



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Building on from Anti-Bullying Week, this week we also recognised the importance of kindness. This year's theme came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England and Wales. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. At Brindishe Lee, we consider this to be a special week and an opportunity to celebrate not just the respect we have for each other, but also the differences, and the similarities, that exist between us. This theme was explored with all children during the week in class and during our assembly time. Please look on the class WeDuc page for pictures from the week. To add to this, please check WeDuc as the termly class newsletters have been sent to parents/carers.

Other highlights this week include Year 5S taking part in Bikeability to Year 3 taking part in a STEM teams session with a large number of schools across the country. Please remember next week that on Friday 25th November the school and federation have an INSET day so the school will be closed.

Please check the school diary dates below as we have a few celebration days upcoming, including Christmas Jumper Day & lunch plus the festive performances. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Festive Dates for your Diary:



Christmas Performances:

These will take place in the school hall. Further communication will be emailed out next week.

- 7.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 4&6
- 13.12.22 at 2.30pm: Reception & Year 1
- 14.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 2 & 3
- 15.12.22 at 2.30pm: Year 5

Pantomime:

Friday 16th December at 2pm for all year groups (kindly funded by F@B)

F@B Events:

- Christmas Fair – TBC (more information to follow from the F@B team)
- Christmas Trees – Saturday 3rd December

Brindishe Lee Key Dates

- Monday 21st November – Wednesday 23rd November – Book Fair (Refer to WeDuc message)
- Monday 21st November – Thursday 24th November – Bikeability for Year 5 Magnolia
- Friday 25th November – INSET Day (school closed)
- Monday 28th November – Friday 9th December – Year 5 Magnolia swimming sessions (Year 5 Sycamore in June 2023)
- Monday 28th November – Year 6 writing workshops
- Tuesday 29th November - Year 5 STEM session
- Wednesday 30th November – Year 4 trip to Museum of London
- Wednesday 30th November – History workshop for Years 2 & 3
- Wednesday 7th December – School health team – height and weight checks for Year R & 6
- Thursday 8th December – Open Door shared learning (3.30-4pm)
- Friday 16th December - Pantomime for all year groups (kindly funded by F@B)
- Friday 16th December – End of term – Christmas holidays begin



Cycling to School - Reminder

We realise that cycling has a positive impact on pupil's well-being and Brindishe Lee supports any child wishing to use a bicycle as their preferred means of transport to and from school.

The prime responsibility for transporting pupils to and from school and deciding whether their child is competent to ride the bicycle rests with parents/carers.

To support the Brindishe community further, when children are in Year 5, they have the opportunity to take part in a free Bikeability course which covers many areas including road safety.

The school provides an area where pupils should lock their bikes during the day but we cannot accept liability for loss or damage to the bicycle whilst it is on the school premises or for any accident or injury occurring while the pupil is riding the bicycle. Parents/carers are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school carries no insurance cover for this.

Pupils and parents must adhere to the following rules before their child/ren cycles to school:

- Under no circumstances must pupils ride their bike on school premises.
- Pupils must wear an approved safety helmet at all times when riding their bicycle.
- Bicycles must be in a good, safe, working order and must be fitted with working brakes.
- When cycling in poor light, front and rear lights must be fitted and working properly.
- All bicycles and helmets are to be stored in the bike racks provided on the yard. They must be secured with an appropriate bicycle lock supplied by pupils/parents.
- Pupils must not access the bicycles during the school day.

Thank you for your support with this matter.





Brindishe Green Teaching Assistant with specific experience of EYFS

- Salary: scale 3 (points 5 – 6) at £26,193 – £26,625 p.a. pro-rata
- (This equates to £22,902 p.a. for 39 weeks of the year, paid in monthly instalments all year round)
- Hours: 35 per week, typically 8.30am - 4.30pm working in school during term times only
- The post is full time and is subject to satisfactory 6 months' probation period

We are recruiting for a full time Teaching Assistant at Brindishe Green School starting in January 2022.

