



# Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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Brindishe  
Lee

Dear Parents/Carers,  
With our first half term drawing to a close, I would like to thank all the children, families and staff for a fantastic start to the year. So many amazing opportunities have been thread throughout the last 6 weeks: the welcoming of all our new children who have settled in so well; waving our school journey groups off for days of fun adventures; the teaching of all the new topics for the year and of course, giving you the opportunity to meet your child/rens new teachers and hear about how they have started the new school year. I wish you all a fantastic break and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Rachel Waite  
Executive Headteacher  
Brindishe Schools

## This week at Brindishe Lee...

Brindishe Lee has been eerily quiet without year 6 this week! They had a fantastic time at PGL and it was great to see so many smiling faces wearily get off the coach on their return. Apart from the food, I hear the abseiling was very popular with the children this year. A huge 'thank you' to all the staff involved, who have gone above and beyond to support the children throughout the week. They deserve a well-earned rest over half term, especially Ms Haughton for pulling it all together and leading the team. This week

we also had our annual book fair. Thank you to all those parents and carers who purchased books. Your money is invaluable in allowing us to spend money on books for classroom reading areas and shared spaces around the school.

We finished the week off with a F@B cake sale in the main hall. Thank you to the F@B team for organising the event and raising much needed money for the school.

## F@B Gardening Day...

Last Saturday a number of dedicated parents and carers, alongside the F@B team and myself helped to develop the outdoor area. We braved the rain and did a lot of digging and planting. We also managed to complete the forest school's area for Ms Rathbone. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for giving up their time on a Saturday morning to help the school and the children and especially F@B for pulling it altogether.

## Thank you from year 2...

On Friday 11th October Year 2 visited London Bridge to develop their understanding on the Fire of London. Although it was wet and a bit chilly the children had a fantastic day and the visit bought the learning to life. The tour guides were very impressed with Year 2 as were we!

We want to pass on our thanks to all the parents and carers who helped out on the day. Without your help, such visits would not take place. Thank you!

## Full Governing Body Meeting...

We held the first full governing body meeting of the school year on Wednesday. Governors learned about the priorities for each of the Brindishe Schools this coming year and heard our successful outcomes for 2018/19. We will be sharing these with you in our newsletters over the coming weeks.

## Harvest Festival...



On Monday we had our annual Harvest Festival assembly. Thank you to Bridget for leading the assembly and to the parents and carers for all their donations. As you can see from the pictures, we will have made a real difference to some members of our local community.

## Curriculum survey...

You may remember that before the summer we asked you to help us review the curriculum offered at

Brindishe Schools and to contribute to a survey about it. In total we received 69 responses telling us that overall you are very happy with the school's curriculum, in particular its focus on diversity, inclusion and the arts and the engaging, cross-curricular way in which children learn. You informed us that your child/children know how important their education is, so that they rarely want to miss a day of school and they are inspired to learn because of the wide range of opportunities that we offer at Brindishe Lee. We are especially pleased to hear from you that our curriculum ensures that all children are encouraged to respect people from other backgrounds and treat everyone equally.

Comments from you focused on mental health, the arts, academic achievement, experiences and diversity such as:

*My child learned how to manage his anger through the mindfulness class he attended*

*I've noticed the school has opened up a variety of learning in the arts and that is so great*

*I greatly appreciate the breadth and depth of the curriculum at Brindishe Lee. The children have a wide range of experiences and engage with a wide range of subject areas.*

*Keep up the good work, both my children love coming to school and always come back home with great learning.*

You felt we could do more about...  
- the range of educational visits by using the local places of interest in London  
- increasing the range of enrichment opportunities  
- the teaching of a modern foreign language

You are also keen to know more about the curriculum and want to understand more about how we teach the different subjects in different years. Finally, you would also welcome more communication from school staff about how to support your child with home-learning and consistent home-learning opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to respond and give us your views. We have listened to your feedback and will be working to improve and increase the opportunities across the curriculum in a range of ways this year, including:

All children learning a modern foreign language  
Ensuring that all children in Brindishe Lee have the opportunity to visit a place of interest linked to their learning each term or receive a visitor into school.  
More training for staff and support for children around mental health and well-being  
Looking at ways to improve communication with our parents and carers

### Rights Respecting focus...



This week we have continued to promote positive mental health.

### Article 24

You have the right to the best health care possible (Physical, emotional, mental) and information to help you stay well

### Message from the office...

If your child is going on an educational visit, please can we ask that you sign the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. This helps us to plan in advance. Thank you!

### Flu vaccination ...change of date

Due to a lack of vaccines the Flu immunisation will now be held at Brindishe Lee from reception to year 6 on **Monday 7 November 2019**.

If you are not able to access the school newsletter, please come to the school office for a paper copy. Alternatively, please click on the link below to access the eConsent - <https://app.schoolscreener.com/Screener.Web/Lewisham/portal#/imms/27114211000001105/100717>

### Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Sycamore – 100%  
Key stage 2: Cherry – 96.3%  
Well done to these classes! Please remember that we are always aiming for your child to be in school every day of the week.

Our whole school attendance has slipped this week to 98.2%. We are looking to return to over 99% very soon!

### Meet and greet... A quick reminder...

I am now officially half a term into my new role at Brindishe Lee and as part of developing community links I am keen to outline some of the school's priorities for this year. I will be hosting alongside Ms Matthews a 'Meet and Greet' morning on the 18<sup>th</sup> November between 9.30 am – 11.00 am. This will provide you with an opportunity within an informal setting to learn

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more about what we are planning and how you can support us along this journey. *Please let the office team know if you will be attending.*

James Baguley  
Interim Headteacher  
Brindishe Lee

### **An important message about music from Ms E-Smith...**

There is a change of day for guitar from **Wednesday to Monday starting after half term**. The session will be taught by Mr Lomas. You will have received a text message from the office notifying you of this change.

### **F@B news...**

Today Miss Matthews officiated at the penultimate FAB100 draw. The lucky winners are:

£100 Laurence Osborn (Isobel yr 2)  
£50 Anna Gjorstrup (Theo yr 4 and Elsa yr 1)  
Congratulations to all involved!

### **Bike theft...**

Just a quick reminder please not to leave any bikes or scooters overnight in or around the bike racks. Thank you!

### **Dates for your diary...**

**Monday 21-25 October** – Half term break

**30<sup>th</sup> October** - Catford Synagogue Year 4

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas performance (pm)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas performance (pm and evening)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity (pm)

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Have a lovely half term break,

