



Brindishe Lee Newsletter
Friday 28th May 2021
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

It has been a busy week at Brindishe Lee. The children have been immersed in their learning. The Reception class enjoyed dressing up as their favourite superhero linked to their curriculum and Year 5 have been busy rehearsing for the Lewisham Dance event. Finally, the children and staff looked fabulous today dressed in their pyjamas to fundraise for our school libraries. We appreciate all your support – thank you.

As a school we would like to remind everyone that Monday 31st May is the start of the half-term break and as a result of this school will be closed for all until Monday 7th June.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and a happy and safe half-term break.

Kind regards,

Ms Maxine Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

COVID Updates & Reminders

Restrictions are lifting, but specific guidance remains in place. Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

HANDS: We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children at home to do the same.

FACE: We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds and our staff are wearing them as they move around the building.

SPACE: Our staff are still keeping 2m distances around the building and we are reminding children about the importance of this when inside.

Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up in larger groups outside, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or as two households
- Indoor hospitality is open
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation is open
- You can also go on holiday or travel abroad to certain places

Travelling

If you or a member of any of your household are travelling out of the UK to either a **RED, AMBER or GREEN** country, **you must inform the school** (info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

POSITIVE TEST: COVID-19

If your child receives a positive test result during half-term, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk immediately giving your child's name, class and date of test. We need to collect test results so that we can inform any close contacts.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Weekly Online Bulletin

Discord – What is it? What are the facts?

One thing children enjoy about being online, is the connection they feel to other players both online and off.

DISCORD - CHAT FOR GAMERS is an app designed to help players talk to each other in real time. While playing a game on their device, users can log in to Discord and enter a group chat with one or more other gamers so that they can talk while they play. **The app is rated 13+.** This is because it enables children to talk instantly with others. Navigating this space requires maturity; to know when they are safe and to respond appropriately when things in their game go wrong. The app is aimed at adult gamers, so often the content of conversation features topics not appropriate for younger players.

Relationships and Sex Education

As some of you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now a statutory part of the National Curriculum. This change was due to begin as of September 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been given longer to bring this into their curriculums.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We would really appreciate it if parents could read through the policy and share your thoughts with us through an online survey. This survey is a first step in our schools' engagement on Relationships Education with you as parents. Your comments will help us understand your views and take these into consideration as we update our curriculum to meet the new requirements. The deadline for completing this survey is **18th June 2021.**

Policy Link: <https://lee.brindisheschools.org/attachments/download.asp?file=898&type=pdf>

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6KZNF6V>

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Collection arrangements at the end the day

Please can we remind parents/carers that at the end of the school day, they must make their way to the gate and make themselves visible to the staff member dismissing the class. This is a basic safeguarding procedure which ensures that children in our care are being handed over safely to the parent/carer at the gate.

No child will be allowed to leave the school grounds unless an adult has made themselves known to the member of staff at the gate. Children will not be allowed to go to their parents/carers waiting in cars or standing at the end/other side of the road. We would ask parents/carers not to call their children to them or beckon them without the staff member being aware. Please be patient with the staff and children to avoid a serious accident or safeguarding issue.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

F@B Lottery Results

Well done to this terms F@B lottery winners. It's a Year 2 win!

1st prize: Charlotte Gibbins, lottery number 40

2nd prize: Jeni Anderson, lottery number 27

FRIENDS@BRINDISHE LEE F@B BOOKS



F@B will be back soon with some exciting events for everyone! But for now if you'd like to support the school, we'd be delighted if you would buy a book to for your child's class library.

RECEPTION https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/XVUWEAS2YK5O?ref=wl_share

YEAR 1 https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3ORI42VSPCIPP?ref=wl_share

YEAR 2 https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1CB5UF262FORR?ref=wl_share

YEAR 3 https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3BMGSJCDO6D42?ref=wl_share

YEAR 4 https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1NFVUES9WP16M?ref=wl_share

YEAR 5 https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/13EY0VVZVVVAR?ref=wl_share

YEAR 6 https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1RI7JC1Q2DFU2?ref=wl_share

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