Rated Outstanding, Brindishe Green is a large and diverse Lewisham Local Authority Primary School providing an exciting education for children aged 3 -11 years in Hither Green, SE London. We are a few stops from Charing Cross, Waterloo, London Bridge mainline station or a 10-minute walk from Lewisham DLR.

At Brindishe Green we are looking for applicants who have experience of working with our youngest children either within the primary school or across other educational settings.

For the right candidate, we also have the option to progress in a teaching career and train as a qualified teacher through a salaried scheme. We are a very friendly team, working in a highly supportive environment where individual differences are welcome and teamwork is highly valued.

Our big 5: Curious, Compassionate, Collaborative, Confident, Committed are embedded in all we do and enhanced through a rich and varied curriculum.

We are looking for a well-educated, flexible and confident person who is looking for a role in which they can make a real difference to the lives of our children and their families.

The post involves:

- Promoting children's learning, safety and well-being
- Assisting class teachers within the EYFS
- Helping to make and maintain a positive, organised, efficient learning environment

We are looking for someone who:

- has experience of working within EYFS in a school or educational setting
- has secure phonics understanding
- can read and write fluently, have very good spelling and are confident in maths (at least GCSE or equivalent in maths and English)
- can demonstrate quiet self-confidence, common sense and maturity
- use IT confidently
- may be able to bring an additional skill or strength to our schools (eg, art, dance, yoga, sport, photography, music, cookery, keep-fit)

Further Information

Complete an application form and return to rwaite@brindisheschools.org. If you would like to visit to look around or have a conversation about the role before applying please phone Rachel Waite, Executive Headteacher on 07508 868726

Please apply by midday on **Friday 2nd December 2022**. Interviews will be held week commencing **5th December 2022**.



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

ROBLOX

PEGI rating PEGI have announced a change to the age rating for Roblox. PEGI used to rate Roblox as 7+, however because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox, PEGI have changed the rating to a Parental Guidance label.



You can read more about this change here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-changes-rating-advice-roblox>

As a lot of the content is user generated, it may **mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play**. It is important to **set up Parental controls appropriate to your child**.

Allowed Experiences – NEW

Roblox has introduced Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age set. Please note that experiences above the age restriction set may be seen in search results. Age categories available are 9+, 13+ and all ages.

You can find out how to set up Allowed Experiences here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/8863284850196-AllowedExperiences-Controls>

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can add parental controls to turn this feature off completely or add restrictions.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in game upgrades or accessories. If you do not want your child to purchase them, then ensure you set the Monthly Spend Restriction to zero.

Game content – as mentioned, games are created by different users so sometimes the content may not be appropriate for your child.

Blocking users and reporting – ensure your child knows how to do this.

For further information, click on the websites below:

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox>



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

Article 2: 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 23: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

This week, all children in Brindishe Schools have been reflecting on discrimination in our schools with a focus on anti-bullying. Children from all year groups have discussed what bullying looks like and how we can work together to prevent it and stop it in our schools (if necessary). We are very lucky that children in Brindishe Schools welcome all children from all backgrounds and with all social circumstances. We know how to REPORT. As part of our 'Promoting Good Relationships' Policy we encourage our staff and children to value everyone.

'**International Day of People with Disabilities**' is an annual global event that promotes equality for people with disability and celebrates their achievements. It has been celebrated every year since 1981. It is also a day to promote awareness of the challenges faced by over 1 billion people living with disabilities, and the role communities and societies play in breaking down barriers to inclusion.



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

Autumn 2	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 6 th December 2022, 6pm
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



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Key Federation Dates

- **INSET DAY – Brindishe Federation – Friday 25th November**
- **End of Term – Friday 16th December 2022**
- **Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15th January 2022**
- **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)**

Cost-of-living support

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter.

Each week we will aim to provide some support and information here to help support our families.

See what other support you can get from your local authority

[Lewisham Council - Help with the cost of living crisis](#)

Local authorities have lots of different schemes that you might be eligible for, including:

- The [holiday activities and food programme](#) – access to food and activities over the school holidays
- [Help with transport to school](#)
- [Help with the cost of uniform](#)



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