



Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022

Welcome back to you our families across the Brindishe Federation. The first week of a new year can often come with mixed emotions. Setting the alarm clock for an earlier start, leaving parents, carers and siblings at the school gate, the excitement of a new class, a new teacher, a new routine and of course seeing old and new friends. Nervous tummies to huge big smiles, the week has come to an end and we have been so impressed with the way everyone has come back. Our key values: curious, compassionate, confident, collaborative and committed have begun to shine through and we are very proud. Well done on a fantastic week and here's to a great year ahead!

Rachel Waite
Executive Headteacher

Secondary School Admissions for 2023

Lewisham are excited to announce that they are running a free informal event for parents to learn about the admissions process and meet staff, students and parents from Lewisham secondary schools. This event is on **Tuesday 6 September at the Civic Suite in Catford, and will run from 5.30-8.00pm.**

Parents/carers can find out more and book a space if you are interested – numbers are limited and it has previously been a very popular event.

[Book your slot on the 'starting secondary school in 2023' event at the Civic Suite](#)

Email reminders

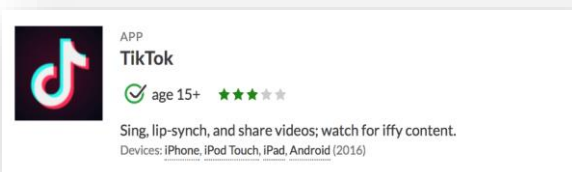
Don't forget you can also [sign up for our weekly emails](#) – these will go out once a week from 1 September with tips, advice and reminders and have been very useful for parents/carers in the past.

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin How to check an App is appropriate for your child

As we enter the Autumn Term, many children may spend more time at home on devices. We know that the internet offers children great ways to play, learn and collaborate. But how can you check if an app is suitable?

Common Sense Media are an independent review website, publishing independent ratings and reviews for nearly everything kids want to watch, read, play, and learn.

They offer family discussion points, rate the educational value and classify the subject or skills targeted. These short guides give you all the essential information you need to know to make a decision quickly -- or manage a decision that's already been made.



<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews>



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools
Article of the Week
Article 29 – Goals of education



Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

The start of a new year is often a time for looking at our lives and making promises to ourselves. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is a list of promises from world leaders to all the children and young people of the world.

This week in Brindishe Schools, children will be entering a new school year and revisiting Class Charters with their new teachers. They will be looking forward to the year ahead. What are they hoping for in 2022/2023?

[Click here to listen to Steven Kidd, Professional Adviser at UNICEF UK, introduce Article 29.](#)



Parent Governors are Brindishe
WHAT IS A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Parent Governors are Brindishe parents or carers who have been elected by the parent communities of the three schools. Our constitution allows us to have two Parent Governors. Their job is not to raise issues or grievances on behalf of the parent community, but instead to be typical or representative parents, seeing things through the eyes of a parent or carer, and providing the parental voice on the Governing Body, which itself is there to discuss and debate issues important to the safety and running of the schools, oversee and approve the budgets and finances, and support the senior leaders of all three schools in providing the very best education for all our children.

It's an important role and it does require a willingness to get involved, and give time and effort. As well as the Governing Body meetings which are held twice a term, we also have working parties to discuss particular issues in more detail, and we ask each governor to lead on a specific priority area from the school development plan.

We will be shortly running Parent Governor elections, please think about whether this could be a role for you.

From,

Liz Murphy

Chair of Governors.



Lewisham Foodbank

Lewisham Foodbank are gearing up for Harvest time and once again will be relying on schools to consider supporting us during this season.

Despite having a few quiet weeks, they are beginning to gear up for the potential of being overwhelmed in the autumn as a result of the cost of living crisis which will affect their clients more than we dare to imagine.

Some numbers

In the first half of 2022 Lewisham Foodbank fed: 6,509 adults and 3,371 children totaling 9,880 people

This is compared to the same dates in 2019 (pre-Covid) when they fed 3,242 adults and 1,877 children totaling 5,119 people.

Any donation, however small, will be hugely appreciated.

What they need

Each school has been given a nomination.

Brindishe Green: BREAKFAST & BISCUITS



If you would rather donate generic products, we have attached a similar poster with the items they always need. OH... AND THEY ALWAYS NEED CARRIER BAGS!

Where to send Harvest donations

Harvest donations can be left at your child's school. See individual newsletters for further information.

Brindishe Staff will arrange a collection of the goods.

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
Thursday 29 September 10am and 4.30pm	Tuesday 27th September 9:30am and 4:30pm	Thursday 22nd September 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 18 October 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 13th October 9:30am and 4:30pm	Monday 17th October 9:30am and 4:30pm
Thursday 17th November 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 14th November 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 16th November 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.

Key Federation Dates

- Secondary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1st 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/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Monday 31st October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022)
- October Half Term – **Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**



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Lewisham Foodbank HARVEST 2022



Please email
logistics@lewisham.foodbank.org.uk
to arrange delivery/collection

