



Brindishe  
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# Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

## What has been happening this week...

This week we invited families to attend our first open classroom of the new year. It was great to see the children sharing their learning with so many of you! We do understand that not everyone can make these sessions and want to reassure you that they are just one of the ways you can see your child's progress. We have these throughout the year, so if you couldn't make this one, there will be other opportunities.

## Today we celebrated Number Day!

The children took part in lots of fun activities across the school and lots came dressed in number related costumes. We ran our annual number photobooth, which the children loved. We will share some pictures with you on Weduc. Thank you to Lauren Blackie (year 1 teacher) who is our maths lead and who organised the day for the children.



## What is happening next week?

On Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February, we have organised for The Dogs Trust to attend school to run some assemblies and workshops with classes. The Dogs Trust workshops will focus on the theme of staying safe around dogs and cover topics such as responsible dog ownership and building confidence around dogs. The children will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

On Wednesday 12th February Amy Snaith, our Rights Respecting Lead will be welcoming the Unicef Rights Respecting accreditor to school to show them all of the fabulous learning and work we have been doing around the Right Respecting agenda over the past few years. The Rights Respecting Children's Team will be talking through our work and answering any questions they may have. They will also be speaking to Rachel Wait, our Executive Head, Kate Porter, teachers from across the school and our parent governor, Helen Fine. We are excited to share all of this with them!



## Lewisham Autism Strategy

Lewisham Council have an All-Age Autism Strategy that is in place between 2023 and 2028. Lewisham Council and its partner organisations have committed to progressing their vision that Lewisham is a borough in which people with autism can lead fulfilling lives.

Lewisham Council want to hear from their residents on the impact of the strategy implementation. They also want to understand what gaps and future steps that they may need to take in 2025/2026.

Please click on the link to answer the survey - [CLICK HERE](#)

**The survey closes on 14th February.**





**Next week is DT week which is led by Kamila Rahman (Year 3 teacher)**

## **DT Week – A Celebration of Creativity and Innovation**

Most of our children will be completing their DT learning for the term next week. This is always an exciting time, as pupils across the school showcase their creativity, problem-solving skills, and practical abilities through hands-on projects. The units for Spring term are as follows:

- Year 1 – Textiles: Bookmarks – Developing fine motor skills and an introduction to stitching.
- Year 2 – Mechanisms: Vehicles – Exploring simple mechanics and designing a moving vehicle.
- Year 3 – Textiles: Wall Hangings – Learning about patterns, textures, and fabric techniques.
- Year 4 – Textiles: Money Containers – *(Completed earlier this term)*
- Year 5 – Mechanisms: Moving Toys – Investigating how cams and levers create movement.
- Year 6 – Using Electricity to Make a Model Move – A more advanced project focusing on circuits and controlled movement, *(to be completed after half term)*.

DT is a vital subject that fosters creativity, resilience, and real-world problem-solving, and we can't wait to see the incredible work our children will produce.

### **Key Dates**

**W/c Monday 10th February** - DT week

**Monday 10th February** - Dogs Trust running workshops in school

**Tuesday 11th February** - Dogs Trust running workshops in School

**Wednesday 12th February** - Rights Respecting accreditation

**Thursday 13th February** - Lewisham Schools Team coming to visit

**Friday 14th February** - PSFA cake sale and world book day clothes sale

**Thursday 27th Feb** - Y2 to Greenwich Field Studies Centre

**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

**Further dates on the Weduc Calendar**



## Safer Internet Day

The theme this year is 'Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

### Top Tips for Parents and Carers of 3-7 year olds

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme ***'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'***.

Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them. We will lead assemblies for the children and computing lessons will include these themes next week!

Our older children will be looking at;

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

## A message from Lisa in the office...

### Can you help? We are looking for...

- Age 4, 5, 6 & 7 leggings, tracksuit bottoms or trousers and spare underwear for our 'spare clothes box'. This is for children who may need to change their clothes during the school day
- Any Lego that you may have finished with that we can use at lunchtimes for Lego club
- Any board games that are have ALL of the pieces, that we can use for our wet playtimes and lunchtimes e.g. connect four, card games, orchard toy games, drafts

We do not require any books at this time.

Thank you

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, Brindishe Manor is participating in the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)** programme, a national initiative which aims to further enhance inclusivity within schools.



We have been holding half-termly meetings for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Please see details of our **third PINS Coffee Session** below.

### WHAT?

The focus of the meeting will be **Support Services in Lewisham**.

### WHO?

Sophie Hodson from **Drumbeat** and Nalan Salih from **Lewisham Parent and Carer's Forum** will be leading the meeting. *Lewisham Family Hubs have also confirmed they will be joining us.*

### WHEN?

**Thursday 13th February at 2pm.**

We are varying the times of meetings to try to best suit the needs of all parents and carers.

### WHERE?

**Brindishe Manor 'Training Room'** - please come to the School Office at 1.55pm.

All are welcome.

You can drop in to the meeting, but you can also indicate your attendance by sending an email to [info-BM@brindisheschools.org](mailto:info-BM@brindisheschools.org)

Gemma Caller - Inclusion Lead  
and Brindishe Manor Team



A safe place for you to:

- Discuss well-being concerns and the needs of your child
- Learn about strategies to improve well-being
- Share and listen to experiences
- Connect with others and discuss ideas
- Learn about options for support

