

Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024



Brindishe
Lee

What has been happening this week?

Reception have created some beautiful art work on the theme of Love.

Year 1 made a 'Chain of compliments'. They started with a compliment to themselves, then created compliments for each other to add to their chains. It made everyone feel great.

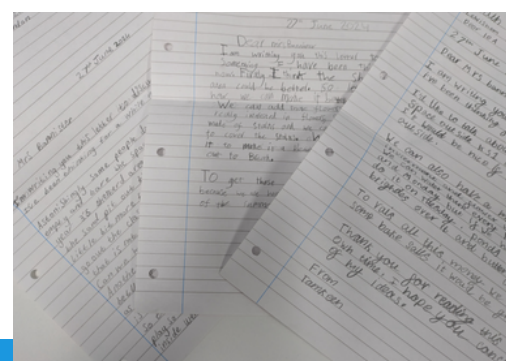
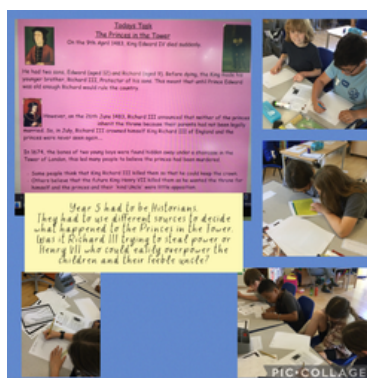
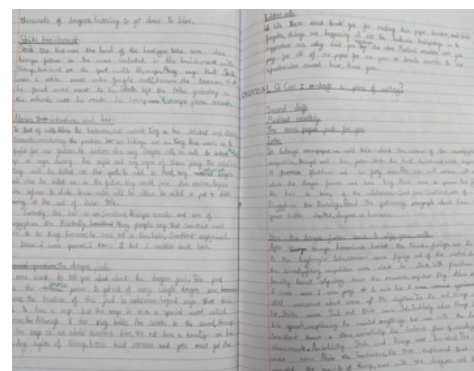
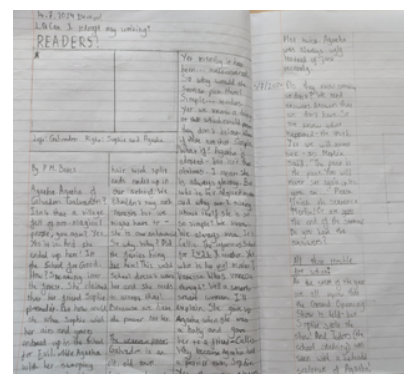
Mrs Bannister was delighted to receive a big pile of persuasive letters from Year 2. They offered ideas for improving the outdoor area and requested a party to celebrate the end of the year! Mrs Bannister may well be persuaded!

Year 3 had a great time using the VR headsets to explore Ancient Egypt. What a fantastic experience!

Year 4 have been looking after their vegetable patch. We have tomatoes, beans, spinach and chard. Thank you for the donations!

As part of their learning about The Tudors, Year 5 used different historical sources to find out what happened to the 'princes in the tower' ahead of their visit to The Tower of London next week.

Year 6 have been working on their Independent Writing Projects, using all the skills they have learned whilst at Brindishe Lee. They have done some impressive work and their Secondary Schools will be impressed by their skills. Zoom in to have a read!



What is happening next week?

You can look forward to receiving your child's report on Friday and finding out who their teacher will be next year. The children will have their transition morning to meet their new teacher on Monday 15th July.

Year 5 are off to the Tower of London on Thursday.

Assemblies will cover the library summer reading scheme and Article 1: Definition of a Child.



Summer Fair!

Please bring in any unwanted toys that are in a good or new condition for the Summer Fair tombola. Any cake donations (homemade or shop bought) are also welcome, though be reminded we are a nut free school. If you can't make the Fair we can take cake donations after school on Friday next week.

We look forward to seeing you with friends and family on the day - fingers crossed for the weather!



Information from the Office

Vomiting and Diarrhoea: Please remember if your child has an upset stomach, they need to stay off for 48 hours after the last episode to avoid infecting other children and adults. Thank you.

Absence: Please call or leave a message to give us the reason for your child's absence. There is an option for absence on the phone line if you call out of office hours. Vikki has spent **over three hours** chasing you up this week!

Year 5: Please pay and give permissions on WEDUC for the Tower of London Trip next week ASAP.

Music: Guitar lessons are on Thursday and Friday next week.

School run clubs have their final session this week. There are no school run clubs from week beginning 15th July -see separate email.

Get ready for a reading adventure! This year's Summer Reading Challenge starts on 6 July. There are two ways you can take part: You can join the Challenge at your local library. A librarian will give you a special collector's pack and help you find books to read for your Challenge. You'll collect stickers and other rewards along the way! Alternatively, take part in the Challenge online by signing up via the link opposite. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. Reach your goal and unlock a limited-edition online badge and a certificate.

