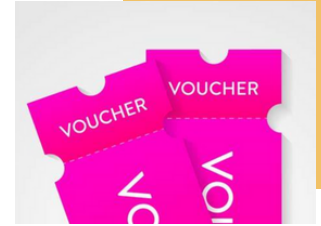




Brindishe
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Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024



Half Term Vouchers and Holiday Programme

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 half term. The available funding means Lewisham can assist these families at a rate of £15 per eligible child.

If you are eligible for the voucher, look out for further communication from your school and your £15 half term voucher.

Lewisham have made some changes to their Holiday Programme too. Please be advised that families who wish to access the upcoming MAY half term holiday activities programme will not require a code. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis and are prioritised for children eligible for benefit related free school meals. Parents do not receive a code (vouchers will be used in the summer) and will need to contact providers directly to register and book on.

For more information have a look on Lewisham website link below where you will find a list of providers who will be delivering and a how to book column:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/young-people/holiday-programme-food-and-fun>

Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Talking to strangers online

There are many apps/websites where your child may come across strangers contacting them. Some platforms will allow you to set who can contact your child as well as switch off communication so ensure appropriate settings are explored and set up.

This article from ThinkUKnow talks about how to protect your child from adult content and contact:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>



Surveys Coming Soon!

Look out for links to our parent/carer survey which will be sent out to you all after half term - deadline **Monday 10th June**. It is vital that we have your say on what we do well and how we can improve. All staff and children are invited to complete their own survey too.

Your views count!

Local Consent Forms

Last term we sent out a 'Local Consent' form to all Brindishe families. By signing this form you can consent to your child/children attending visits in the local and immediate area. Thank you to all of those parents/carers who have completed the form. The deadline for signing this form on Weduc is **Friday 7th June** - after this date we will presume you are not consenting and therefore your child/children will not be able to attend local visits.

Right Respecting

Many schools in the United Kingdom and around the world, like Brindishe Schools, hold dear to them to UN convention of the rights of the child. Some schools have created their own videos or songs about children's rights and global citizenship in the context of their rights respecting work.

Take a look at some songs from other schools. Listen carefully to their lyrics? Do you think they have captured the essence of Rights Respecting Schools? Songs are based on themes including respect, every child having a place and how we can make the world a better place.

Which is your favourite song? Click on the image below to see a selection of songs that you can even sing along with.



The image shows a screenshot of the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools website. At the top left, there is a blue header with the UNICEF logo and the text 'UNITED KINGDOM unicef Rights Respecting Schools'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links: 'About Us', 'Accreditation', 'Training', 'Resources', and 'Contact Us', followed by a search icon. Further right is a yellow button that says 'REGISTER FOR THE AWARD'. Below the navigation is a large banner featuring a smiling young girl with braided hair. Overlaid on the bottom left of the banner is a blue box with the text 'SONGS' in large white letters, and below it, 'CREATED BY RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS' in smaller white letters.

Key Federation Dates

- May Half Term - **Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May**
- INSET Day - schools closed to all children - **Monday 1st July** -
- End of Term - **Thursday 25th July 2024**