



Brindishe Manor

Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

What has been happening this week?

This week in our assemblies we explored inspirational Black Women, which is the overall theme for 2023's *Black History Month*.

We explored inspirational sports women and their successes and talked about how they became so talented and successful. I asked the children to go away and research their own inspirational sports women and share these with their classes, if they wish.

Maybe you can try and find out who these inspirational women are that we explored in assembly?



What is happening next week?

Next week is DT week at Brindishe Manor!

Each term we hold a DT week for our children, so that they can plan, design and create various DT projects that our teachers plan for them. Next week we have a whole host of learning happening; from shelter design, to sandwich making and building various structures. We want to thank the PSFA for their continuing support in funding our DT projects and for your help with the cost of consumables (such as food items) which we need additional funds for.

It is the last day of the half term next Friday and school finishes at the usual time - 3:15pm

Open Classroom

You will have seen on the Weduc Calendar that there is also an open Classroom after school on Tuesday 17th October 3:15-3:45pm for you to come and see inside your child's classroom and they can talk you through some of their learning. We hope you can make it, but remember we run these each half term, so there are other opportunities to come throughout the year!



The National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 26 October, 11.00-16.00

Across the Gallery

Free, drop-in

Join us this October half term for a big drawing extravaganza!
Explore drawing with the senses through fun, playful activities for all the family.

Book Fair

Each year we invite the scholastic book fair to our school. This is a great opportunity for you to purchase a book for your child, whilst supporting the school! Every time a book is purchased a % of money is donated to the school, which we can then spend on books for your children in class.

The book fair will be open on Monday and Tuesday and is CASH ONLY.

If you think you can offer 30 minutes of your time from 3:10-3:40pm on Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th October to help take payments then please let us know by emailing info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk



Come to our drop-in session

A reminder that from 8.45-10.00am on Thursday 19th October, there will be a drop-in session with Cheriece Nelson.

Cheriece is the Communication and Engagement lead for the Lewisham Integrated Special Educational Needs/Disability Services for Children & Young People, and would like to hear your views and answer your questions about services for children and young people in the local area .

All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please let us know by dropping a quick email to info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk, to help us organise a suitable space for the group.



We need your help ...

Sometimes you have valuable resources/ items at home that we can make good use of in school, which support our children in lots of ways...whether it be for lunchtimes clubs, our early years classes, DT week or art sessions. This term we are asking for the following items:

There will be buckets to collect these items at the front of the school from next week!

- good quality non-fiction books that your child/ren have finished with
- good quality paperback books that you no longer need
- orchard toy games that your child/ren have outgrown
- games that can be used for indoor lunch club eg chess, connect 4 etc
- kitchen rolls (not toilet rolls)
- egg boxes
- cereal boxes for our DT and junk modelling



2 WEEKS OF HALLOWEEN FUN

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER

FRI 27TH OCTOBER

SPOOKTACULAR SPORTS & DANCE

SPORTACUS HALF TERM CAMPS



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DAYS
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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

NORMAL DAY: 9:30-3:30 EXTENDED DAY: 8:00-5:30	Brindishe Green Beacon Rd London SE13 6EH	Darrick Wood Jr School Lovibonds Avenue Orpington BR6 8ER
WEEK 1 MON 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER		
WEEK 2 MON 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER		

CHILDREN AGED 4-12

MULTISPORTS & DANCE (DANCE AVAILABLE EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY!)

FANCY DRESS FRIDAY: DARE TO SCARE IN A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN BASED OUTFIT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SPORTACUS PRIZE!

PRICES

STANDARD INDIVIDUAL DAY: £28.50 FULL STANDARD WEEK: £93.50
 EXTENDED INDIVIDUAL DAY: £45.00 FULL EXTENDED WEEK: £200

EXTENDED HOURS NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL VENUES!

SAVE 10% WHEN BOOKING 2 OR MORE STANDARD OR EXTENDED FULL WEEK BOOKINGS USING THE CODE **SIBLING10**
 CODE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR 2 OR MORE BOOKINGS OF THE SAME WEEK AND CANNOT BE USED ON INDIVIDUAL DAYS.
 WE NOW ACCEPT TAX FREE CHILD CARE VOUCHERS. PLEASE EMAIL OUR TEAM TO FIND OUT HOW TO REDEEM.

OUR EXPERIENCED AND HIGHLY SKILLED TEAM ALL HOLD ENHANCED DBS CERTIFICATES AND ARE FIRST AID TRAINED.

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Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is **Celebrating Our Sisters**.

**Celebrating Our Sisters: Black Female Artists
Honouring Black History Month
Monday 16 – Sunday 22 October | Pop Up At
Brockley, 16-18 Brockley Cross, SE4 | Free**



Starting on Monday 16th, you can enjoy a curated collection celebrating black sisterhood. Enjoy paintings, photography, sculpture and multimedia installations created exclusively by black female artists which pays tribute to the collective experiences of black women.



Visit <https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/black-history-month> for more information and lots more to explore in Lewisham this October.

What else is on in Lewisham this half term?

This October Half Term 2023 The Conservatoire has a holiday programme which is running from Monday 23 October to Saturday 28 October with the theme of Going Underground. You'll find an eclectic mix of music, art, drama, dance and digital technology courses for all ages. For example, creative Dance for kids, Brilliant Brass, Cello Journey, Moving With The Earth, Drama In A Day and Make a Musical.

You can also find out more by visiting our [website](https://www.conservatoire.org.uk) or emailing info@conservatoire.org.uk.



Please find attached the full conservatoire with our newsletter.

Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

Introducing Article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



What are all the things that you need to survive and to develop?

- Good health – physical and mental
- Education
- Healthy food
- Clean water
- Somewhere safe to live
- People to look after you
- A name and an identity so you can be registered for healthcare and education
- Protection so you are safe from abuse and neglect
- A good standard of living
- Time and space to relax and play
- Knowledge of your rights



Article 6 talks about developing to your full potential and surviving; other words that are sometimes used are 'flourish' and 'thrive'. At home with your child, look up the definitions of these words – do they all mean the same thing?

Online Safety Bulletin

Talking to younger children - It is never too early to start chatting to our children about how to stay safe online. But how can we do this? Here are some of our suggestions:

Use books to spark conversations

Childnet have created a collection of five 'Digiduck' stories to help you educate your child (aimed at aged 3–7) about online safety. The stories are available here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>.

In addition, Childnet have created a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above titled 'On the internet.' The book also includes puzzles to encourage conversations. The book can be downloaded here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/>

Watch Jessie & Friends together

ThinkuKnow have created three different animations for three age groups between 4 – 7 years. ThinkuKnow also provide some useful guidance and advice on what else you can do to keep your child safer online, such as setting up appropriate parental controls. You can find out more here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

Is your child under 5?

This article is specifically aimed at those with children under the age of 5 and discusses the benefits of being online as well as how to create a safer online environment. You can read the article here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>



Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2024. For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Tuesday 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Monday 16th October - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Secondary Schools Transfer 2024

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2024, then now is the time to start filling in your online application and visiting Lewisham secondary school 'Open Days'. The Lewisham website has all the information you need to know about secondary admissions.

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2024](#)

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 31 October 2023)

Key Federation Dates

- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Tuesday 31st October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24th October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24th November. Schools closed to all children.

Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**