[Summer Reading Challenge Link](#)



Attendance

Well done Year 6 Sycamore!

Monday 1st July 2024 - Friday 5th July 2024

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	84.29%	111
Year 1	99.05%	107
Year 2	96.67%	202
Year 3	92.12%	13
Year 4	97.54%	29
Year 5	93.33%	31
Year 6 Magnolia	89.56%	41
Year 6 Sycamore	93.71%	0

Important Key Dates- Summer 2

July 2024	
Monday 1 st July	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th July	Open Classrooms 3.40pm- 4.10pm
Friday 12 th July	Reports home to parents and carers
Saturday 13 th July	Summer Fair- F@B
Tuesday 23 rd July 6pm- evening	Year 6 Performance
25 th July	Last day of term



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Family Thrive

Holiday and Food Programme

HAF supports children and families on benefit-related free school meals by offering free activities and healthy food for the holidays. Parents of eligible children will receive a voucher code for each child, with which they can book onto a provision of their choice.

Please find attached to this newsletter a timetable detailing the events occurring from next month. If you are interested families but are not on benefit-related free school meals or who cannot locate their code, please email the HAF team at HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk.

Weekly Online Safety Bulletin - Skibidi Sigma

We wanted to draw your attention to a recent online safety issue that was brought to our attention by a Brindishe Green parent. You may hear your child talking about a new character in a skibidi toilet youtube video called 'Skibidi Sigma'.

The term skibidi references to 'Sigma' male behaviour and our understanding of the term is that it is used among online 'manosphere' groups and influencers (in particular on TikTok) to describe a 'lone wolf' type male who dominates and manipulates others for personal gain, obsesses about one's physical appearance, and may also exhibit misogynistic and anti-feminist views.



We thought this would be important to flag to all parents/carers who may or may not have not come across it yet. All Brindishe Schools will as always monitor the use of current slang terms in school and address any issues when and where needed.

If you do have any online safety concerns or are privy to any up-coming concerns that we do not know about, please let a member of the senior leadership team know so we can pre-empt any issues in school and address them correctly following our safeguarding policy.

LESSONS & COURSES FOR KIDS

Give your child the best start in life by enrolling in a lesson or course at Better. Not only will they have fun and meet new friends, it will also boost their self-esteem, communication and improve those all-important life and movement skills.

Led by a team of fully qualified staff, your little ones will learn a range of new skills in a positive and friendly environment. You'll find a range of lessons and courses on offer, including their extensive [gymnastics](#) programme and award-winning [swim school](#).

Enter code SUMMER50 at checkout to claim 50% off your first payment before 31st July 2024.
Join today at better.org.uk/lessons



Right Respecting

As the term ends for Brindishe School, we felt this was a good time to focus on safety in the holiday.

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.

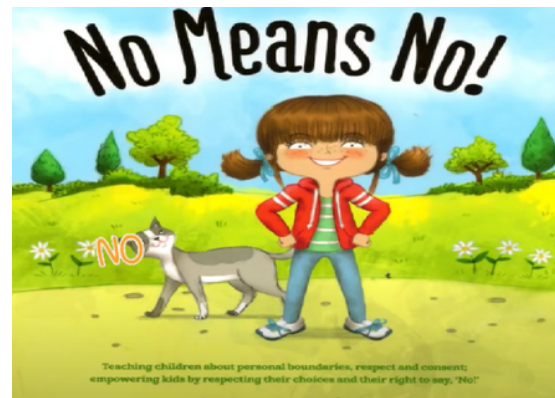
Article 36 (other forms of exploitation) Governments must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

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? What should parents/carers be aware of over the summer holidays?

- Make sure your child is 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 your child has someone to talk to if you feel unsafe and that you know this is always a top priority.
- Encourage your child to say no if you are in a situation where they feel uncomfortable.
- Use safe settings on wifi and devices and discuss this with your child.
- 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.

To stay safe, it is 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 with your child at home and discuss having the confidence to say no when something doesn't feel right.



Summer Plays at The Globe

The Globe is hosting some play workshops this summer. The Macbeth Workshop is for children aged 5 – 8 and their families and another for children from 9-12 and their families.

You'll visit one of the Globes rehearsal rooms to take part in an interactive workshop for the whole family. Using a range of activities and games designed to draw out elements of the play's language, characters and themes, you will tease out fresh ideas and inspiration. Workshops will be led by one of the Globe's highly experienced practitioners who include actors, teachers and directors.



<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on/macbeth-family-workshop-5-8-years/>
<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on/macbeth-family-workshop-9-12-years/>

Key Federation Dates

- End of Term - **Thursday 25th July 2024**
- **Children return to school - Wednesday 4th September**

Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our last meeting of this academic year is on ***Tuesday 16th July at 6pm at Brindishe Lee School.***