



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear parents, carers, staff and governors,

We hope you have had a lovely week, despite the decidedly un-spring like weather! In school, children have settled back into their learning with gusto and a few highlights have included: Reception class learning about the coronation, Year 2 working on the story of the Disgusting Sandwich in English, and Year 5 making boats out of various materials to test how watertight they are!

We are looking ahead in school to our coronation celebrations – please see below for more information.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our families for their support of our Readathon over the Easter holidays. We managed to raise a whopping £1305! The money will be put to very good use to restock our library area with non-fiction books. Certificates and prizes will be awarded to all of the children who took part during assembly next week.

We hope that you enjoy the bank holiday weekend,

Warm regards
The Brindishe Lee team

Brindishe Lee Key Dates

- **Monday 1st May** – BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
- **Tuesday 2nd May** – Teachers' strike day*
- **Thursday 4th May** – Coronation celebration – parents invited to attend in the afternoon (see details below)
- **Monday 8th May** – Coronation BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
- **KS2 SATS week** – Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May

Please Note: The NEU have announced further strike days after rejecting the government's pay offer.
Tuesday 2nd May 2023

*Please look at each Brindishe Schools' individual newsletters and Weduc communication for which classes will be open to children and which will be closed on these days.

Brindishe Lee Coronation Celebrations

In order to mark the occasion of the coronation of King Charles III and The Queen Consort, we will be having a whole school celebration on **Thursday 4th May**. Children are invited to dress up in red, white and blue and they will enjoy a morning of fun activities in school, which will include making their own special coronation crown. After lunch they will enjoy a traditional British afternoon tea with their class (funded by F@B).

At **2.45pm** we will be holding a **coronation parade** and would like to invite parents to watch their child's class parade along our red carpet wearing their crown! There will also be a selfie station with a life-size version of King Charles and F@B have kindly offered to provide a coronation themed bake sale and refreshments at the end of school. We do hope you can join us!



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Looking for a nursery place for your child? Or know someone who is?

Find one at Brindishe Manor or Brindishe Green!

- both Ofsted-rated 'outstanding' schools

Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Green have **part-time and full-time** nursery places for children aged 3 and 4 years from September 2023.

[Visit our school website to find an application form and further information.](#)

Reception Open Dates for September 2024

Brindishe Schools have now published dates for Open Days (school tours). Tour places must be booked in advance with the school office. Please email admissions@ to reserve your place. Please note: Each school has its own booking system and email address.

Brindishe Green – admissions@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Thursday 28th September - 10am and 4.30pm

Tuesday 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm

Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm

Brindishe Manor – admissions@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Tuesday 26th September - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Monday 13th November - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Brindishe Lee – admissions@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Thursday 21st September - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Monday 16th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Wednesday 15th November - 9.30am and 4.30pm

The Coronation of His Majesty the King

The coronation of King Charles III and The Queen Consort will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London.

Join Lewisham in celebrating across the Bank Holiday weekend between Saturday 6 and Monday 8 May, find out how you can be involved in this historic occasion [here](#).



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 9 (separation from parents)

Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests (for example, if a parent is hurting or neglecting a child). Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents, unless this could cause them harm.

Article 20 (children unable to live with their family)

If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child is provided with alternative care that is continuous and respects the child's culture, language and religion.

Article 21 (adoption)

Governments must oversee the process of adoption to make sure it is safe, lawful and that it prioritises children's best interests. Children should only be adopted outside of their country if they cannot be placed with a family in their own country.

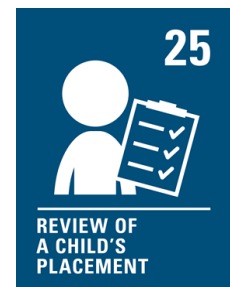
Article 25 (review of treatment in care)

If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example, with a foster family or in hospital), they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances.

Why might it not sometimes be possible for children to live with their parents?

- Parents may be unwell and unable to care for them.
- Parents may not be able to keep their children safe.
- Parents may not be able to provide everything a child needs to be the best they can be.
- Family situations may change, for example there may be a crisis.
- Parents may live separately, even in different countries.
- The child may need long term treatment or care.
- Parents may be in prison.
- Disasters or emergencies may cause a child to be separated from their family.

At Brindishe Schools, we support children to understand that not all children live in the same kinds of families and that there are families of many different types. ['Every Family Is Different' by Maureen Eppen](#) discuss the different types of families we come across. What do you think they all have in common?





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Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Did you know that internetmatters.org has free printable e-safety leaflets and resources to download, print and share with your children, other parents/carers or colleagues to help keep children safe online?

Online Grooming

Grooming is when someone seeks to build an emotional connection with a child to gain their trust for sexual purposes. It happens both online and face to face.

[Learn what the signs of grooming are and where you and your child can get help with this free downloadable leaflet.](#)



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- **Tuesday 2nd May** – NEU Strike Day
- **Tuesday 2nd May onwards** – KS1 SATS
- **Monday 8th May** – Coronation BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
- **KS2 SATS week** – Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May

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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

Summer 1
Summer 2

Brindishe Lee
Brindishe Manor

Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 6pm
Thursday 13th July 2023, 6pm



Gentle reminders

Absence

To report your child absent please call **0208 318 4626** and leave a voice mail or email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk before 8.30am. Please call the school on **each day** of your child's absence. We need to know your child's name, class and reason for absence.

If your child needs to arrive late or leave early for an appointment this must be reported at least the day prior to the appointment to the school office in person or via email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk. Evidence of the appointment must be provided otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Office support

The virtual school page on the school

website <https://lee.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=Virtual+Office&pid=434> holds a lot of information you may find useful and prevent you from having to phone or visit the school office, however if you do have a query that can't be answered through the website please make contact either after the gate opens in the morning (between 9.00-9.15) or after the gate opens at the end of day (3.20-3.30) and the team will be happy to help.

The school office closes at 4:30pm each day, after this time you can email. All useful email addresses can be found on the contact us page on the school <https://lee.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=Contact+Us&pid=113>.

Any emails sent to the info@ email address will be responded to within 3 working days during term time.

School lunch and music payments

Thank you for all families that are up to date with lunch and music payments, we ask that any payments for school lunches and music lessons are paid in advance. As a federation, at each school we do all we can to work towards a clear policy of zero tolerance to debts.

You can check if you have any monies owing to the school by logging into your Horizons parent portal. Payment can be made directly through the portal:

- Payments – Make payments for specific trips, clubs, music lessons or items and see your payment history.
- School Shop – Make top up payments for school meals which is £2.51 per day.

If you do owe any money, please make any outstanding payments. The office team will be in touch with those currently owing. If you are unsure of your debt and cannot log in to the portal please contact the school office