



Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024



Holiday Vouchers

Half Term 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 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.

What's on at Blackheath Halls?

An events, arts and community venue in the heart of South East London, sitting at the top of Blackheath Village, 5 minutes walk from the nearest train station, Blackheath Halls has lots to offer this summer - starting with half term.

'There's a Monster in your book SHOW' by Tom Fletcher can be seen this half term on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May - <https://www.blackheathhalls.com/whats-on/>

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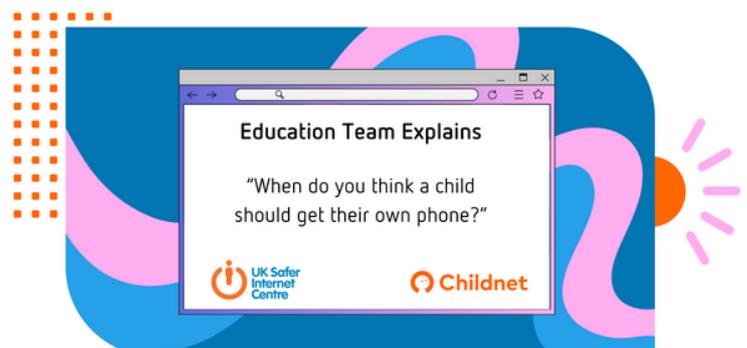


Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

*When should a child
get their own
phone?*

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find the latest article from the Education Team at Childnet useful:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/experts-answer-when-should-my-child-get-their-first-phone>



Right Respecting Article Of The Week

World Bee Day - 20th May

Article 29 - I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment.

Why a World Bee Day?

By observing World Bee Day each year, we can raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today. We have been celebrating this day since 2018, thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia that led the UN General Assembly to declare 20 May as **World Bee Day**.

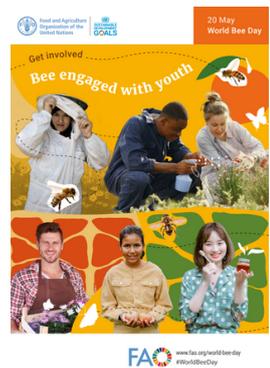
The date for this observance was chosen as it was the day Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern apiculture, was born. Janša came from a family of beekeepers in Slovenia, where beekeeping is an important agricultural activity with a long-standing tradition.

Today bees, pollinators, and many other insects are declining in abundance. This day provides an opportunity for all of us – whether we work for governments, organizations or civil society or are concerned citizens – to promote actions that will protect and enhance pollinators and their habitats, improve their abundance and diversity, and support the sustainable development of beekeeping.

Find out more about how you can promote #WorldBeeDay by reading this [Get involved guide](#).

The Food and Agriculture website has lots of information about World Bee Day and how you can join the #WorldBeeDay campaign. <https://www.fao.org/world-bee-day/en/>

You don't have to be a beekeeper to protect bees and other pollinators.



Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our fifth meeting of this academic year is on **Wednesday 22nd May at 6pm** at Brindishe Lee School.

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**

Social tariffs: Cheaper broadband and phone packages

Social Tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. Some providers call them 'essential' or 'basic' broadband. They're delivered in the same way as normal packages, just at a lower price. Amid rising living costs, Ofcom is encouraging companies to offer social tariffs to help customers on low incomes.

Here is a [link](#) to help you access social tariffs.

How a social tariff could help you

- ✓ **It's available to those on a variety of benefits.** If you or someone in your household claims Universal Credit, you could switch to any of the tariffs available.
- ✓ **It's cheaper than a regular package.** Current prices range from £10 to £23.
- ✓ **Fast, unlimited broadband.** Most tariffs offer superfast broadband at speeds over 30 Mbit/s – fast enough for you to keep in touch with friends and family, stream HD films or shop online.
- ✓ **You'll pay next-to-nothing to get set up.** If you do have to pay any setup costs, these should only be small. Your provider should tell you before you sign up.
- ✓ **It could cost nothing to switch.** If your provider offers a social tariff, you can switch to it at any time, free of charge.
- ✓ **The price won't go up mid-contract.** You won't pay any more than what you agree at the start of the contract.
- ✓ **It costs nothing to leave.** You won't pay a fee to leave the tariff before the end of your contract.