



Brindishe  
Manor

## Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week our KS2 choir had the opportunity to take part in the Young Voices concert which took place at the O2 Arena in Greenwich. The children performed a number of songs which they have been learning over the past few months and performed alongside thousands of other children and professional singers and dancers. We praised the children in assembly today and they were all so pleased that they had been able to take part. They had enormous fun!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Benton for all of her hard work in preparing the children for a fabulous performance and for spending the evening supporting the children at the event. She is always so dedicated in making sure the children have this opportunity. Thanks also to the staff and parents/carers who accompanied them.

### Planned Strike Action by the NEU

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

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### Royal Academy Summer Show

If your child/ren have any amazing artwork that they have completed at home, they can now submit them online to the Royal Academy young artists' summer show. We have registered Brindishe Manor for this amazing opportunity and you can find out more by following the link below

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2023>

We will also be selecting some work around school to enter into the competition. Good luck if you enter!

### Phones in the playground

Just a reminder that parents and carers should keep their phone out of sight and on silent when in the school playground before and after you pick up/drop off your child. You should also remove your earphones whilst on school premises. Thank you!



### Playground improvements

Miss Hockham and the Playground Leaders have listened to children in the school about what is going well and what needs improving in the playground. They have decided to increase the variety of things to do and are working on developing different zones. They need your help!

The first zone is going to be an area where children can make camps.

Do you have any of the following?

- Fabric in lengths of 1 metre or longer (can be sheets or other fabric)
- Pegs (wooden or plastic)
- String of any colour (plastic or twine) in lengths of 1 metre or longer
- Ribbons



If you could spare any or a selection of these items, please put them in a plastic bag and bring them to the office. There will be a regular update in the newsletter of things that we need so don't worry if you can't help this time – we'll be asking for other objects in the coming months!

### 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.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Brindishe Manor team



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Federation

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### *Holocaust Memorial Day 2023*

Holocaust Memorial Day is on Friday 27 January.

#### *Ordinary People*

The theme for this year is Ordinary People. Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The theme, set by the Holocaust Memorial Trust, prompts us to consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves, can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in challenging prejudice today.

#### *How Lewisham are marking the day*

A number of Lewisham Schools have taken part in online workshops hosted by the Holocaust Educational Trust. Teaching resources and other materials can be found on the [Holocaust Memorial Trust website](#).



The Mayor of Lewisham, Damien Egan, will be lighting a candle in the council chamber on the 27 January to remember those whose lives were lost as a result of genocide, and the millions affected by genocide since the end of WWII.

Lewisham's Holocaust Memorial Day Committee will be hosting a local community event on the 29 January at 3.00pm. They will have a number of speakers from across many faiths in the borough, including contribution from the Catford and Bromley Synagogue, Lewisham Islamic Centre, St Laurence Church, as well as holocaust survivors and their families. Due to the sensitive nature of this event, Lewisham are asking all guests to RSVP by emailing [civicevents@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:civicevents@lewisham.gov.uk), further details will be shared once you get in touch.

Residents can also light a candle and sit in a moment of silent reflection at the Hither Green Crematorium Chapel on Sunday 29 January.



## *Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week*

### **Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care**

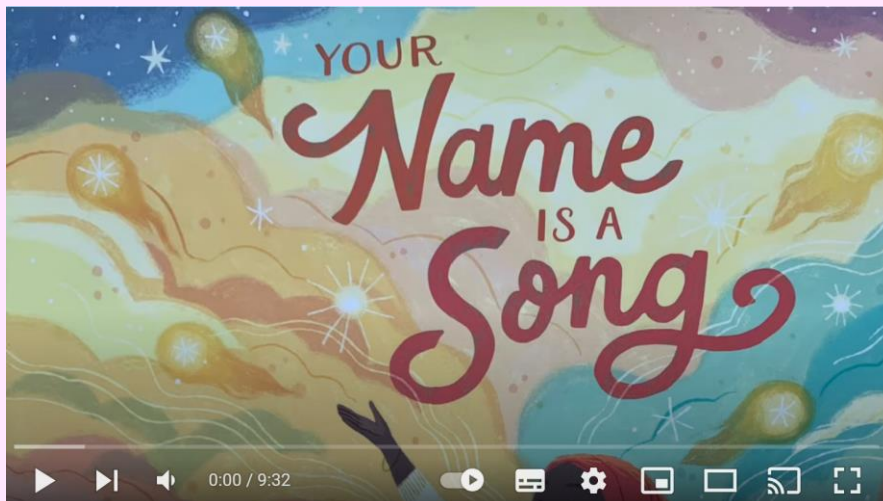
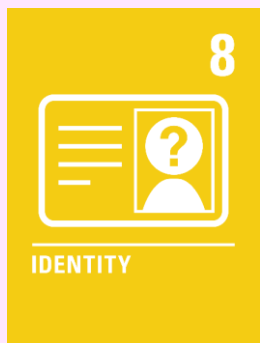
Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

### **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.

At Brindishe Schools, we always discuss things that help to make us all unique and wonderful people! We always talk about different countries around the world. People have the right to belong to a country - this is called their nationality and children and staff respect all nationalities.

Names are important to us too. We make sure that we pronounce people's names correctly to respect the right to a name and identity. Here is a story, 'Your Name is a Song' by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow.



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

### **BBC Own it keyboard and App**

Did you know BBC Own It has a keyboard and app?

Download the app on your child's phone to access the special keyboard, which will offer advice as they type and intervenes for example, if they're sharing their mobile number, the app will tell your child to 'think safe' before they send the message.

Find out more here: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/takecontrol/own-it-app>

BBC Own it also has a dedicated area for you with video guides on useful topics such as '*the transition from primary to secondary school*' and '*supporting children with social media apps*' and links to other useful sites.

Click below to access: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/parents>




### ***Key Federation Dates***

- Half Term – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb
- 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)

### ***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 1	Brindishe Lee	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 6pm
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



# Number

# Day

## Friday 3rd February

### Dress For Digits!

*Wear an item of clothing with a number on it or you could put your creative hats on and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!*

Children will take part in mathematic activities giving them a chance to apply their skills to every day scenarios while having fun with their peers!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of numbers!