



# Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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## Last week at Brindishe Lee...

It was been a busy, if very wet week at Brindishe Lee. Although the weather has been awful, the children have been great as always. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the year 5 performance of 'The Firebird' on Tuesday night at Catford Broadway theatre. This formed part of Live Dance, which celebrates the talents of young people in Lewisham's primary and secondary schools. The children were absolutely superb and it almost brought a tear to my eye! A big thank you to Ms Haughton and Ms Karim for supporting the children. The biggest thank you of all to Ms Wagland, who did a superb job in organising and rehearsing the children. Thank you! It was also great to see many parents and carers attending the performance in the evening, as well as supporting the children with the rehearsal. Roll on 2021!

We also celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many children in different costumes in a special assembly. Even the staff got involved in dressing up, including myself! The most important message is to start or continue to read alongside your child at home.

## AWSO across the Brindishe Schools...

As part of our commitment to support children and families across the federation, we are pleased to introduce Clare Doran, Attendance, Welfare and

Safeguarding Officer, to Brindishe Lee. Clare will be on the gate or in school until 12pm on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. Please introduce yourselves, have a chat or make an appointment either in person or via the school office regarding your child or any support you feel you or your child may need.

## A message from the reception team...

The reception team are on the look out for an old fashioned leather suitcase. Please can you help...

## A message from our Rights Respecting Team...

We are still on the look out for parents and carers to join our rights respecting team. Please speak to Ms Hearne, Mr Baguley or a member of the office team.

## Rights Respecting focus... Article 2 (non-discrimination)

This week in assembly we spoke about the importance of International Women's Day. We spoke to the children about the importance of equality of opportunity. The Convention states that every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background should be given equal opportunity and rights.

Our rights respecting team under the guidance of Ms Hearne meet every week to prepare resources

and generate ideas to support all our children in class with the Rights Respecting agenda at Brindishe Lee.

It was also pleasing to read some of the wonderful work taking place in Ms Rathbone's year 4 class, where the children are rewriting in children's speak the UN convention on the rights of the child.

## Talented parents and carer - we are still on the look out...

Thank you to those parents who have shown their interest in supporting our summer term parent workshops. We currently have a yoga teacher, an architect and a doctor who are keen to come into school and do some workshops with the children! Please let a member of the office team know or speak to myself or Ms Matthews on the school gate if you would be prepared to come into school and talk about your career. It really would inspire some of our children!

## WhatsApp

***The minimum age rating for a child to use WhatsApp is 16.***

The group chat function allows up to 256 people to chat in one conversation stream. Each group is set up by one person, known as the **group admin**, who is the only person who can add or remove participants and change or add further group administrators. Anybody in the group, *even if they're not one of your child's phone contacts*, will be able to see

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messages that your child posts and likewise your child will be able to see theirs. Also, if your child is added to a group with someone they have themselves blocked, that person will then be able to contact them.

**Although your child might not be able to control if they're added to a group chat, they can always control their own participation within it – they can leave whenever they want to.** Enter the chat. Click on the group's name. Scroll down and press EXIT GROUP. Speak to Ms Lea if you'd like any support doing this.

Please can I urge parents to take note of Ms Lea's very important advice. There are still too many older children at Brindishe Lee using WhatsApp. Please be vigilant and keep an eye on what your child is accessing via computer or a mobile device.

### Lee Green Cycling Bus

A big thank you to Councillor Octavia Holland for organising last week's Cycle Bus from Hither Green train station. I hear it was another success. If you want to get involved, then please take note of the following dates:  
3<sup>rd</sup> April  
1<sup>st</sup> May  
5<sup>th</sup> June  
3<sup>rd</sup> July

### FAB news...

#### Another reminder...

The FAB team are looking for volunteers for the autumn term to take on some important roles on the parent committee. Please check out the link below for a short presentation on some of the fantastic work they do to support the school and raise much needed funds. Please contact

Leila Minnell or another member of the team to find out more and join the team in September.

<https://youtu.be/gEk14oBkx8o>

Thanks to the team for putting it all together.

### Fantastic attendance this week!

KS1 Year 2 Magnolia 95.63%

KS2 Year 3 98.82%

Well done to these classes!

### Coronavirus update...

We recognise there is public anxiety around reported cases of Coronavirus in the UK and locally. We as a school are updated by The Department of Education on a daily basis. They have informed us that they have set up a helpline to answer any questions parents/carers might have about coronavirus that's related to education. The contact details are

**Phone:** 0800 0468687

**Email:** [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

**Opening hours:** 8am-6pm  
Monday-Friday

If you have any other questions or concerns, please come and speak to somebody either on the school gate or a member of our office team.

### Dates for your diary...

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Sports Relief Week

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Bikeability for Years 3 & 4.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 – Guardian News and Media Centre

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Year 6 MOCK SATS week.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Year 5 to British Museum

Have a lovely week,  
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