



*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

## Open classrooms

We hope that you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom on Tuesday. We are so pleased that we can return to inviting parents and carers in to school to see the progress that the children are making. I know that the children enjoyed showing you their rooms and some of their learning. If you couldn't make this first open classroom then please do not worry as there will be one each half term for you to attend. The next one will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 3:15-3:45pm**

## Parent and Carer meetings

Our first of two parent and carer meetings will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30-7pm. We will be sending out the details for booking your appointments next week.

## Safeguarding at Brindishe Manor

As part of our learning around keeping ourselves safe, we teach the children not to speak to people through our fences or gates at school. We also ask our staff to be vigilant in ensuring that nobody from outside school is talking to the children and they will speak to the people involved and inform the school. We know it is lovely when you walk past to see your child at play or learning with their friends, but we do ask that you do not encourage them to come over to say hello as the adults supervising do not always know who familiar adults are and other children can find it confusing.

We thank you for your support with this and in helping to keep our children safe while in school.

## ***Parent Governor Election October 2022***

There is still time for you to cast your vote. To vote in person you should come to any of the Brindishe schools between **8.45am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and 3.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. Ballot papers will also be available in the school office.

If you choose to post a ballot form, then this must be sent to arrive no later than the close of the ballot at **3.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

The envelope should be addressed to "The Returning Officer, c/o Brindishe Green School", Beacon Road, London, SE13 5AF and marked with a "P".

Parent Governor Candidate	Pen portrait
Ali Bailey	My name is Ali Bailey and I have two children at Brindishe Manor and my third child is due to start next year. I am a primary school teacher with previous experience as a Teacher Governor. My family and I feel very lucky to be part of the Brindishe community and I would love the opportunity to work as a Parent Governor. I feel passionate about the future of the school and working with the other governors, children, teachers and parent. Please always feel free to come and have a chat with me. Thanks so much, Ali.
Lian Beauvillain	
Jonathan Blathwayt	I have two children at Brindishe Green, my son Taku in Y3 AND Momo in Y1. I know how important school is in the everyday life for both the pupils and parents, I am keen to become Governor to help the Federation maintain its high standards and strive to improve for all connected, whether that is staff, pupils and parents. I have 15 years' experience in public policy making and will bring the knowledge from this into my role as Governor.
Eleanor Doberska	With a child in Year 1 at Brindishe Manor, and another due to start nursery soon, I am keen to become more involved and contribute to supporting the Brindishe schools. I have a personal interest in child development and a professional background in higher education quality management, policy development and partnership management. As such, I have a range of skills and experiences to bring to the role. I would also welcome the opportunity to expand my knowledge of primary

	education, to better understand the children's school experience, and to gain insight into the regulatory environment within which the schools operate.
Claire Marie Friend	I have two children at Brindishe Lee (Years 1 and 3) and I am already involved in the school community, regularly helping with F@B fund raising events. As the daughter of a teacher and Chair of Governors, I have grown up with a strong interest in children's education. I want to support the school in its mission to provide the very best education. Enabling every child to achieve their full potential in a safe, happy environment as well as supporting their families and community. Working as doctor, I am also passionate about science and maths education, public health and wellbeing
Nicky Hamilton	My son is in reception at Brindishe Manor, I've lived in the area for nearly 6 years and love it here. I'm an employment lawyer and an Army reservist and my favourite thing to do is swimming with my little boy. Becoming a school governor is something I have wanted to do for a while to serve my local community in a meaningful way, assuring a quality school experience for all our children. As a parent governor I would be committed to representing parents in decisions about management of the school/s and would ensure I faithfully voice their views.

Lucy Lock	I would like to run for a second term as parent governor as I have really enjoyed the role. The experience has helped me understand the challenges faced by our schools and how I can contribute in a meaningful way. I remain passionate about supporting the Brindishe Federation in providing a fantastic and inclusive education for all our children.
Craig Newell	My daughter is in year 2 and therefore I have a long term vested interest in seeing the schools excel. I run my own business and understand planning, financial prudence and customer service. I also understand the pressures schools and teachers face in these unprecedented times and the need to work in harmony with all people involved in school life. We need the best for our children.
Adrian Prandle	We're in a tough few years for schools and families. I stand ready to help our community through. Father of two Brindishe Kids, I'm committed to providing opportunities for all pupils – whatever their needs, interests or background. I work in education policy with daily contact with practitioners and policy-makers at the highest levels of government. I will provide: SUPPORT AND ADVICE – for staff on policy and ofsted visits. CHALLENGE – to enhance home communications. CONTACT – In person and electronic dialogue with you. Thanks to early supporters across the federation, including Hannah@BG, Yemi@BL, Laura and Chris @BM, and more.
Ramsey R F Sargent	I would like to be a school governor because I want to help our schools prepare our children to be resilient and thrive in the world ahead. I grew up in Philadelphia and work at London Business School, from which I am also an alumna. My two children are in Year 1 and Year 2. I have experience sharing best practices as well as developing strategy. People who know me describe me as open and candid and welcoming of the new ideas and feedback. I would work hard to ensure our children have everything they need to become successful adults.
Helen Steevens	Education is one of the most important aspects of our children's lives. It can have a huge impact on future opportunities. My own experience as a teacher has made me aware of the various pressures and restraints that teachers and senior management face. Now as a parent myself, I understand the pressures that families face too and have seen this both at school and as a volunteer at a local children's charity. As a potential future Parent Governor I am willing to represent the parent voice.
Luke Styles	I am a father of a child currently in year 1, with a daughter who will join school (hopefully) in 2 years' time. Therefore, I will be directly involved with the school as a parent for at least the next 10 years. I want to ensure that not only my children but all the children continue to have the wonderful educational experience that my son has had so far at Brindishe Lee and I would bring this focus on educational excellence to me role as a governor. I am a professional composer and value the role that the arts play in the rounded education of young people and I would have the professional understanding of an arts practitioner and an arts educator when engaging in my role as governor. I see the nurturing and community atmosphere that the school engenders and I would look to make sure this remains a part of the school ethos.
Loretta Wiafe	I have been a firm believer in the importance of the welfare of children. As someone who has combined the legal aspect of my life (where fairness and justness are imperative) with my role as head of Sunday School (in which the thoughts and opinions of children take center stage), I have been able to navigate the core principles; that every child has the right to be a child – just as every individual has the right to be treated fairly and humanely. These two collaborating principles continue to be my guide in everything I pursue.

