



Brindishe Manor Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have seen an improvement in the weather, allowing our youngest children to be back outside as often as possible. We have also been able to run our two year 5 trips to Deptford Creek on Thursday and Friday. The children really enjoyed their day and there has been lots of geographical learning to support the knowledge they had already gained last term.

Over the past year, we have asked for book donations to support our classroom libraries and our outdoor shed. Thank you to those who have donated. We no longer need donations of books and will be in touch as soon as the need arises again. We are now asking for various other donations to school. These include:

- Fabric in lengths of 1 metre or longer
- Pegs (wooden or plastic)
- String of any colour (plastic or twine) in lengths of 1 metre or longer
- Ribbons
- Orchard toy games.
- We are also looking to place 3 or 4 mud kitchens in our grassed area. If you have one that your children have finished with, or know someone who could supply us with some, please get in touch!
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Planned Strike Action by the NEU

Please see the information sent via Weduc regarding the NEU strike action for teachers.

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- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

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

The classes that will remain **OPEN** on Wednesday 1st February are:

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| Rashford class | Ms Rahman |
| Latimer class | Mr Jones |
| Turing class | Mrs Sanders |

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We will be in touch with more information about the other strike days, when we have it available to us.

Parent/ teacher meetings

Parent and teacher meetings for Spring term will be held the week beginning 27th 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.

Phones in the playground

We are still seeing a number of parents and carers using their mobile phones as they walk into our playground to collect children.

You should come off of your phone and remove your earphones whilst on school premises.

Thank you!



Have a great weekend!

The Brindishe Manor team



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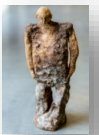
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Discover a new creative passion on a free online taster course

Lewisham adult learning service are offering free online drawing and painting taster courses in February. If you think you can't draw or haven't drawn for years, this is the perfect opportunity to explore a variety of different techniques and materials and learn new skills.

Courses include drawing and painting landscapes, portraiture and starting an art project.

[Find out more about drawing and painting courses](#)



Nominate your community heroes

Lewisham would like your nominations for the **Mayor of Lewisham Community Awards 2023**. This is a chance to celebrate all those unsung local heroes who go above and beyond to support others and make a difference in our borough. They might be helping a neighbour in need, coaching a grassroots sports team, or running a voluntary group.

If you know somebody who deserves recognition for their tireless work, please enter them for an award now, it will only take a few minutes.

[Get your entries in via the Council website by Monday 30 January.](#)



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

Article 2: (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 13: (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information if it is within the law.

Article 17 - access to reliable information

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

And remember, at the heart of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child are the values of dignity, equality and non-discrimination.

LGBT+ History Month takes place in February each year.

LGBT+ History Month is all about promoting fairness, equality and diversity and raising awareness of LGBT+ people and culture, now and in the past. It aims to give voice to LGBT+ experiences, celebrate achievements and highlight the challenges people still face today. It is also about helping everyone to learn more about LGBT+ culture and history.

The theme for this year, along with more information about the month, can be found [here](#).

At Brindishe Schools, we know it important to listen to, learn from and celebrate people's differences in school and in our community. It helps to remind us that we are all unique and should all be treated with dignity.

- It reminds us that everyone has different experiences and everyone has the right to be listened to and express their opinions.
- When our differences are celebrated, we feel valued as people and our health and wellbeing improves.
- It helps all people to feel welcome in our schools.
- It reminds us that not all families or relationships look the same.
- It helps us to be open and respectful to new ideas about identity.
- We are all learning all the time and by listening to others, we continue to grow and learn.
- It makes sure that we can speak up and challenge unfair comments or actions.
- It helps ensure that all Brindishe children and young people's opinions are taken into account when making decisions about them.

Watch the video of the story [And Tango Makes Three](#) at home with your child. There are many different types of families. For example, some children may live with a mum and a dad, just a mum, two dads or live with other carers who look after them.





Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Fortnite



Is your child playing Fortnite?

It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.

In-app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings.

Find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well.

Further information can be found on the link below.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide/>

Key Federation Dates

- **Wednesday 1st Feb** - Teacher Strike Day – see each schools' own communication for possible class closures
- **Half Term - Monday 13th Feb – Friday 17th Feb**
- Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April
- Monday 17th 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

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| Spring 1 | Brindishe Lee | Tuesday 7 th February 2023, 6pm |
| Spring 2 | Brindishe Green | Thursday 23 rd March 2023, 6pm |
| Summer 1 | Brindishe Manor | Tuesday 23 rd May 2023, 6pm |
| Summer 2 | Brindishe Lee | Thursday 13 th July 2023, 6pm |