



Brindishe
Lee

Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

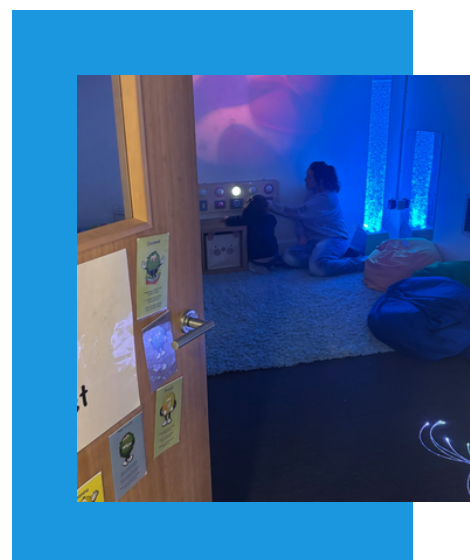
What has been happening this week?

Welcome back and Happy New year!

We have enjoyed starting our learning for the new term this week. Please check WEDUC for the Curriculum Newsletter from your class teacher which will give you information about what your child will be learning this half term.

Mrs Etuk- Smith was busy this week giving our Nest a refresh with resources paid for with the money raised by F@B. Because of your support, we now have an even more welcoming and calming space for the children to use.

We launched the projects that Pupil Parliament and Eco Council will be working on this half term. Pupil Parliament will be surveying their classes about their lunch preferences and Eco Council will be creating a leaflet and holding an assembly about eco friendly birthday parties. We have also recruited some new play leaders and the library team continue to keep our library in order.



What is happening next week?

Assemblies will introduce the children to Growth Mindset Theory and mark World Religion Day.

[*Growth Mindset Information via this link*](#)

School run clubs start from Monday. Remember to collect your child promptly at 4.15pm from the main gate.

Sportacus have spaces in their clubs- Please see details at the bottom of the newsletter!

DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET	
INSTEAD OF...	SAY THIS...
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them



Welcome back!

F@B will be meeting soon to discuss fundraising plans for this term, alongside ideas for how the school could use the funds. Please get in touch if you'd like to come along.

In the meantime please be aware that you can give to F@B for free by using the Easyfundraising website when you make your everyday purchases, or big ticket items.

By using Easyfundraising, every time you shop online with one of their 7,000+ partner brands (think Amazon, John Lewis, M&S), a portion of what you spend goes directly to Friends @ Brindishe Lee! 🇬🇧🏠🏀

Here's where we stand:

- 🇬🇧 49 supporters
- 🏠 Over £1800 raised

But with up to 270 pupils in the school, imagine what we could achieve if everyone joined in! 🙌

It's super simple:

- 1 Sign up or log in here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fb1>
- 2 Shop as usual 🛒 (no extra cost to you!)
- 3 Feel amazing knowing you're helping our school! ❤️

Every little helps to improve the school experience for our kids.

Attendance

Well done Year 5!

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	94.29%	0
Year 1	93.81%	190
Year 2	89.52%	136
Year 3	96.7%	64
Year 4	94.18%	37
Year 5	97.88%	34
Year 6	98.03%	154

Important Dates

January 2025		February 2025	
Mon 6 th Jan	INSET Day – No school	Monday 10 th Feb- Wednesday 12 th Feb	Schplastic Book Fair
		Tues 11 th Feb 3.40pm- 4.10pm	Open Classroom
Tues 7 th Jan	Start of Spring Term	Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Half Term

Can you help?

We want to make a list of jobs and interests of parents and carers of the school with the aim of widening our children's aspirations. It's about showing children that the opportunities are endless, exposing them to a wide range of experiences, and encouraging them to understand that they can be anything they want, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or where they live.

If you could spare some time to speak to children about your job, talent or interest, please email the office, FAO Mrs Bannister



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Welcome Back and Happy New Year to all our Brindishe Families

Reception 2025 Application Deadline

The deadline is fast approaching for parents/carers to apply for a Reception place for September 2025 - **15th January 2025**.

How to apply

You need to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You can apply for up to six schools, either in Lewisham or outside the borough. You must not put independent schools on your application. You must list the schools you wish to apply for in preference order. You must apply by the closing date on **15 January 2025**. When you will find out which school your child has been offered a place at You will get an email on the evening of national offer day, **Wednesday 16 April 2025**. It will tell you where your child has been offered a place and how to accept the offer.

Website to apply on:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



New Cross Fire Anniversary

Over the past five years, annually, The Phoenix Federation gather to honour the memory of the 14 young lives lost in the tragic New Cross Fire on January 18, 1981. This devastating event shook the New Cross community and became a catalyst for action, reflection, and unity in the face of injustice.

This year marks the 44th anniversary of the fire. While the date falls on a Saturday, The Phoenix Federation will come together to commemorate this solemn occasion on **Friday, January 17**, alongside schools, survivors, and supporters. They will start at 9:30am.

Collaborating for Remembrance

The Phoenix Federation will join hands with survivors of the New Cross Fire and representatives from local schools including: Addey and Stanhope, St. James Hatcham, Twin Oaks, Childeric and St. Joseph's. Together, they will visit 439 New Cross Road, the site of the fire, to remember and reflect. From there, they will proceed to the New Cross Fire Memorial in Fordham Park, a space dedicated to preserving the memory of those we lost.

A Tribute Through Art and Reflection

At Fordham Park, they will honour the lives lost through: Poetry: Sharing words of grief, remembrance, and hope; Music: Listening to songs that bring solace and unity and Paying Respects: A moment of silence and reflection to remember those who perished on that fateful day. This anniversary serves as a reminder of the strength of community and the importance of continuing the legacy of those lost. It is a time to reflect on their lives, on the impact of the fire, and on the unity it inspired among us all.

Online Safety Bulletin

Family Quiz for Online Wellbeing Tips

The NSPCC have created a quiz that can be completed as a family to help you have discussions together and find out about the NSPCC's top tips for positive online wellbeing.

The NSPCC want families across the UK to go online feeling informed, confident and happy – to be Positively online. So get the family together and take their quiz to discover our top tips for positive online wellbeing. Before you answer each question, have a discussion, then choose your answer together. Click on the image below.



Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

Making Rights Happen: Articles 1, 4 and 41

The Convention on the Rights of the Child brings together a range of rights that all children aged under 18 are entitled to, no matter who they are or where they are born. These rights ensure that all children are given the support they need to develop and reach their potential and are protected from harm. Governments across the world have signed up to the CRC and have promised to make the rights within the CRC a reality for children in their country and a number of articles specifically mention what governments must do to make rights happen.

Article 1 makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

Article 4 states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Article 41 states that if a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

How do children get to enjoy their rights in the UK? What does Government do to make this happen?

Every child must be registered with a name at birth.

There are parks and play areas provided.

We have education and health care systems.

Some people's job is to protect children.

The school curriculum includes learning about the CRC (in some parts of the UK).

Children are given protection when they need it.

Most schools have ways of listening to children's views and opinions.

There are Children's Commissioners whose job it is to make sure children are listened to.

Social care services and the police work to keep all children protected.



All children are special and important, and governments have to do all they can to make sure that each child enjoys their rights. Read the book **Every Child a Song** by Nicola Davies and Marc Martin and discuss what makes each child in your family special. .



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. ***Our third meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Thursday 6th February 2025 at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.***

Key Federation Dates

- End of Spring Term 1 - Friday 14th February
- SHINE starts at Blackheath for selected Year 5 children - Saturday 1st February
- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
- Children return to school - Monday 24th February