



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 16th June 2023

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is coming to Lewisham libraries. This is a great opportunity for children to come to their local library in the holidays, join and complete the challenge which this year is called "**Ready, Set, Read**" encouraging children to carry on reading in the holidays. All children have to do is sign up at their nearest library, read 6 books collecting prizes along the way. Children who complete get a medal and a certificate presented in school. The reading challenge launches on **Saturday July 8th** and children can sign up at their local library. Libraries are also running many activities for children during the holidays and details will be posted on our website: libraries.lewisham.gov.uk

More information can be found at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Minecraft legends

Minecraft Legends was released last month and is available across a variety of platforms. It is rated as 7+ by PEGI with a further content descriptor of 'violence.' As mentioned earlier though, when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft Legends does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

What should I be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items to support (although not needed) game play. You can set up appropriate parental settings to restrict/prevent purchases.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

You can find out more in this article: [Minecraft parental controls and safety settings | Internet Matters](#)





Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 11 (abduction and non-return of children)

Governments must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally by their parents or other relatives or being prevented from returning home.

Article 36 (other forms of exploitation)

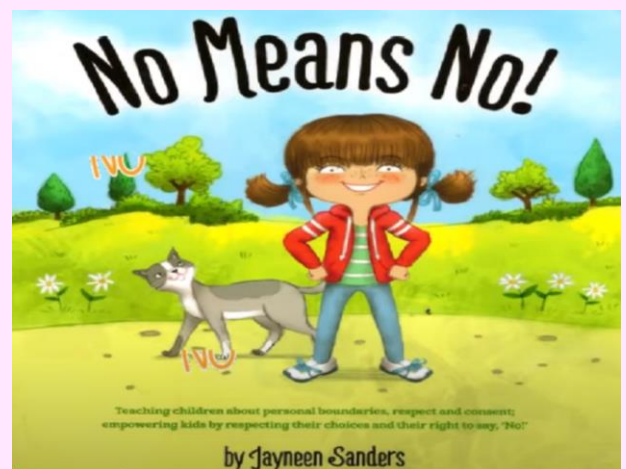
Governments must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

Most children never experience abduction or other forms of exploitation, but it does happen and that's why these articles are included in the CRC.

What should adults do to protect children and keep them safe?

- Make sure you are being looked after by someone responsible. If you are going out, make sure they know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Make sure that you have someone to talk to if you feel unsafe and that you know this is always a top priority.
- Encourage you to say no if you are in a situation where you feel uncomfortable.
- Use safe settings on wifi and devices and discuss this with you.
- Provide safety equipment for activities such as cycling and skateboarding.
- Ensure that places such as schools have security gates/locks.
- Provide a sign in system for school visitors.

At Brindishe Schools, through our PSHME curriculum we explicitly teach children how to stay safe and important that we all learn to say no when we are not comfortable with something. Read or watch [No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders](#) together at home with your child and discuss having the confidence to say no when something doesn't feel right.





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Key Federation Dates

- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 3rd July
- End of Term – Friday 21st July 2023

Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

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Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm