



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all parents and carers who completed our survey which was open last week. We will now spend some time reading them through and contacting anyone who left us their contact details, as well as looking to see where we can make changes to any of the key questions asked. Of course we will keep you up-to-date through the newsletter.

We now have 5 weeks left of the Summer term and it is jam-packed with events and opportunities for the children, both inside and outside of the classroom. There are still trips and visits happening, Sports days, Year 6 transition events, visitors to school, our annual school BBQ and summer fair to name but a few! We are excited to celebrate the end of the school year with the children and share their success with you in their end of year report which you will also receive in July.

Communicating with school

There are several ways that you can communicate with us at school. If you collect your child/ren at the end of the day, you can ask your child/ren's class teacher any questions that you may have. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the staff have meetings from 3:30pm so they may be more limited for time on these days. Teachers may ask to arrange a more convenient time with you.

You can also speak to a member of SLT: Kate Porter, Julie Hockham, Charlotte Dougan or our Inclusion Lead Gemma Caller on the school gate.

You can also email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk and your email will be sent on to the appropriate person. We ask you not to email teachers directly because they are busy teaching throughout the day and cannot always get back to you! Although we officially have 10 days to reply to emails, we will always aim to get back to you as soon as we can.

Sports Days

For each of the Sports Days we will require a number of parents on hand to support with walking the children to and from the event. Please also bring along a packed lunch to enjoy with the children before we return to school. Please can you email the school office on info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk if you are able to support your child's class by walking to and from the sports day

The dates are:

Thursday 29th June – Year 3 and 4 children at Ladywell Fields for Tri-School Sports Day

Thursday 6th July – Year 5 and 6 sports day at Ladywell Fields for Tri-School Sports Day

Tuesday 11th July – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day at Manor House Gardens

World Food Night

Please see the poster from the PSFA with the details of our always popular World Food Night, which is being held on Thursday 22nd June from 5-6:30pm in our main hall. The event is free, just bring along a dish, a side dish, or snacks for everyone to share and then tuck in and share what else is on offer. Ms Groothues will have some Spanish activities for you to try and some Spanish phrases for you to learn.

We are really looking forward to seeing you there.



Transition arrangements for end of the year

In 2-3 weeks' time, the children will begin their transition towards the end of the year and for the start of their new year. We run several sessions with their new teachers and several activities so that the children have a good understanding of who their teachers will be, where their classroom will be located and what they will be learning about in the first half term.

The children will be told their new class teachers and will come home with an information sheet for you to see. This year the transition sessions will happen on:

Wednesday 12th July – PM

Tuesday 18th July – AM

Wednesday 19th July – Children can be dropped at their new classrooms on arrival.

Key Dates:

Thursday 22nd June

Thursday 29th June

Monday 3rd July

Thursday 6th July

Friday 7th July

Tuesday 11th July

Wednesday 11th July

Tuesday 18th July

Wednesday 19th July

Friday 21st July

World Food night from 5pm – Free

Y3/4 Sports Day

Inset Day, no school for children

Y5/6 Sports Day

Fundraising sporting event from PSFA

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

First transition session for children

Second transition session for children

Final transition session for children

Last day of the school year

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kate and the team at Brindishe Manor



PSFA NEWS

SUMMER FAIR

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 12pm-3pm

With just over 3 weeks to go until the first Brindishe Manor summer fair in 4 years, planning is well underway.

But to make it a success **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

If you can, please do sign up for a **one hour shift** on a stall:

Email brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com or speak to a member of the PSFA. Thank you!

World Food Night

Next Thursday is the World Food Night. Come along with all the family and bring a dish to share. Please bring food ready to eat, with ingredients listed - no nuts. There will be Spanish themed activities, a Windrush 75 display and soft drinks.

Windrush 75 -

World Food Night coincides with the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush bringing more than 800 passengers from the Caribbean. To commemorate this we will have a Windrush display at the event. We'd love to hear your family stories so if you would like to add anything to the display, please bring it along.

Tombola Donations

Tombola donations can be dropped into the office from next week until Thurs 6th July. We need:

NEW gifts, gift sets, wine etc.
Pre-loved Soft toys - must be in good condition
Thank you!

Activity Day - 7th July

On Friday 7th July the children will take part in a sponsored activity day to fundraise for the PSFA and school. There will be a range of activities such as yoga, sports, crafts. From next week there will be a Just Giving page you can share with friends & family to collect sponsorship, or there will be some paper forms available in the office .

Brindishe Manor PSFA (1117178)
(Parents, Staff and Friends Association)





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Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is coming to Lewisham libraries. This is a great opportunity for children to come to their local library in the holidays, join and complete the challenge which this year is called "**Ready, Set, Read**" encouraging children to carry on reading in the holidays. All children have to do is sign up at their nearest library, read 6 books collecting prizes along the way. Children who complete get a medal and a certificate presented in school. The reading challenge launches on **Saturday July 8th** and children can sign up at their local library. Libraries are also running many activities for children during the holidays and details will be posted on our website: libraries.lewisham.gov.uk

More information can be found at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Minecraft legends

Minecraft Legends was released last month and is available across a variety of platforms. It is rated as 7+ by PEGI with a further content descriptor of 'violence.' As mentioned earlier though, when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft Legends does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

What should I be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items to support (although not needed) game play. You can set up appropriate parental settings to restrict/prevent purchases.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

You can find out more in this article: [Minecraft parental controls and safety settings | Internet Matters](#)





Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 11 (abduction and non-return of children)

Governments must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally by their parents or other relatives or being prevented from returning home.

Article 36 (other forms of exploitation)

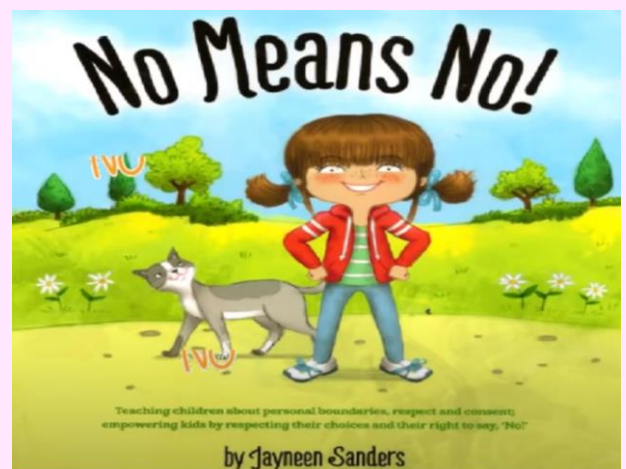
Governments must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

Most children never experience abduction or other forms of exploitation, but it does happen and that's why these articles are included in the CRC.

What should adults do to protect children and keep them safe?

- Make sure you are being looked after by someone responsible. If you are going out, make sure they know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Make sure that you have someone to talk to if you feel unsafe and that you know this is always a top priority.
- Encourage you to say no if you are in a situation where you feel uncomfortable.
- Use safe settings on wifi and devices and discuss this with you.
- Provide safety equipment for activities such as cycling and skateboarding.
- Ensure that places such as schools have security gates/locks.
- Provide a sign in system for school visitors.

At Brindishe Schools, through our PSHME curriculum we explicitly teach children how to stay safe and important that we all learn to say no when we are not comfortable with something. Read or watch [No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders](#) together at home with your child and discuss having the confidence to say no when something doesn't feel right.





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Key Federation Dates

- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 3rd July
- End of Term – Friday 21st July 2023

Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

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Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm