



Brindishe  
Federation

# Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 13th December 2024



## Farewell to Julie Hockham and 'Thank You'

Next week, Brindishe Schools will say a very fond farewell to Brindishe Manor's long standing Assistant Headteacher, Julie Hockham. Julie was employed as a teacher at Lee Manor before becoming a valued member of the Senior Leadership Team of Brindishe Manor. Julie has been based at Brindishe Manor for the duration of her employment in Lewisham and the support, dedication and hard work she has given over 14 years to support **all staff and children in every Brindishe School** is remarkable. From EVC lead, Science and DT lead, School Journey support and most recently Curriculum Lead, her loyalty and commitment to all of our children has been unwavering. Staff across the federation have been led by her on many aspects of school life. Our Brindishe Curriculum, 'The World Is Our Classroom' has been reviewed and rewritten many times (not to mention formatted) by Julie and the subject leads and as a result our children across all three schools are exposed to a broad, progressive and ambitious curriculum, with strong resources to support.

Thank You, Julie. You will be sorely missed by children and staff at Brindishe Manor, but also staff from across Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee too. We wish you all the luck in your new venture!

## Free School Meal vouchers for Christmas Holiday

London Borough of Lewisham will use an allocation of the 'Household Support Fund (5)' to support families with FSM eligible children by providing vouchers for the holidays until Easter 2025 and in particular, the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays. The available funding means Lewisham can assist families at a rate of £30 per eligible child for this holiday.

"Lewisham Funded FSM Vouchers" will be processed from **Friday the 13th of December 2024**.

For more information the Lewisham Holiday Fun Programme provided over the festive break visit here -



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

## Reception 2025 Application Deadline

The deadline is fast approaching for parents/carers to apply for a Reception place for September 2025 - **15th January 2025**.

### How to apply

You need to apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). You can apply for up to six schools, either in Lewisham or outside the borough. You must not put independent schools on your application. You must list the schools you wish to apply for in preference order. You must apply by the closing date on **15 January 2025**. When you will find out which school your child has been offered a place at You will get an email on the evening of national offer day, **Wednesday 16 April 2025**. It will tell you where your child has been offered a place and how to accept the offer.



Website to apply on:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



# Online Safety Bulletin



## Discussing distressing news

As we know, children often hear about distressing information in the news which can have detrimental effects on their wellbeing and mental health. Following on from the recent awful events in Southport, INEQUE Safeguarding Group have published an article to help you when discussing distressing news with your child.

The article also includes a downloadable resource that children can read when news becomes overwhelming for them.

Find out more here: <https://ineqe.com/2024/08/02/discussing-distressing-news-events-with-children/>



## Use of X (formally Twitter)

With immediate effect, Brindishe Schools will cease to use the platform X to celebrate our children and successes. All three school accounts have been disabled.

Over the last few years and most significantly the last few months, the social media platform does not align with our school vision and values and everything that Brindishe stands for: respect, equality, equity, understanding and diversity. The Senior Leadership Team from across Brindishe will take some time now to decide how best we communicate with you going forward.

## Rights Respecting - Article of the Week



### Human Rights Day

On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

This important moment in human history is now remembered on that date every year and is known as Human Rights Day.

All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the additional rights that all children have until the age of 18.

Children's rights are human rights so we can celebrate them alongside the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

### Article 4 (implementation of the Convention)

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

### Article 41 (respect for higher national standards)

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

Watch [this video](#) with your child at home about the history of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Discuss in why you think the rights mentioned are important and relevant to you and your family.





# Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - [rawaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rawaite@brindisheschools.org). **Our third meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Thursday 6th February 2025 at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.**

## Key Federation Dates

- INSET DAY - Friday 29th November
- Christmas Holidays - Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January
- INSET Day - Monday 6th January - Children back to school Tuesday 7th January
- End of Spring Term 1 - Friday 14th February
- Half Term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
- Children return to school - Monday 24th February

# Sportacus New Year's Camps

## 2nd and 3rd January at Brindishe Green



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SPORTACUS**

**NEW YEARS 25**

# SPORTATHON

THURSDAY 2ND & FRIDAY 3RD JAN 25

3 FANTASTIC VENUES | STANDARD DAY 09:30 - 3:30  
EXTENDED DAY 08:00 - 5:30

**WWW.SPORTACUS.CO.UK**  
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**2 DAY SPORTATHON**

**NEW YEARS 25**

# SPORTATHON

JUMP BACK INTO ACTION WITH OUR 2-DAY JANUARY CAMP! SHAKE OFF THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND GET BACK TO BEING ACTIVE WITH OUR FUN-FILLED JANUARY CAMP! OVER TWO EXCITING DAYS, YOUR CHILDREN CAN DIVE INTO A MIX OF SPORTS, GAMES, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO RE-ENERGIZE THEIR MINDS AND BODIES AFTER THE HOLIDAY SEASON. WHETHER IT'S BUILDING NEW SKILLS OR ENJOYING A BURST OF POST-HOLIDAY FUN, OUR EXPERIENCED COACHES ENSURE A SAFE AND ENGAGING ENVIRONMENT.

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
A PACKED LUNCH AND SNACKS FOR THE DAY  
A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE TO STAY HYDRATED  
SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR SPORTS AND WEATHER CONDITIONS  
ANY MEDICATION (CLEARLY LABELED)  
FOR OUR YOUNGEST SPORTATOTS PLEASE PACK A SPARE SET OF CLOTHES, JUST IN CASE!

BRINDISHE GREEN - DARRICK WOOD JRS - GREEN STREET GREEN

STANDARD DAY 9:30 - 3:30 £28.50  
EXTENDED DAY 8:00 - 5:30 £45.00

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