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## Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

As we come to the end of our first half-term of this academic year, we would like to express our thanks to you all for the support you have shown over this half-term. As Friday draws to a close, our true thanks goes to the children for being wonderful and the staff across the school for doing such a fantastic job to ensure our children are focused and engaged in their learning and most of all feel happy, safe and calm.

So now is the time to switch off from the morning school run and enjoy the half-term break. We really do wish you all - children, parents, carers, staff and governors a lovely break.

Please remember to book your parent meeting appointment via Weduc before Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Happy half-term holiday everyone!

Kind regards,

*Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.*



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### SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Today Brindishe Lee children and staff showed their support 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 antiracist 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. Please refer to Weduc for class updates including activities the children completed this week for Show Racism the Red Card and Pupil Parliament.





*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)*

### Looking for something to do this half term?

- **Horniman Museum** - Discover more about our fascinating furry friends in Cats and Dogs, an interactive, family-friendly exhibition offering a revealing pets'-eye view of the world. [Click here](#) for more information.
- [Elmer and Friends](#) - Step into David McKee's colourful world in this first ever major retrospective of his striking illustrations and celebrate over 30 years of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant.
- **Lewisham Children and Family Centre** recommend lots of fun filled family events for you this October half term, including a family day at The Migration Museum, Hip Hop jam in Beckenham park and Story Sack Sessions, celebrating Black History Month through story-telling. All events can be found on The [Lewisham Children and Family Centre website](#).

### FSM Vouchers for half term October 2022

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 (2022) half term. The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £15 per eligible child. It is also likely that this will now continue for Christmas which we will confirm in the next few weeks. Families will receive a supermarket voucher **provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.**

Lewisham has also advised that families with FSM eligible children can also access free meals in the holidays by using the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme. This will be additional to the provision made through vouchers. Lewisham Council is providing a varied holiday programme with funding from the Department of Education.

A wide range of providers in Lewisham are supporting the delivery of this programme, offering various fun-packed sessions, including arts and crafts and sports.

There will be free activities and lunches for school-aged children and young people who are aged 4–16 years (reception to year 11) and eligible for and in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals.

Each club will provide:

- a wide range of exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- fun physical activity sessions



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## **Black History Lewisham 365**

14<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesdays to Saturdays | 11am - 6pm | Free

### **Caribbean Doll Display by Pauline Straker Rodgers**

Unit 17, Lewisham Shopping Centre (opposite H & M)

Pauline was born in Kingston Jamaica and is a long term Lewisham resident. In 1997 Pauline came to international attention when she was invited by the Global Doll Society to become one of its speciality teachers – this made her the only GDS teacher recognised in the world of African wigs and costumes and she has since gone on to win prizes for her work. She also volunteers at Lee Seniors Club.

This is a rare opportunity to see some of Pauline's porcelain dolls made with authentic African hair in her home borough.

22 October

### ***Lewisham Black History Walks: Blackheath***

Queens Walking Group invite you to discover how some of Britain's families made fortunes through enslavement and why Blackheath was central to it. This tour also introduces some of the earliest African writers to be published in English as well as a host of 18th century Black activists, 'princes', scholars and others who defied all the limitations placed against them.

This walk around Blackheath finishes inside Greenwich Park close to the Rose Garden. It is suitable for all ages and levels of mobility, and should last 1.5 hours. [Tickets are free but must be booked here in advance.](#)

29 October

### ***Lewisham Black History Walks: Deptford***

Join Queens Walking Group for this final walking tour which takes you from the living memories of the New Cross Fire, through the area's earliest post-Windrush race riots, a selection of 18th and 19th century Black locals to 1501 and the beginnings of the Black presence in Tudor London. This walk has a special focus on themes of family life and



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## **Brindishe Green, Lunch Time Play Lead Vacancy**

**Salary: Scale 2 (Scale Point 3 – 4) pro-rata, Term Time Only**

**Hours: 16.25 hours per week (typically starting at 11.30am); Term Time Only (39 weeks per year)**

**The post is part time and subject to a satisfactory 6 months' probation period**

We are currently recruiting for a Lunch Time Play Leader on a permanent basis. The role will start November 2022.

The post involves:

- Promoting children's safety and well-being
- Helping to maintain a safe and organised play/ lunch environment

We are looking for someone who:

- Can relate well to children and supervise them during lunch times
- Is aware of Health & Safety and can assist the Lunch Time Supervisor in supporting children during lunch times
- Is willing to follow school policies and procedures in relation to the role

As the role involves working with children, you will be required to undergo a full DBS check before being appointed to the post.

**Further Information:** [Brindishe Green Lunch time play leader - Lewisham Council Careers \(selectminds.com\)](https://selectminds.com)

The deadline for completed applications is midday on **Friday 21st October 2022**.

Interviews will be held on **week commencing Monday 31st October 2022**.

Completed application forms should be returned to [rwaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rwaite@brindisheschools.org)

If you have any queries, please contact the school by email or telephone on 0203 231 2312



### **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>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.

### ***Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin***



#### **Omegle**

**You must be 18+ to use or 13+ with parental permission.** Omegle is a social networking/chat website that **connects** two strangers together for either a text or a video chat.

Chats are anonymous unless a user provides this information. Omegle states that *“Omegle video chat is moderated. However, moderation is not perfect. You may still encounter people who misbehave.”*

#### **What should I be aware of?**

- No registration is required to access Omegle (therefore no age verification) and there are no reporting facilities.
- Users are given an option to save the chat's log and share the link. It is also possible for other users to take screenshots of text and video chats.

**We recommend that Omegle is not used by children due to the potential imagery shared and language used which can be explicit. You can find out more information from Internet Matters, including ways of keeping your child safe:**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>



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

#### ***Article 37 (inhumane treatment and detention)***

Children must not be tortured, sentenced to the death penalty or suffer other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment.

#### ***Article 40 (juvenile justice)***

A child accused or guilty of breaking the law must be treated with dignity and respect.

In all Brindishe Schools we have school class charters based on children's rights. This approach helps children to understand the difference between rights and having school rules. Rights respecting charters can help everyone to get along better.

**With your children you could discuss if they have ever done something wrong or had something wrong done to them. What are the different ways you can resolve disagreements and hurtful behaviours?**

### **Brindishe Lee School Key Dates**

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Holiday
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent Meetings
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Chicks arrive at Brindishe Lee – *more information to follow*
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Kingswood Trip
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Open Door – Sharing Learning (3.30-4.00pm)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – INSET Day
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Trip - Museum of London
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - History Workshop for Years 2 & 3
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – School Health Team, Height and Weight for Reception and Year 6
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Open Door – Sharing Learning (3.30-4.00pm)

*\*More dates to follow.*



### **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/myserives/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)

### **Governing Body Dates**

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - [lizcmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:lizcmurphy@gmail.com)

Autumn 2	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022, 6pm
Spring 1	Brindishe Lee	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 6pm
Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6pm