

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

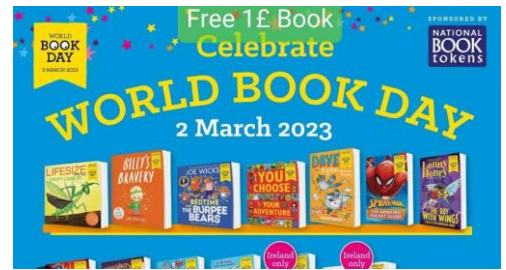
What a fabulous World Book Day we have had today!

We had an amazing turnout for the PSFA Book Breakfast in our main hall, where children could grab some fruit or breakfast pastries and juice. It was wonderful to see the children's costumes and who they had decided to dress up as!

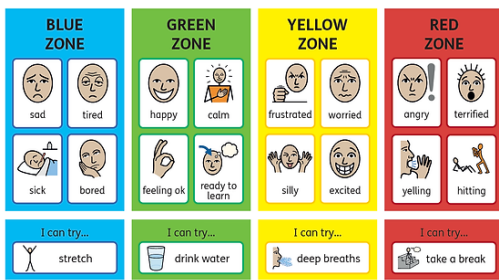
All classes had different activities and themes going on in their classrooms and lots of stories have been shared throughout the day. We also did some 'Drop everything and read' moments throughout the day, which were great fun.

Mrs Sanders and Mrs Clapton both led assemblies today to share a special reading challenge that we are going to take part in...ask your child for more information!

Your child will bring home their £1 World Book Day voucher at the end of today for you to use against the price of a book in any book shop. Please read the back of the voucher



### Zones of Regulation Workshops



We were very pleased to welcome over fifty parents and carers to the Zones of Regulation workshops last half term.

In order for the Zones to be accessible to all parents and carers, we are sharing the **presentation** and the **Parent Pack** via Weduc. The Parent Pack can be printed at home if you would like to use the resources. If you do not have access to a printer, we can print these for you in school in exchange for a small donation that can be left in the office.

If you would like to discuss the presentation or the Parent Pack further, please send a mail to [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) and this will be passed onto us.

To help us plan future sessions, it would be very helpful if you would spend a few minutes completing the survey which has been uploaded to Weduc.

There is the possibility that we may repeat the introductory session next term, so if you were not able to make it in January, please let us know via email if you are interested in attending.

## **Planned Strike Action by the NEU**

The National Education Union (NEU) have announced that their members will be striking on the dates below. In all three schools, a number of our staff are NEU members and will be striking on the following days:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*\*Please note that this list only contains dates that apply to our school*

We will be in touch as soon as we know which classes will not be in school on these days.

## **Volunteers**

Thank to parents and carers who have come forward to offer their time in school. We will be in touch over the next few weeks.

We are still looking for volunteers to work in school throughout the week. This could be to hear children read, carry out some gardening (without children), help support children with practical learning etc. If you can offer the school an hour or two a week, or 30 minutes daily, then please get in touch with us for an application pack- you can email [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) we would love to hear from you.

## **Safeguarding at Brindishe Manor**

Please make sure that before you come on to site, you have come off of your mobile phone and have removed your headphones.

## **Parent/ teacher meetings**

Parent and teacher meetings for Spring term will be held the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March. We will be in touch closer to the time so that you can book your appointment with your child's class teacher. These meetings are always held after school.

Best wishes for a great weekend

The Brindishe Manor Team





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## Brindishe Federation Newsletter

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### *Vacancies at Brindishe Schools*

We currently have a number of vacancies across the federation for office posts, including Federation Housekeeper and HR and Payroll Manager. Please visit our school website for further information, job descriptions and application forms.

[Brindishe Federation - Vacancies \(brindisheschools.org\)](https://brindisheschools.org)

### *Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week*

#### Article 2 – Non-discrimination

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination.

