



Brindishe
Lee

Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

What has been happening this week?

European Languages Day (week!) was a huge success! The children have enjoyed sharing their home languages. We especially enjoyed our mini language lessons from the parents who generously gave their time to come in this week. Teşekkür ederim! Спасибо! 谢谢!, Merci! Grazie!

We say farewell to Ms Kitty today as she heads off to pastures new. We are so grateful for all of the work Ms Kitty has done for us here over the years and we hope that the experience she has gained will be valuable in her new job. Goodbye Ms Kitty! we will miss you!

Our Teaching Assistants had a surprise in Praise Assembly today as we celebrated National Teaching Assistants Day. They were presented with a card and a treat for all the hard work they do.



Pelina and her mum taught the class some Turkish this week.

What is happening next week?

World Teachers' Day is held annually on 5 October to celebrate all teachers around the globe. It commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions. We will be celebrating this day in assembly on Wednesday and taking the opportunity to show some appreciation to the fantastic, hardworking teachers at Brindishe Lee



[World Teacher Day Link](#)



We will be learning about our value of Curiosity in assembly, thinking about how this value can support our learning and personal development.

Important information from the office

Music Payments: Please make payment for your music lessons on Weduc

Year 6: School Journey is fast approaching- please fill in the form sent home today and make sure your payments are up to date.

**Green Halloween - Friday 11th
October**

When you come to pick up your pizza kit (see below) there will also be the chance to pick up a Halloween costume too! We don't want you to buy a new costume this year! Instead, come and choose a pre-loved one on 11th October.

If you have a pre-loved costume, please send it into school for someone else to have. Reduce, reuse, recycle!



Your F@Bulous pizza and cookies!!

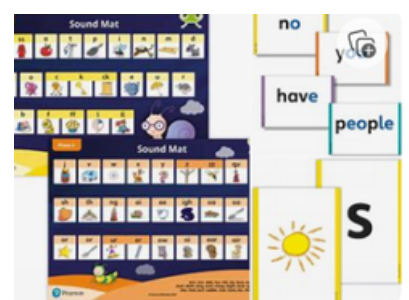
We are pleased to team up with Doughies to offer pizza and cookie making kits, for collection on Friday 11th October. Unfortunately this is their last year so let's make it count.

Please see the attached poster for details on what they offer (vegan included) and how to order, and start planning those pizza parties!



Phonics and reading workshop

We will be running a Phonics and Reading workshop for you on **Friday 4th October at 9am**. The workshop is for any parent interested in how we teach children to read and how to encourage reading for pleasure. The workshop will include information about phonics and practical ideas to use at home. Please come to the main entrance after drop off to sign in.



Attendance information 2024

Fixed penalty notices

From 19th August 2024 the Government has introduced the following national threshold: There will now be one single national threshold for attendance. Children who amount 10 sessions (a session is a morning or an afternoon) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks will automatically qualify for a fixed penalty notice. Fines are £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 per parent, per child if paid after 21 days.

For example, a 5-day holiday in term time (term time leave) or 5 days of unauthorised absence due to irregular school attendance, would meet the national threshold.

Please be aware that the 10-school week period can span different terms or school years and school holidays e.g July and September absences.

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	98.89%	4
Year 1	97.41%	80
Year 2	96.3%	36
Year 3	99.57%	11
Year 4	98.85%	10
Year 5	94.84%	35
Year 6	99.62%	40

Important Dates

October 2024		November 2024	
Black History Month		Wednesday 13 th Nov - 20 th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair in the Atrium
Thursday 17 th October	Nasal Flu Vaccination Day	11 th - 15 th November	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 17 th Oct - 3.40pm - 4.10pm	Open classrooms	11 th - 15 th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week
Mon 28 th Oct - Fri 1 st Nov	Half Term	Fri 29 th Nov	Inset Day - No school for children

Safety on the way to and from school

We have been made aware that there have been incidents of theft from preteen children in the Hither Green area. If your child walks to and from school alone, please talk to them about keeping their phone away and basic personal safety. Please see Met Police link for advice here:

[Met Police Advice](#)





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Lewisham Secondary Event

**Transition to Secondary School Event
Wednesday 25th September 2024 5pm to 8pm**

This event, building on the success of last year's, will run in Lewisham's Civic Suite from 5.00pm to 8pm. Lewisham are expecting over 300 parents, who can attend one of the three talks which will concentrate on the application process.

They also hope the event will help to reduce the number of late applications received by the team each year, which often come from applicants where their children are already attending a Lewisham primary school.

All secondary schools will attend along with the following teams such as Free School Meal and SEN.

For all other secondary school enquiries please visit the Lewisham website or ask one of our Senior Leaders who will be happy to help you.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>

Black History Lewisham 365

What is Black History Lewisham 365?

While it's important we acknowledge the national Black History Month campaign each October, in Lewisham we believe in action 365 days a year. Lewisham Council are proud to champion Black creators and trailblazers as part of our We Are Lewisham programme. They are also driving conversations to help us better understand how we can support our Black communities - from tackling healthcare inequalities, to addressing disparities among our high street businesses, to eliminating inequalities in education. And that's just the start.

Black History Month 2024

Black History Lewisham 365 is Lewisham's commitment to offering a platform for Black voices and understanding Black lived experiences 365 days per year. They have awarded grants of up to £1000 for community organisations to run events across Lewisham. For example, The Black Book Festival on Saturday 19 October 2024, 11am-6pm at Goldsmiths, University of London. This event celebrates African Diaspora contributions to the book industry, with 40 stalls showcasing African-Caribbean books, arts, and educational services. The event features seminars, exhibitions on Cy Grant and "Black Yoga," African-Caribbean storytelling, music, and food.

Look out for Black History Lewisham 365 events over the next month in this newsletter.



Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

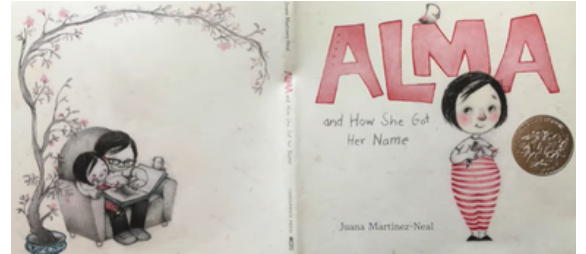
Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care. Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

Article 8 – Protection and Preservation of Identity. Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

List as many things as you can think of that help to make you a unique and wonderful person!



Appearance
Talents
Nationality
Life story
Name
Religion



How many more can you think of?

Listen to the story of 'Alma and How She Got Her Name'.

At Brindishe Schools, as the children have settled into their new classes and new routines, class teachers have spent lots of time discussing with children what makes them special or unique. As well as learning all their names.

Our names are very important to us and form part of our identity. With your child at home, try to find the meaning of your names. Have you even been to naming ceremony like a Christening or a Namkaran? Have you told your children why they have the name they have? Is the name they are called the same or different to their official names? Does their name have a meaning?

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.

Key Federation Dates

- Lewisham Secondary Event - Wednesday 25th September
- October Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- INSET DAY - Friday 29th November

Montage Theatre Arts

Montage Theatre Arts (MTA) is a performing arts charity based in Lewisham, South East London.

We run classes, workshops, performances and events for adults and children of all ages!

FREE PLACES!

All children should have access to the performing arts, despite any social or financial hardship. To positively affect the lives of our students, parents and families, a selection of free places are available for children aged 5 – 19 who meet eligibility criteria.

Visit the website here for further info

<https://www.montagetheatre.com/bursaries/>

