



# Brindishe Manor

# Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

## What has been happening this week?

This week in our whole school assemblies, we have been thinking about 'Thoughtfulness': what this word means, how we can be thoughtful towards others and how we can support others.

The children had some fabulous suggestions and could share so many examples of how they helped and supported others!

## What is happening next week?

As we race towards the end of the Autumn term, there is lots going on for the children in terms of learning and extra curricular events. At Brindishe Manor we try and get the balance right between celebrating the end of term and the events that lead up to Christmas and also making sure that our focus remains on our learning journeys and developing the children's knowledge on the topics they are studying.

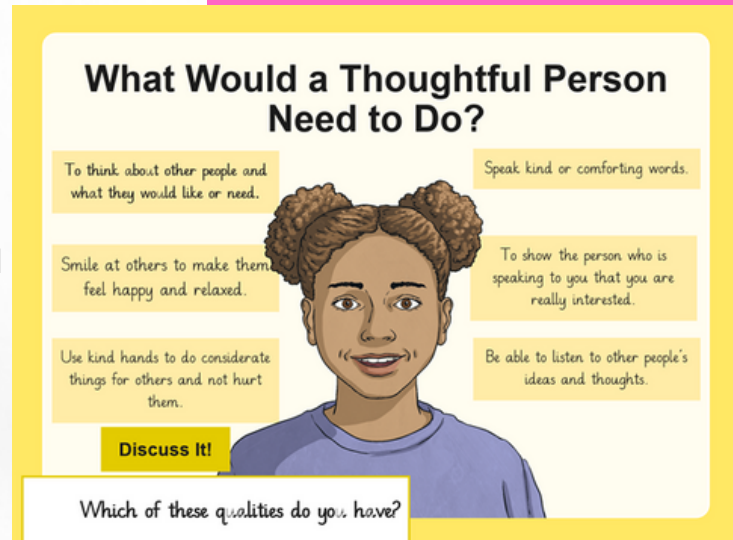
We are excited to invite you all to the Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December from 3:15pm. The event takes place across the school. All profits go to the school PSFA fund and this money then comes directly to the school for projects that we have on our School Development Plan. Our top 3 projects for the coming months are



**1) Planting developments around the front of the school - which have already begun!**

**2) Creating an Art room and exhibition space for September 2024**

**3) Re-developing our Year 4 and 6 hall into a non-fiction library space for children to support their learning.**



## Staffing news

After 14 years of working across our Early Years classes, Rose Barron has taken the decision to retire from Christmas. Rose has been a Nursery Nurse at Brindishe Manor for 14 years and has worked with so many of your children during their time in our Nursery and Reception classes. Rose has worked incredibly hard over the years to support all the children in her care and has been a phenomenal practitioner and colleague. We hope that you can take the time to see Rose over the coming weeks and wish her well for her retirement. We hope that she will be back to visit and see us all too!




## Nursery News

This year we are holding a craft morning for our Nursery children on Monday 18th December from 8:50-10am. The children will have an opportunity to join in with a number of craft activities with a grown-up from home. We request that only ONE adult comes to the craft session from home, as the space is very limited. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Flu Vaccinations

Please see the two posters for information about how you can get your child vaccinated against Flu. You can contact Lewisham and Greenwich NHS directly using the information.



**Get your child vaccinated against FLU 2023-24**

We are running Afterschool clinics for children attending Lewisham main Schools:

- Rec -Year 11 who did not get the flu vaccination at school.

**Daily clinics - NOV- Dec 15th 2023**

15:30pm – 17.00pm  
➤ Downham Health Centre BR1 53P 1st Floor (ROOM 6)

You can book an appointment or just walk in

For more information call  
02030492600/07341888526



**Get your child vaccinated against FLU**

We are running Saturday clinics for children attending Lewisham schools:

- Rec -Year 11 who did not get the flu vaccination at school

**Saturday 2nd Dec- 2023**  
**Saturday 9th Dec -2023**

9am – 4.30pm

- Kaleidoscope, 32 Rushey Green SE6 4JF
- Waldron Health Centre New cross SE14 6LD 1st Floor -Clifton rise Suite 2
- Downham Health Centre BR1 5EP 1ST Floor

You can book an appointment or just walk in

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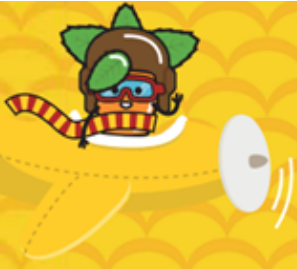


# TASTE OF CHINA



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# CHINA DAY MENU



## MAIN

### Honey & Ginger Chicken Noodles

(egg, gluten (wheat), soya)

### Vegetable Chow Mein

(egg, gluten (wheat),soya)

## SIDE

### Soy and Garlic Greens

(soya)

## DESSERT

### Vanilla Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce

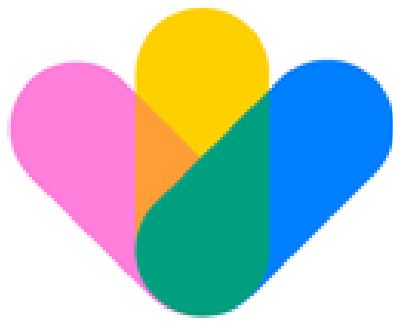
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Brindishe  
Federation

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## Lewisham is recruiting foster carers

Lewisham want to reach out to all schools in the borough to ask school staff, parents, guardians and carers, if they would like to consider fostering young people from Lewisham.

All you need is a spare bedroom and the willingness to give some of your time and care to a young person who is in need of a home.

### Foster for Lewisham

Lewisham Council is looking for foster carers to make a difference in a young person's life



Walk-in information mornings every Monday 10am–12 noon at Fostering Hub 45 Bromley Rd SE6 2UA

No need to book, just come in!