## **Black History Lewisham 365**

Black History Month runs nationally every October to commemorate the history, achievements and contributions of Black communities in the UK. This year's theme is **Time for Change: Action Not Words**.

### **What is Black History Lewisham 365?**

While it's important we acknowledge the national campaign each October, Lewisham believe in action 365 days a year. Over the past twelve months, they have been busy championing Black creators and trailblazers as part of our [We Are Lewisham](#) programme.

Black History Lewisham 365 is their commitment to offering a platform for Black voices and understanding Black lived experiences in October and beyond.

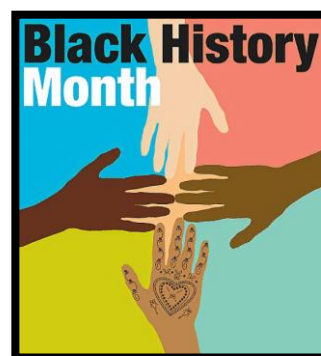
### **Upcoming Events**

#### ***The Story of the Windrush – Children's Workshop***

***Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022***

*Migration Museum | Lewisham Shopping Centre | 1pm and 3pm*

[Bookings and more information here.](#)



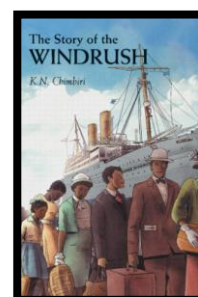
Join Kandace Chimbiri, author of *The Story of the Windrush*, for a book reading and art workshop for children of all ages. An opportunity to meet the author, who will give a short talk on the history behind the book. Then, create your own collage inspired by legacy of the Windrush generation. There will also be a book signing at the end of the event.

Kandace will be hosting two sessions – at 1pm and at 3pm, with each session lasting approximately an hour. This event is for children of all ages, with the book particularly recommended for ages 7 to 11 years. Every adult must be accompanied by a child!

Click the link below for all

Black History Lewisham 365 events

[Lewisham Council - Black History Lewisham 365](#)



# Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

## Pop-ups and adverts

When your child is playing on certain games or is on social media, they may see adverts/ pop up adverts. The content in these adverts may not always be appropriate to them, particularly if clicked on.

It is important to talk to your child about adverts and to think about what they are clicking on before they do and if they are unsure to either ignore them or to check with a trusted adult.

Further information <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/security/pop-ups-adverts/>



## *Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week*

**Article 12 (respect for the views of the child):** Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 12 says that every child has the right to express their views freely and that their views should be taken into account when decisions are made.

In Brindishe Schools, we have lots of **pupil leadership groups** which are beginning to take shape. These groups help pupils share their views and opinions on school life.

- Digital Leaders
- Playground leaders
- Rights Respecting leaders
- Language leaders
- Science leaders
- PE Leads
- Eco Warriors



Can you think of any other groups you would like Brindishe Schools to have?

## Starting secondary school in Lewisham - new video for families

Lewisham are excited to share the new 'starting secondary school in Lewisham' video which features students and parents from Deptford Green, Conisborough College and Forest Hill School.

This is a warm, funny and informative video that helps answer some questions and may alleviate some of your worries about transition.



## Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2023.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
<b>Tuesday 18 October</b> 10am and 4.30pm	<b>Thursday 13th October</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm	<b>Monday 17th October</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 17th November</b> 10am and 4.30pm	<b>Monday 14th November</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm	<b>Wednesday 16th November</b> 9:30am and 4:30pm

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools. Email details can be found on our school websites.

## Key Federation Dates

- Secondary and Primary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**
- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022)
- October Half Term – **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**
- **INSET DAY – Brindishe Federation – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**
- **End of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**
- **Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**
- **Primary offer day – Monday 17 April 2023** (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)