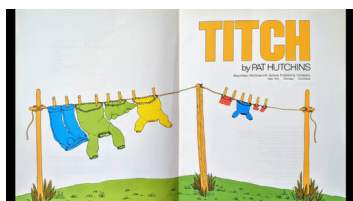
A name and an identity so you can be registered for healthcare and education

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



### Share the story about Titch with your child at home

Can you think of three things that you can do now that you couldn't do when you were younger?

Perhaps you can create a timeline showing what you could do when you were different ages – remember though, that everybody develops at different speeds.

## Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the field and people can reflect and show gratitude for the food that they have.

It dates back a long time in British history, to when people relied on crops for food and farmers would give thanks for a good harvest.

At Brindishe Schools your child will learn about harvest time, and collect food for those in need in your local community. They will have a special assembly too. Look out for Harvest Festival Donation information in your schools individual newsletter.



## 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](mailto:rawaite@brindisheschools.org). **Our first meeting for 2024/2025 is Thursday 24th October at Brindishe Green School - 6pm.**

## Key Federation Dates

- **Governing Body Meeting - Thursday 24th October**
- **October Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November**
- **Secondary School Application Deadline - Thursday 31st October**
- **INSET DAY - Friday 29th November**