- Where: Fostering Hub, 45 Bromley Rd, SE6 2UA
- Visit: [lewisham.gov.uk/fostering](http://lewisham.gov.uk/fostering)
- Freephone: 0800 015 0129
- [fosteringrecruitment@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringrecruitment@lewisham.gov.uk)



## Bank of Things Christmas Appeal

The Young Mayor and Young Advisors' initiative Bank of Things is appealing for donations of toiletries, prepaid gift vouchers, socks (sizes 3-6, 6-12), book tokens, chocolate and sweets, notebooks and stationery, hats, scarves, and fun stocking fillers for ages 11 to 25. Donations of money are also accepted as these items can then be purchased.

See flyer attached for further information





# FSM Vouchers for Christmas Holidays 2023

The London Borough of Lewisham has confirmed that it is able to support families with FSM (Free School Meal) eligible children by providing vouchers for the October (2023) half term. The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child. Families will receive a supermarket voucher provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.

On Friday the 17th November, families who are on benefit related free school meals should have received a HAF Holiday Voucher from Holiday Activities. Redeeming this voucher will credit your account with 4 credits that can be used to book free activities over the holiday period for 4 hours per day, 4 days a week. Food will be provided along with fruit and snacks.

Please be aware that activities are booked on a first-come, first-served basis so keep an eye out for an email or text message containing a HAF voucher and be sure to browse the available activities.

If you are unsure of the process of redeeming and using your voucher, please see the following link which will take you to the online Parent Guide: <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/articles/12899380332561-Parent-Guide>.

For further support, please email the provider direct on [support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com) or call on 01638 438 311.

## Online Safety Bulletin - Brindishe Online Workshops

Does your child spend time exploring online?

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to keep them safe online.

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our FREE workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'.

### **Our workshop will:**

- Help you understand how kids experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

**For:** parents, carers and family members (this workshop is for adults so please arrange childcare if possible)

**Date:** Tuesday 12th December 2023

**Time:** 6 pm (this workshop will last 1 hour)

**Price:** free

**Delivered by:** NSPCC – Local Campaign Manager Gail Sayles

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUX0dz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313

Passcode: 307249



# Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - [lmurphy@brindisheschools.org](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org). Our second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**

## Key Federation Dates

- End of term – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Children return to school Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Deadline for Primary Admissions – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

# BANK OF THINGS CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

THIS CHRISTMAS WE ARE SUPPORTING  
LEWISHAM'S YOUNG PEOPLE FACING  
HARDSHIP BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A  
BUMPER CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG

[linktr.ee/bankofthingslewisham](https://linktr.ee/bankofthingslewisham)

[info@bankofthings.org](mailto:info@bankofthings.org)

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We are appealing for donations of toiletries, prepaid gift vouchers, socks (sizes 3-6, 6-12), book tokens, chocolate and sweets, note books and stationery, hats, scarves, and fun stocking fillers for ages 11 to 25.

## HOW DO I DONATE?

Donate online with the link above\*

Drop into Unit 19, Monday to Friday 10-5pm

To donate £10, text ZCNW02 to 7019

Lewisham Local, Charity number 1101616 | Company Number 4681564  
\* Fundraising, payments and donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149806), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.nationalfundingscheme.com



Thank you for supporting the Christmas trees & wreaths sale, this has raised a fantastic **£2,166** for the school!

For anyone who has ordered a tree or a wreath these are available to collect from the area by the climbing frame until 6pm today. The gate on Longhurst Road will be open for access.



## Winter Fair - Just one week to go!!



### Sign up to help on the day

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far - we'll be in touch next week to confirm details.

**We're still looking for a few more helpers** including face painters. Click on the link to sign up for a stall and help us have a great Winter Fair!



**SIGN UP**

[www.grow.withlome.com/a/644f4260-2c90-4fa8-9a6d-5ed132998110](http://www.grow.withlome.com/a/644f4260-2c90-4fa8-9a6d-5ed132998110)

### Tombola prizes

Do you have any unwanted, gift sets or toys?  
Please **drop prizes off at the school office by Thursday 7th.**

#### Maybe you have...

Bottles, boxes of sweet treats (in date)  
unwanted gifts, toiletries, stationery, games, jigsaws  
Pre-love soft toys (clean and in good condition)



### Raffle tickets

Books of raffle tickets have been sent home this week.

**Please return the tickets and money in an envelope to the office by Thursday 7th.** Please note the office is unable to give change.

Contact us at [brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com) and find updates in the newsletter or on [facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa](https://www.facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa).

**Brindishe Manor PSFA is a registered charity - 1117178**





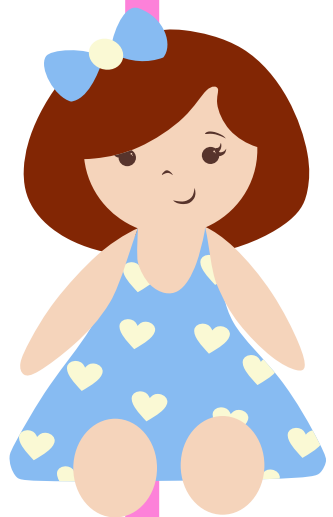
# Winter Fair

**Do you have any unwanted gifts or toys for our tombola?**

**Please drop items at the school office, up until Thursday 7th December.**

Maybe you have...

Bottles, boxes of sweet treats (in date) unwanted gifts, toiletries, stationery, games, jigsaws, pre-loved soft toys (clean and in good condition).





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FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 3:15 – 5PM

RAFFLE REFRESHMENTS GIFT STALLS FACEPAINTING  
GAMES TOYS BOOKS CRAFTS SANTA'S GROTTO & MORE