



Brindishe  
Manor

# Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025



## What has been happening this week...

It has been great to welcome the children back to school this week. The children have probably been telling you all about the repairs that are being made to the training room roof and the structure of the shelter! This has meant that a large section of the children's playground has needed to be shut off for the work to take place. All of the children are now using the space around the school for their play and PE lessons. We will keep the children informed about the progress of the works once we have more information.

This week Year 2 visited the Forest School Council site at Greenwich Park to develop their learning about plants and animals. The children had a great day in Greenwich Park exploring the new teaching pod and space that has been built there. Mrs Phillips and Mr Dhuru both said that the children had lots of fun pond dipping and listened well to the teachers on site. If you would like to take your own families to Greenwich park, the FSC have family sessions over the weekends for you to enjoy. Take a look at their website.

## What is happening next week?

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The children are invited to arrive at school from 8:35am and grab a small breakfast that the PSFA are organising for us. Parents and carers are then invited to come into classrooms until 9am and read with their child.

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

As usual, we would like to invite children to come dressed as a favourite character from a book of their choice. Please do not buy expensive costumes, the fun of the day is making do with what you have and planning the ideas at home together! If your child would prefer to wear their Pyjamas to school for the day, then this is absolutely fine.



On Tuesday 4th March we have invited Zoe Antoniades, the author of the 'Jimmy and Cally' series into school to talk to children in years 2, 3, 4 & 5. Zoe will run some whole school assemblies and then work with year groups in workshops to explore the writing process. Zoe will be available after school for families to purchase her books. Please see the leaflet attached!

Our *Raddish* catering team will also be operating a 'Golden Ticket' at lunchtime on Thursday. A child from each year group will have the opportunity to win a book!



## Parents Evening Spring 2025

Parents Evening

Our parents evening will take place on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March 2025 between 3:30-6:30pm.

This is an opportunity to hear about your child's progress and to see their learning since September. We will send you the information on how to book your slot at the end of next week. Please remember to leave enough time to have a look at your child's learning before your appointment, where possible.

### Family Navigator Thursday 20th March at Brindishe Manor 2.30pm

What can a family navigator do for you?

Kashmir Thethi can provide information, Signpost you to local services, provide practical advice, help complete forms and lots lots more.

Please email into the office if you would like to attend a

Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be provided

[Info-bm@brindisheschools.org](mailto:Info-bm@brindisheschools.org)

Overall school attendance this week:	<b>95.0%</b>	
Top 5 classes with attendance over 95%:	Turing	99%
	Escher	99%
	Attenborough	97%
	Rashford	97%
	Pankhurst	96%
A huge well done to Turing & Escher class who had 99% attendance this week		
Top classes with all children in on time	Escher, Kusama, Latimer Huge well done to them all 😊	

### National Offer Day for Year 6 Pupils

Monday 3rd March is national offer day for our Year 6 pupils.

For parents and carers that need to talk anything through or need advice, Charlotte Dougan, Gemma caller and Kate Porter are all available to support you. Please give the school office a call or email Lisa and she will let us know.

### Key Dates

**Monday 3rd March** - National Offer Day for Year 6 pupils

**Tuesday 4th March** - author visit and book sale after school (cash only)

**Tuesday 4th March** - Year 6 TFL workshop

**Wednesday 5th March** - UCL workshop with year 5

**Thursday 6th March** - World book day

**Wednesday 12th March** - Friday 14th March - Year 4 Residential to Juniper Hall

**Tuesday 25th March** - Parent's evening

**Thursday 27th March** - Parents evening

**Friday 4th April** - Last day of term

Dates for the Diary:

# World Book Day

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Author Visit for years 2,3,4 & 5

Zoe Antoniades—Tuesday 4th

March



Zoe has written the hilarious and heartwarming series about London-Cypriot twins, *Cally & Jimmy: Twins in Trouble*, *Twintastic*, *Twins Together* and *Twinseparable*.



Zoe will be selling/signing her books after school on

Tuesday 4th March @3:15

Books are £5 each and can be paid by cash or



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## Lewisham's Young Mayor

This is the 20th year of Lewisham Young Mayor elections and saw a record-breaking 62% turnout of young people voting across schools, sixth forms and colleges in the borough. **Shane Grant, aged 14, from Trinity School** (with 2,291 votes) was elected as Lewisham's Young Mayor. **Jimaine Lee, aged 14, from St Matthew Academy** (with 1,013 votes) was elected as Deputy Young Mayor. Congratulations to both of them and to all the 36 candidates who stood for election. Lewisham's outgoing Young Mayor, Bilvilyn Asamoah and Deputy Young Mayor Paul Frimpong - who have done a fantastic job - passed on the mayoral medals to the new incumbents at the ceremony in the Council Chamber before half term. Shane and Jimaine will work alongside the Council and local organisations to deliver projects, represent young people's views, and influence decision-making over the coming year. We hope to welcome them to Brindishe Schools soon.



## 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

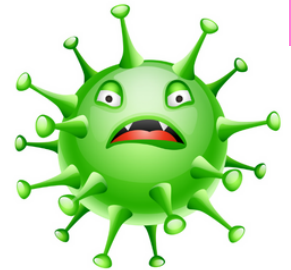
Holiday Activities and Food vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families so you can participate in activities during the Easter Term break. Your vouchers will be sent on 3rd March via the email address we have on our system.

## Free flu vaccine clinics for 2–19 year olds

If you have a child aged 2-19, they can get a free flu vaccine at our NHS clinics in February and March. Our Downham clinic is open every day after school, and we have pop-ups on various Saturdays over the next couple of months.

- Every day after school, 3.30pm to 5pm, Downham Health and Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP
- Saturday 15 February, 10am to 2pm, Evelyn Family Clinic, SE8 3PZ
- Saturday 22 February, 10am to 2pm, Downham Health and Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP
- Saturday 8 March, 10am to 2pm, Evelyn Family Clinic, SE8 3PZ
- Saturday 29 March, 10am to 2pm, Bellingham Family Hub Clinic, SE6 3HB

For more information, please visit the [South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisations webpage](#).



## Online Safety Bulletin

**YouTube**



YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:

- YouTube Kids – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).
- Supervised accounts – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:
  - Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
  - Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+
  - Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

## 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 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

## Save the Dates

### **SEN Support Engagement Events for Parents and Carers (FREE)**

**A programme of FREE bookable parent/ carer engagement workshops covering themes that are of relevance to a large group of parents/ carers of children and young people at SEN (Special Educational Needs) Support level in Lewisham**

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