



Brindishe  
Federation

## Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### ***The Bank of Things is now open!***

A new service-based on the principles of a food bank and aimed at helping young people take an active role in their education has now opened its doors.

#### ***What does the Bank of Things do?***

The Bank of Things is a new Young Mayors Project working in partnership with Lewisham Local aimed at Young People aged 11 to 25 living in Lewisham. Former Young Mayors have used their budgets to develop the Bank of Things to address the issue of poverty and lack of resources for young people in the borough. They supply everyday necessities to any young person facing hardship living in Lewisham.

#### ***Why?***

1 in 5 of the UK population live below the poverty line and London has the highest rate of child poverty of any English region.

The service is run from Unit 19 in Lewisham Shopping centre and open every Monday and Wednesday 3 to 6pm during Term Time, young people will be able to drop in and pick up some of the everyday items they need to participate fully in their lives. Items include toiletries, sanitary products and some school equipment.

If you are struggling to afford everyday essentials such as personal care products or school supplies, you can go and collect what you need from Unit 19. Items include deodorant, face wash, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and sanitary products as well as a selection of stationary, maths sets and scientific calculators.

For further information visit [Lewisham Bank of Things - Lewisham Local](#)





## ***Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week***

### **Article 27 (adequate standard of living)**

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

### **Article 24 (health and health services)**

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. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

## ***This week we recognised World Water Day***

We all know that water is vital for everyone in their daily lives across the world, and back in 2015 the world committed to working together to make sure that everyone has access to safe, clean water and good sanitation. This was Sustainable Development Goal 6.

But there is still much work to be done with over 2 billion people drinking unsafe water. An important aim of World Water Day is to inspire everyone to take action and make the necessary changes so that the right to clean water can be achieved by 2030 for everyone.

### ***Why do you think that the right to clean water is such an important right?***

- Our bodies are made up of over 60% water and we need clean water to keep them working properly and to stay alive.
- Drinking dirty, unsafe water can cause serious illnesses.
- In some communities, children miss out on their education because they must spend time collecting water.
- We need water for washing ourselves and for keeping our clothes and homes clean.
- A good water supply is important for good sanitation and flushing our toilets.
- Not having access to clean water makes it harder to be healthy and have a decent standard of living.
- Water and wetlands provide important habitats for plants and animals.
- Pollution of our oceans, rivers and waterways can have a serious impact on all living things.
- Water is important to generate power in some places and it is a better for the environment than burning fossil fuels.

UNICEF works in lots of countries to make sure that children have access to clean water.

[Watch Stephen's story](#) and discuss with your child at home what difference it makes for children when they have safe water taps and clean water.





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## ***Governor Vacancies***

***Do you know someone who would be interested in a becoming a Governor? A friend, a colleague, a relative?***

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Brindishe Federation Governing Body, particularly for people who would widen the diversity of our current members and/or be able to offer key skills we require including knowledge around finance, education, recruitment. We have recently recruited for our Parent Governor vacancies, so anyone interested could not be a parent/carer of a pupil within the Federation.

If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with either Rachel Waite, Executive Head [rwaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rwaite@brindisheschools.org) or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors [lmurphy@brindisheschools.org](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org)

For more information about becoming a Governor, please click on the link below:  
<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

## ***Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin***

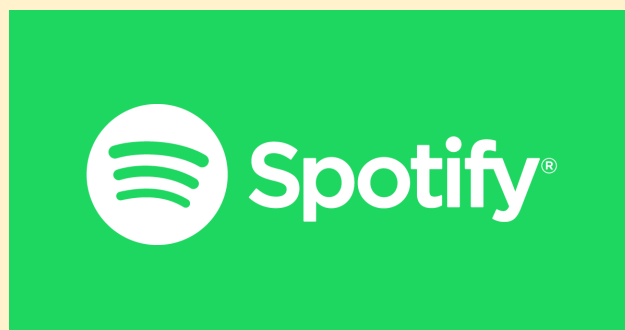
### ***Spotify***

Spotify is a music streaming service. You should be over **18 years of age** to agree to the terms, or if older than 13, obtain parent/guardian consent.

There is a Spotify Kids version, but it is only available as part of a Premium (paid for) Family plan. Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information but if your child does use Spotify then it may be beneficial to have a chat about what they are viewing.

[https://www.spotify.com/privacy/files/Parental\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.spotify.com/privacy/files/Parental_Guide.pdf)

You can find out more about Grooming and who to contact here:  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/grooming/>





### ***Easter Holiday Vouchers***

We can now confirm that London Borough of Lewisham will use a further allocation of the 'Household Support Fund' to support families with FSM eligible children by providing vouchers for the holidays this year (23/24) and in particular, the upcoming Easter Holidays. The available funding means Lewisham can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child for Easter. There will not be an additional allocation made to cover inset days or other closures.

If you are eligible for the voucher, look out for further communication from your school and your £30 holiday voucher.

### ***Key Federation Dates***

- Easter Holidays – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school for Summer Term
- **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](mailto:lizcmurphy@gmail.com)

Summer 1                      Brindishe Manor  
Summer 2                      Brindishe Lee

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6pm

### ***Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024***

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

[Brindishe Federation - Home \(brindisheschools.org\)](http://brindisheschools.org)