



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear parents/carers,

Another week has passed by in school, where our pupils continue to inspire us with their positivity, kindness and warm smiles.

As I walk round the school this week I am amazed by the questioning skills and deep discussions occurring in class. As a school we would like to draw your attention to our password protected platform, *Itslearning*. On a weekly basis, the teachers would like to share photographs of the children and their wonderful learning.

Finally, thank you everyone for really making a conscious effort to ensure that you keep your distance around our school grounds. By working together we can continue to offer our children, staff and community a secure and safe school environment.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ms Maxine Sebire.

Headteacher & the Brindishe Lee Team.

A message from Rachel Waite, Executive Headteacher Governor Update

Before the summer holiday Lindsay Dale, a long standing member of the Brindishe Governing Body, stepped down as our Chair. Lindsay was a hugely committed member of the Governing Body and on behalf of the Federation, I'd like to thank her for all the time and energy she invested.

During our first meeting of the Autumn Term, I am pleased to announce that Liz Murphy, an experienced Brindishe Governor and member of our Community was voted in as the new Chair. We very much welcome her into the role and Liz will be writing to you over the next few weeks with a little about herself and the Federation Governing Body.

Kind Regards

Rachel Waite

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Today, Brindishe Lee children and staff showed their support for external campaigns, by wearing red for *Show Racism The Red Card*, an anti-racism educational charity. This charity aims to combat racism through enabling role models, who are predominately but not exclusively footballers, to present an anti-racist message to young people and society as a whole. *Show Racism the Red Card* is the UK's largest anti-racism educational charity.

Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red and donate to help fund anti-racism education for young people and adults across the UK. If you wish to make a donation, please refer to the *Just Giving* link <https://www.justgiving.com/theredcard>

Children, families and staff at Brindishe Schools are drawn from a rich variety of social backgrounds, family structures, ethnic groups and religions. We value the right of each person to respect, courtesy and the recognition of individual differences. We work actively to ensure that all adults and children are given every opportunity to achieve, to recognise their own worth and to play an important part in our community. Each child's contribution to the classroom and school is welcomed and valued. We make sure that they have the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability and to raise their individual academic achievement. Education at Brindishe Schools is designed to benefit all of our children and to celebrate the rich, cultural diversity of Lewisham's local community. You can find more information about British Values at Brindishe Lee on our school website.

We welcome and celebrate diversity at Brindishe

There are lots of different ways that families are made and different ways to have children and become parents.

Our families come from all over the world and we are happy to know people from different cultures and nationalities.

Families are made up of people who love and look after each other.

We are all free to choose who we love and to choose the right person for us when we are ready for a relationship.

Gender is only a label - everyone is important and can do what they feel they are able to do, no matter what gender they say they are.

Age is only a number. Everyone can do what they feel they are able to do, no matter what age they are.

Everyone has the right to their own religion, faith or belief and we respect this.

We have different abilities and we all do things in different ways. Some people are differently abled.

At Brindishe Schools we like the fact that everybody is different. At Brindishe, being different is good.

Harvest Collection – Helping Others – Final Reminder!

Every year we collect food supplies for the *Church of The Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee*. These food donations are sent to the 'Helping Hands' foodbank. Fortunately, we are able to continue with this during these times and each Brindishe School has been asked to collect only one item of food this year. **Brindishe Lee have been asked to collect rice**. From Monday, we will leave a box at each entrance gate for your donations. These will be collected by the church on **Monday 19th October**.

Thank you in advance for helping us, to continue helping our local community.

Online Safety Bulletins

What do I do if my child sees something inappropriate online?

Being online is a great tool, however, sometimes children may suddenly be exposed to inappropriate material. If this occurs, it is important not to overreact if your child tells you about something they have seen. It is positive that they have turned to you as a trusted adult. You may feel a mix of emotions, e.g. shock or anger, however, by dealing with it calmly your child will know they can turn to you again.

If you come across illegal content, such as images of child abuse, you can report this to the Internet Watch Foundation at www.iwf.org.uk in the UK, and find details of other national hotlines at www.inhope.org.

Virtual Tour and Promotional Video

The best way to get to know a school is to visit. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to host visits to the school at this current time.

However, we are delighted to announce that the staff and children at Brindishe Lee will be producing their very own virtual tour and film.

After the half-term break, we will be joined by a professional film maker/editor who will be capturing the school at its best.

This video can then be viewed by prospective parents/carers on our school website as well as the Brindishe Lee community.

If you do not wish for your child to be filmed and appear in this virtual tour/promotional video, please let us know by emailing info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk.

NHS Flu Vaccination

You may be aware that the NHS is currently aiming to give all Reception to Year 7 children the Flu vaccination from October to December 2020. The date allocated for Brindishe Lee Primary School is **Thursday 12th November 2020**.

We are now inviting parents/guardians to register your consent for the flu vaccination. We have developed a secure on-line link that you can use to register consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. The process is quick and easy to use.

Please click on this link to access the eConsent: <https://qlink.uk/LGflu/100717> Here is a video on how the eConsent portal works <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7321177>

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them from getting the flu, and prevent it spreading among more vulnerable family and friends. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of people becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS. The vaccination is free and in most cases is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year otherwise they won't be protected. The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure your child is safe from COVID-19 while getting the vaccine. Please contact the Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team at the Downham Health and Leisure Centre on **0203 049 1897** or jg.shshimmunisation@nhs.net if you require any further assistance.

Half-Term Holiday Camp – Final Reminder!

Sportacus will run their holiday camp again this half-term. From **Monday 26th to Friday 30th October**, they will be providing an action packed programme of sports and games at Brindishe Green School.

Call Harry on **07828 218690** or email Harry@sportacus.co.uk for further information.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th October – LAST CHANCE to donate to the HARVEST COLLECTION

Monday 26th to Friday 30th – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 9th November – Bikeability for Year 5

Thursday 12th November Flu Vaccination, Reception – Year 6

Healthy Snacks

Thank you to all parents in Years 3 to 6 who provide their child/children with a healthy snack for breacktime. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that the snack should be a piece of fruit or another healthy option.

Please can we remind you that we are a raisin and nut-free school, this is due to staff and children being allergic to these food items.

Coat Reminder

As the weather is becoming more autumnal, please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat at school each day. Coats are needed at lunch and playtimes in the event of damp or drizzly conditions. Please ensure that all items are named!

Mental Health and Wellbeing

At this challenging time, the mental health of all is more important than ever. The NHS has provided some support for parents/carers who would like to find out ways to help their family in this area at <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mindmatters/childrens-mental-health>

Autumn Term Parent/Carer Meetings

Due to the current situation, this event will take place virtually after the half-term break in November. More information to follow shortly with regards to dates and booking an appointment. Thank you for your support and patience.