



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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Parents/Carers,

The spring term is now in full swing and although the weather is up and down, all the schools have had a fantastic start. During our January INSET, the Federation were lucky enough to come together to continue to strengthen our vision and values for the schools and further develop the curriculum. We will be communicating aspects of these to you over the coming weeks.

Towards the end of the autumn term we also spent time further developing our mental health and well-being team. Our provision now includes all staff being trained to support child at a class based level, a trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) in each school to support children on a one-to-one and group level and we have been lucky enough to have a trained counsellor join our Federation for 4 days a week. Further information regarding the provision will be made available to you showing our commitment to every child and families health and well-being, something that is very important to us all.

Have a lovely week,

Rachel Waite
Executive Head

Last week at Brindishe Lee...

It has been a busy week at Brindishe Lee. On Thursday, our year 5 and 6 basketball team came second in the local Lewisham basketball tournament! This was a tremendous achievement as there were 32 teams taking part. A huge congratulations to the team and in particular, Mr Gozde for taking the children. We are proud of you all!

A message from the F@B team...

We are still on the look out for volunteers to help out with our F@B 'Gardening' morning on Saturday 8th February. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please let a member of the school office or F@B team know if you are able to help out on the morning. Thank you.

Term dates....

Term dates for next year, 2020 / 2021, are on our website to help you to plan your holidays outside term time.

Please note for this year that the 2020 early May Bank Holiday has been moved back by four days across the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It will be on **Friday 8 May 2020**.

Meet the Teacher meetings Y1 – Y6 from 10 – 14 February

In a few weeks, we will be holding meetings with parents and

carers of children in Years 1 – 6 to look at each child's learning and progress so far this year. These meetings will take place during the week beginning 10th February. There will be an opportunity to look at books and learning at these meetings – we know the teachers will be pleased to show you all your child's learning.

Booking on Arbor's Parent Portal will open at 2.00pm on the 20th January and will **close at midnight on Monday 3rd February**. Please make sure you sign up for a slot before the portal closes. If you have any questions, then please ask either myself or Ms Matthews.

Reading volunteers...

We are once again on the look out for parents or carers who would like to listen to some of our children read. Please contact me if you are able to give up an hour or two each week to support our children.

A message from our Rights Respecting Team...

We are still on the look out for parents and carers to join our rights respecting team. Please speak to Ms Hearne, Mr Baguley or a member of the office team.

Rights Respecting focus... Article 1 (definition of the child)

In assembly last week we spoke about the convention on the rights of the child, as every child under

the age of 18 has all the rights within the UN Convention.

Talented parents and carer - we need you...

We are on the look out for talented parents and carers, who have an interest, passion, hobby or profession they could share with the children. For example, you may have an interest in photography, art, or you may be a chef! We want to hear from you, as we are aiming to organise a series of wide ranging workshops for the children giving them the opportunity to learn about different things. Please let a member of the office team know or speak to myself or Ms Matthews on the school gate.

Online Safety message... Discord – the App for Gamer...

Many children love the connection playing online games can create. They can talk to like-minded gamers about the games they are enjoying playing. One of the ways this is done is through the app Discord. Discord is an app, which allows gamers to create 'servers' where they can text, voice call, video call to members. The app, however, is designed for children over the age of 13. It is important if your child is using this, or any app where they are able to send messages or video, that they know how to restrict who they are speaking to, and they know who to speak to if they receive hurtful or inappropriate messages.

If you are unsure about how to do this, join us at our pop-up TechHub during internet safety week, Tuesday February 11th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Reception: 94.84%
Key stage 2: Year 6 Cherry 98.89%

Well done to these classes! Please remember that we are always aiming for your child to be in school every day of the week. We are looking to achieve over 99% attendance very soon! Please help us by making sure your child is at school every day.

Reminder please...

Could I please reminder all parents and carers not to use their mobile phone whilst on the school grounds. We ask all children to hand in their mobile phones at the school office each day and we therefore expect all members of the school community to avoid using their own. Thank you!

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 28th January – year 3 visit to the Horniman museum

Friday 24th January – Choir starts

Thursday 30th January – year 1 visit to the Science museum

Tuesday 11th February – year 5 dance workshop. Thomas Tallis School

Wednesday 12th Feb 6pm Full Governing Body meeting at Brindishe Manor School. Leahurst Road. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

10-14 Feb Mid-term review meetings

17-21 Feb Half term

Have a lovely week,
James Baguley
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