



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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This week at Brindishe Lee...

With the nights closing in and the winter chill almost upon us, I have been keeping myself busy showing a number of visitors around our school this week. They were very impressed with the behaviour of the children and the exciting learning taking place in all the classrooms. The children have come back positive after half term and have been really engaged in their learning. On Wednesday, Year 4 visited Catford and Bromley Synagogue to see at first hand the places and artefacts they have been finding out about during their focus on Judaism. They were all fascinated by what they saw and it really brought their learning to life. Ms Rathbone remarked that the children were a delight to take out and they maintained their enthusiasm for the visit, even when they had to walk all the way there (a one and a quarter hour walk!) due to problems in Catford on the day. A very special thank you to the parents and carers who accompanied the children and for also embracing the long walk with a smile! Without your support, educational visits would not be possible. A great time was had by all. A big thank you to Ms Rathbone for organising the visit. We are really keen to recruit more parent volunteers to help support on school visits! Please catch up with me on the school gate to find out more!

F@B Pumpkin workshop...

As usual, the F@B team have been hard at work supporting the school and raising much needed money. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for giving up their time after school on Tuesday to organise an arts and craft pumpkin workshop. There was a great turn out and as I entered the main hall at the end, I was greeted with some wonderfully decorative pumpkins. Thank you to all those who donated money for the school.

Message from the office...

Can we please ask all parents and carers to pay any outstanding payments for dinner money by Thursday of this week. The arrears are creeping up! Thanking you all in advance.

December election...

With this week's announcement of a general election on the 12th December, I can confirm that the school will remain open, even though we will be a polling station.

Lee Green Cycling Bus

At Brindishe Lee we are all developing a much greater awareness and understanding of environmental issues and trying to minimise our environmental footprint. We have been working closely with Councillor Octavia and it was great to promote the Lee Green Cycling Bus leaving

Hither Green station at 8.00 am last Friday. Thank you to all those parents and carers who participated alongside their child. Please spread the word, so more and more children and parents can bike to school. It would be great for this to become a regular event.

World Mental Health Day and Brindishe Lee Mental Health fortnight...

On World Mental Health Day (10th October) #HelloYellow we raised an impressive £180. Thank you to all who contributed to make this a special event for Brindishe Lee. The money will be shared between Young Minds, the children's mental health charity, and supporting Brindishe Lee's mental health projects.

Rights Respecting focus...



Last week we promoted positive physical health.

Article 24

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

Flu vaccination ...change of date

A reminder that the Flu immunisation will be held at Brindishe Lee from reception to year 6 on **Thursday 7 November 2019**.

If you are not able to access the school newsletter, please come to the school office for a paper copy. Alternatively, please click on the link below to access the eConsent - <https://app.schoolscreener.com/Screener.Web/Lewisham/portal#/imms/2711421100001105/100717>

Giving Tree assembly A message from Ms Ferrant...

On Wednesday 27th November, we will be holding a Giving Tree assembly in aid of Bexley Women's Aid, who provide support and refuge for families across south London who are fleeing domestic abuse. This year, BWA are collecting donations of new toys and gifts for children living in their refuges. Starting from 11th November, we will have a Christmas tree outside the main school entrance every afternoon, containing gift tags with suggested ages and genders. If you would like to take part, please choose a gift tag and buy a suitable gift for that child. Children should bring in their gift (unwrapped) with the gift tag attached on the morning of Wednesday 27th November. They will be able to bring their gift to assembly and place it under the tree. We are hoping to have a member of staff from Bexley Women's Aid attend the assembly to tell us a little bit more about their work. Thank you in advance for your support with this worthwhile project, and please look out for the

letter that will be coming home this week with further details.

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Magnolia– 98.47%
Key stage 2: Cherry – 98.89%
Well done to these classes! Please remember that we are always aiming for your child to be in school every day of the week. Our whole school attendance slipped last week to 97.8%. We need to return to over 99% very soon!

Meet and greet... A quick reminder...

Just a quick reminder, that I will be hosting alongside Ms Matthews a 'Meet and Greet' morning on the 18th November between 9.30 am – 11.00 am. This will provide you with an opportunity within an informal setting to learn more about what we are planning and how you can support us along this journey. *Please let the office team know if you will be attending.*

Dates for your diary...

Monday 18th November - Meet and Greet morning

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Christmas performance (pm)

Wednesday 11th December – KS2 Christmas performance (pm and evening)

Tuesday 17th December – KS1 Nativity (pm)

Wednesday 18th December – KS1 Nativity (pm)

Have a lovely week,

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