



Brindishe  
Lee

# Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

## What has been happening this week?

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term! We are looking forward to brighter weather. The children have enjoyed beginning their new learning this week. We have Space in Year 1, Rivers in Year 5, The Vikings in Year 4, Ancient Egypt in Year 3, The Victorians in Year 2 and Traditional Tales in Reception.

Your child's class teacher has prepared a newsletter which they have shared on WEDUC. The newsletter contains everything you need to know about the learning coming up this half term.

## What is happening next week?

Assembly on Monday will be led by our Eco- Council and they will be educating us all as to how we can have eco- friendly birthdays! There will also be an assembly about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, highlighting these dates in the Christian calendar.

We wish all observing Ramadan a peaceful and happy month. We will be looking at this important time in upcoming assemblies with the help of some of our staff and children.

We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Friday 7th March**. The day will be full of activities to promote reading for pleasure and we would like the children to come dressed as a character from a book. Here are some simple, cheap ideas and some more information about World Book Day:

### *Cheap and easy dress up ideas*



Did you know....that children who read at home have significantly better outcomes than those who do not? Have a look at this research and you will see the importance of reading! Remember to record your home reading in the yellow Reading Diary or Reading Response book.

### *Research on Reading*



## Family Navigator Meeting at Brindishe Lee

Meet Our Family Navigator  
**Wednesday 26th March at Brindishe Lee 2.45pm**

What can a family navigator do for you?

Kashmir Thethi can:

Provide information,  
 Signpost to local services  
 Provide practical advice  
 Help complete forms... and lots, lots more.



Please email the office if you would like to attend - [Info-bl@brindisheschools.org](mailto:Info-bl@brindisheschools.org)

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

## Important Information From the Office

We have lots of lovely trips for the children.....but we need permissions and payments! Please make it easy for us to offer these experiences by going on to WEDUC to complete the necessary actions. Many thanks.

Reception: Unicorn Theatre

Year 1- Planetarium

Year 2- Bright Sparks- Royal Festival Hall

Year 3- Petri Museum

Year 4- Maritime Museum- Vikings

Year 5- Mudlarking



Thank you to all who attended the F@B AGM on Thursday evening. We have some great plans for fundraising coming up. Dates will be shared soon!

### Attendance

Well done Reception! Perfect punctuality and attendance!

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	100%	0
Year 1	98.52%	286
Year 2	96.67%	82
Year 3	94.02%	296
Year 4	97.62%	0
Year 5	97.53%	6
Year 6	97.22%	0

### Important Dates

March 2025		April 2025	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress Up for World Book Day	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Summer Term



# Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 28th February 2025

## Lewisham's Young Mayor

This is the 20th year of Lewisham Young Mayor elections and saw a record-breaking 62% turnout of young people voting across schools, sixth forms and colleges in the borough. **Shane Grant, aged 14, from Trinity School** (with 2,291 votes) was elected as Lewisham's Young Mayor. **Jimaine Lee, aged 14, from St Matthew Academy** (with 1,013 votes) was elected as Deputy Young Mayor. Congratulations to both of them and to all the 36 candidates who stood for election. Lewisham's outgoing Young Mayor, Bilvilyn Asamoah and Deputy Young Mayor Paul Frimpong - who have done a fantastic job - passed on the mayoral medals to the new incumbents at the ceremony in the Council Chamber before half term. Shane and Jimaine will work alongside the Council and local organisations to deliver projects, represent young people's views, and influence decision-making over the coming year. We hope to welcome them to Brindishe Schools soon.



## FREE SEN Support Engagement Events for Parents and Carers - 25th April to 1st May 2025

- **Fri 25th April 2025, 9:30 – 11:30**
- **Sat 26th April 2025, 13:00 – 15:00**
- **Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Wed 30th April, Thurs 1st May 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 AND 17:00 – 19:00**

Within the context of Lewisham's Delivering Better Value (DBV) Programme there will be a number of FREE bookable parent/ carer SEN Support engagement workshops covering themes that are of relevance to a large group of parents/ carers of children and young people at SEN Support level.

The workshops will be delivered by a range of partners including SEND Advisors, School Staff, Educational Psychologists, CAMHS, OT and Speech and Language Therapists.

There will be three thematic workshops which have two areas of focus in each:

- Ordinarily Available Provision and Effective Use of Teaching Assistants
- Emotionally Based School Non- Attendance (EBSNA) and Relational Approaches
- Language, Communication and Thinking Skills

There is a promotional 'Save the dates' flyer attached to this newsletter. Events will be held in a number of venues across Lewisham borough. Further details including booking information will be available soon.



# Easter Holiday Vouchers

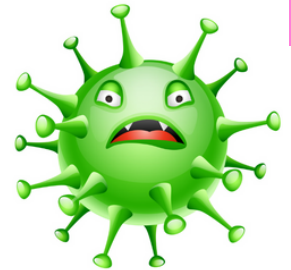
Holiday Activities and Food vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families so you can participate in activities during the Easter Term break. Your vouchers will be sent on 3rd March via the email address we have on our system.

## Free flu vaccine clinics for 2–19 year olds

If you have a child aged 2-19, they can get a free flu vaccine at our NHS clinics in February and March. Our Downham clinic is open every day after school, and we have pop-ups on various Saturdays over the next couple of months.

- Every day after school, 3.30pm to 5pm, Downham Health and Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP
- Saturday 15 February, 10am to 2pm, Evelyn Family Clinic, SE8 3PZ
- Saturday 22 February, 10am to 2pm, Downham Health and Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP
- Saturday 8 March, 10am to 2pm, Evelyn Family Clinic, SE8 3PZ
- Saturday 29 March, 10am to 2pm, Bellingham Family Hub Clinic, SE6 3HB

For more information, please visit the [South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisations webpage](#).



## Online Safety Bulletin

**YouTube**



YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:

- YouTube Kids – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).
- Supervised accounts – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:
  - Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
  - Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+
  - Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

## Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - [rawaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rawaite@brindisheschools.org). **Our fourth meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.**

## Key Federation Dates

- End of Spring Term 2 - Friday 4th April
- Easter Holidays - Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025
- Children return to school - Tuesday 22nd April
- BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 5th May
- Year 6 SATS week - Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May

## Save the Dates

### **SEN Support Engagement Events for Parents and Carers (FREE)**

**A programme of FREE bookable parent/ carer engagement workshops covering themes that are of relevance to a large group of parents/ carers of children and young people at SEN (Special Educational Needs) Support level in Lewisham**

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