



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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This week at Brindishe Lee...

It has been another busy week at Brindishe Lee. Last Monday, I hosted a 'Meet and Greet' session with parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who attended, as we discussed a range of strategies to help develop home-school links. I will be looking to feedback on specific suggestions during the spring term. On Tuesday, year 5 visited Greenwich Observatory where they had a great time and avoided the rain showers. On Thursday, Ms Rathbone took her class for a dance workshop at a local secondary school. As I mentioned last week, every class is getting the opportunity to learn and develop their dance skills. A big thank you to Ms Wagland for organising these workshops. I know they are proving very popular with children. And finally, thank you to everyone who helped to sponsor our 'Children in Need' sponsored pyjama day last Friday. It was a very colourful event! Thank you as always to the F@B team for helping to organise the event.

F@B Christmas Fayre... A message from the team...

We are busy preparing ourselves for our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 14th November. Please contact the office or a member of the F@B team if you are able to help out on the day.

Messages from the office...

Can we please ask all parents and carers to make sure that their child has their lunch ready and with them when they arrive into school, as we are having many drop offs of lunches after 9.15am.

Please can you ring one of the office team if you are going to be late to pick up your child. We really do need to know. Thank you.

December election...

As you know Brindishe Lee is being used as a polling station for the General Election on Thursday 12 December. The school will remain open as usual. The polling station will be set up in the studio, with access via the gate to the year 1 and year 2 classrooms on Effingham Road **not** via the main school entrance.

Lee Green Cycling Bus

Just a quick reminder, that we are having a Christmas Cycle bus on Wednesday the 11th December at Hither Green station at 8.00 am.
Put the date in your diary!

A plea from the Reception team...

The reception team are on the look out for donations of unwanted fabrics (large pieces or just off cuts). If you could please ask

around in any fabric shops/stalls for donations. The children are in desperate need of some fabric for their daily activities. Plus, if you have any spare cuts of wood for our wood work area it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for all your support!

Rights Respecting focus...

This week we are linking our Rights Respecting agenda to article 24. Over the past few days, the children, as well as our Rights Respecting Ambassadors have been discussing the following:

Article 24

The right to a clean environment (clean air) Was car free day a success? What did you like? What was the impact? What could be done in the future?

The ambassadors also wrote class responses in their book to bring along to the next meeting.

As part of promoting our Rights Respecting agenda we are encouraging children to enter a competition called '**stay bright and be seen**'. The aim of the competition is to brighten your bag or coat when biking or walking to school. Please take pictures and bring them into school. Judging will take place the week of the 25th November. Prizes will be awarded in assembly on Friday the 29th

November by our very own Rights Respecting Ambassadors.



Online Safety message...

Last week's Online Safety theme was 'The Media Online'. The children have been considering how their views are respected at school (Article 12 – respect the views of the child), and how they can form their own opinions from access to information from online media sources. (Article 17 – access to information from the media) You may wish to share some of these online news sources with your children.

<https://live.firstnews.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/>

Brindishe Lee Giving Tree 2019...

A message from Ms Ferrant...

Many thanks to all of the families who have taken Giving Tree tags. Just a reminder that gifts (new toys or games, no clothing please) need to be brought into children's classes (not the school office) on **Wednesday 27th November**. Children can bring them into the assembly and will be invited class by class to place them under the tree. Please do not wrap your gift, simply attach the tag with the age and gender of the child it is intended for.

There are some spare tags available in the school office if there are any families would still like to take part. We hope that this will be a good opportunity for our

pupils to think about children who cannot enjoy Christmas in their own homes this year and we are very thankful to our families for their generosity with this project.

Allergy Aware School...

Please remember that we have children and staff with nut allergies at Brindishe Lee and we do our best to be a nut-free school. Please help us by making sure that children's packed lunches do not contain nuts. It is worth noting that chocolate spreads do contain nuts and should be avoided. Thank you for your help in keeping all of our children and adults in school safe

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Year 1 – 99.26%
Key stage 2: Year 3 – 98.82%
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 again this week to 97.2%. We need to return to over 99% very soon! Please help us by making sure your child is at school every day.

Reading tokens...

Having spoken and taken feedback from parents and carers, we have decided to withdraw our wish to obtain reading tokens from the 'Sun' newspaper.

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 28th November – Year 5 Dance workshop

Monday 2nd December – year 4 Steve McQueen exhibition. Tate Modern.

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Christmas performance (pm)

Wednesday 11th December – KS2 Christmas performance (pm and evening)

Thursday 12th December – Year 6 Royal Opera visit

Thursday 12th December – General Election. The school will remain open

Thursday 12th December – Full Governing Body Meeting at BL

Saturday 14th December – Christmas Fayre.

Tuesday 17th December – KS1 Nativity (pm)

Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Nativity (pm)

Have a lovely week,

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