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 March. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

#### Why do you think it is important to have a special day to celebrate women?

- To celebrate how amazing women are.
- To recognise how women have changed the world.
- To acknowledge the challenges women still face around the world.
- To encourage women to be themselves – to be the best they can be!
- To let women know they are appreciated.
- To speak out about inequality.
- Fewer girls than boys go to school – this isn't right.
- Women often get paid less than men for doing the same job.
- It is about equality and ensuring all are treated fairly and not discriminated against.
- To explore what we need to do to create a world where gender equality exists.



There are so many amazing women to learn about and some brilliant books that we share with children in Brindishe Schools. Watch this [clip](#) to see some drawings of the women who are part of the Puffin Little Leaders books.





## ***Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin***

### ***How old is your child online?***

**Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account?**

For example, did your 8-year-old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age? If so, please read some of the implications outlined below that you should think about.

If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults.

In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all functionalities (whereas some apps place restrictions on access to under 18s for example to direct messaging).

The following news article from Ofcom explains this in further detail as well as providing tips to help keep your child safe online: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/risks-of-children-using-false-ages-on-social-media>

Age ratings Parent Zone provide some advice on age ratings and why they matter in this blog: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>





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## ***Secondary Offer Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023***

### **When you will get your offer**

#### **Online applications**

If you applied on time using the online system for admission in 2023, you will get an email after 5pm on 1 March 2023 telling you where your child has been offered a secondary school place.

#### **Paper applications**

If you applied using a paper application, Lewisham will send your result by first class post on 1 March 2023. This may take a couple of days to arrive.

If your child is not offered one of the schools you applied for, and you are unable to contact Lewisham by telephone, please email [secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk) and include 'Secondary transfer 2023 – allocated place' in the subject line.

### **How to accept your place**

If you applied online, you need to accept the place on the [Eadmissions website](#).

If you completed a paper application, you should return your completed acceptance form to [secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk) and use 'Secondary transfer 2023 Acceptance' in the subject line.

**You must accept your place by Wednesday 15 March 2023.**

### **If you have not been offered any of the schools you applied for**

Unfortunately, Lewisham can't offer every child a place at a school they applied for. However, they do make sure they offer every child who lives in the borough a school place.

If you live in the borough and Lewisham can't offer you a place at any of the schools on your list, they will offer you a place at your nearest Lewisham school that has a vacancy. This could be a faith or non-faith school.

*[For further support and advice please visit Lewisham Council Website here](#)*

## ***Lewisham School Term Dates***

Lewisham schools term dates have now been published up to 2027 and can be found on Brindishe Website or on the Lewisham Council Website.

[Lewisham Council - School term and holiday dates](#)



## ***Governing Body Dates***

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - [lizcmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:lizcmurphy@gmail.com)

Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6pm



## ***Key Federation Dates***

- SHINE at Blackheath starts – **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**
- Secondary offer day - **Wednesday 1 March 2023** (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)
- Easter Holidays – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school for Summer Term
- **Primary offer day** - Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)

## ***Further Strike Days – possible school closures will be communicated closer to the strike days***

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## ***Are you throwing a community event for the Coronation?***

Local people can apply for small grants of up to £300 to organise Coronation related activities:

[Apply for a coronation small grant](#). Deadline Sunday 19 March 2023.

The National Lottery are offering funding of up to £10,000 through Awards For All England:

Apply for a [National Lottery grant here](#). Deadline: Ongoing. You must apply at least 12 weeks before your event, for example, if you are planning an event for 6 May, your deadline will be 25 February.

If you want to host a street party, you don't need any special permission or insurance, but you will need to apply for a road closure:

[Apply for a street party road closure](#).



*'The more that you read, the more things you'll know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'  
- Dr. Seuss*



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are running a **Read for Good Readathon** and we'd love your child to join in.

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD, 2002).

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach that inspires reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

The evidence from other schools is clear: teachers, parents and pupils all say that the freedom to choose what to read, combined with the knowledge that they are directly helping children in hospital, makes participation easy and compelling.

All you have to do is:

1. **Take a look at what they plan to read**, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends**. The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves, and our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total, so there really is something in it for everyone.

For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org).

**Thank you for your support – helping your child  
to keep reading, raising  
and being amazing!**



**readforgood.org**    

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