

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

New Brindishe Book Bags and Sweaters

We are very excited to inform you that new Brindishe book bags will be available to order through myclothing.com from Monday 14th November – My Clothing

They will be Navy blue in colour with the relevant schools logo on (Brindishe Manor, Brindishe Green or Brindishe Lee) and will cost £6.50 per bag.

We are also currently awaiting new branded sweaters and will keep you informed as to when these are online to purchase.

Email responses

Over the course of this term, we have received some concerns from parents/carers that your emails sent are not being replied to. All email communication should be sent via info@. Occasionally our school Horizon system will send you an email (sender bgreen@pupilasset.co.uk for example). Please do not reply to these emails or send any communication to this address. Our school staff do not have access to this. A DO NOT REPLY banner has been added to remind you. We hope to rectify this issue quickly.

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.

Check you've received all the government's cost of living payments

The government's <u>cost of living payment</u> is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment, but haven't received one – <u>report a missing payment</u> to the government here.

Be aware of scams! If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost of living payment, do not talk to them or send a reply. Get more information on cost of living scams on the Money Saving Expert's website.



Remembrance Sunday 2022

Remembrance Sunday civic service and parade at Lewisham War Memorial

Lewisham's civic service and parade will take place on Sunday 13 November at Lewisham War Memorial, Lewisham High Street (directly opposite Lewisham Hospital).

A parade, led by Sergeant Major Nick Connell of 101 Regiment will proceed along Lewisham High Street to the War Memorial. A service, led by Father Steve Hall of St Mary's Church with contributions from other faith leaders and civic dignitaries, will commence at 10.55am until approximately 11.40am.

Traffic will be stopped for a two minute silence at 11am.

Lewisham residents are welcome to attend the service. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive at the Lewisham War Memorial from 10.30am.

Remembrance Sunday service at Deptford War Memorial

A second service will take place at the Deptford War Memorial on the corner of Lewisham Way and Upper Brockley Road.

A service, led by Reverend Chris Hanning with contributions from other faith leaders and civic dignitaries, will commence at 10.55am until approximately 11.40am.

Traffic will be stopped for a two minute silence at 11am.

Lewisham residents are welcome to attend the service. Both services will be held outdoors so residents who wish to attend should dress warmly and be prepared for the weather.

If you have any general enquiries or access requirements, please contact civicevents@lewisham.gov.uk.





Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Is your child ready for social media?

Childnet have produced this article answering your questions around social media, such as when should I allow my child to join social media?

The article also outlines some alternative sites that have been created for younger children.

You can read the article below:

https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-getting-started-on-social-media/



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

World Children's Day and Article 45

World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. It takes place each year on the 20th November, the date when world leaders adopted the Convention in 1989. From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future.

Article 45 says non-governmental organisations, such as UNICEF and other United Nations bodies, can provide advice and assistance on children's rights.

At Brindishe Schools, we talk to our children regularly about 'Wants and Needs'. Ask your children what the difference is and explore the fact that some children don't get all that they need.

To celebrate World Children's Day watch some of this video 'We all have rights'.





Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2023.

| Brindishe Green | Brindishe Manor | Brindishe Lee |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Thursday 17th November | Monday 14th November | Wednesday 16th November |
| 10am and 4.30pm | 9:30am and 4:30pm | 9:30am and 4:30pm |

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools. Email details can be found on our school websites.

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)

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 |