



Brindishe
Federation

**Brindishe Federation
Newsletter
Friday 27th September 2024**



Lewisham Secondary Event

**Transition to Secondary School Event
Wednesday 25th September 2024 5pm to 8pm**

This event, building on the success of last year's, will run in Lewisham's Civic Suite from 5.00pm to 8pm. Lewisham are expecting over 300 parents, who can attend one of the three talks which will concentrate on the application process.

They also hope the event will help to reduce the number of late applications received by the team each year, which often come from applicants where their children are already attending a Lewisham primary school.

All secondary schools will attend along with the following teams such as Free School Meal and SEN.

For all other secondary school enquiries please visit the Lewisham website or ask one of our Senior Leaders who will be happy to help you.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>

Black History Lewisham 365

What is Black History Lewisham 365?

While it's important we acknowledge the national Black History Month campaign each October, in Lewisham we believe in action 365 days a year. Lewisham Council are proud to champion Black creators and trailblazers as part of our We Are Lewisham programme. They are also driving conversations to help us better understand how we can support our Black communities - from tackling healthcare inequalities, to addressing disparities among our high street businesses, to eliminating inequalities in education. And that's just the start.

Black History Month 2024

Black History Lewisham 365 is Lewisham's commitment to offering a platform for Black voices and understanding Black lived experiences 365 days per year. They have awarded grants of up to £1000 for community organisations to run events across Lewisham. For example, The Black Book Festival on Saturday 19 October 2024, 11am-6pm at Goldsmiths, University of London. This event celebrates African Diaspora contributions to the book industry, with 40 stalls showcasing African-Caribbean books, arts, and educational services. The event features seminars, exhibitions on Cy Grant and "Black Yoga," African-Caribbean storytelling, music, and food.

Look out for Black History Lewisham 365 events over the next month in this newsletter.



Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

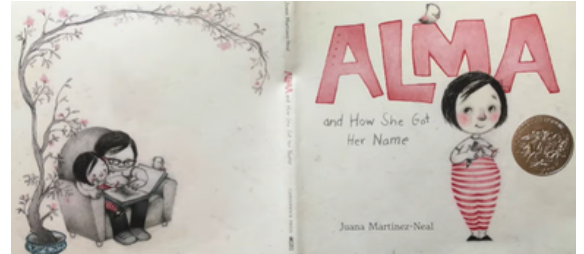
Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care. Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

Article 8 – Protection and Preservation of Identity. Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

List as many things as you can think of that help to make you a unique and wonderful person!



Appearance
Talents
Nationality
Life story
Name
Religion



How many more can you think of?

Listen to the story of 'Alma and How She Got Her Name'.

At Brindishe Schools, as the children have settled into their new classes and new routines, class teachers have spent lots of time discussing with children what makes them special or unique. As well as learning all their names.

Our names are very important to us and form part of our identity. With your child at home, try to find the meaning of your names. Have you even been to naming ceremony like a Christening or a Namkaran? Have you told your children why they have the name they have? Is the name they are called the same or different to their official names? Does their name have a meaning?

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.

Key Federation Dates

- Lewisham Secondary Event - Wednesday 25th September
- October Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- INSET DAY - Friday 29th November

Montage Theatre Arts

Montage Theatre Arts (MTA) is a performing arts charity based in Lewisham, South East London.

We run classes, workshops, performances and events for adults and children of all ages!

FREE PLACES!

All children should have access to the performing arts, despite any social or financial hardship. To positively affect the lives of our students, parents and families, a selection of free places are available for children aged 5 – 19 who meet eligibility criteria.

Visit the website here for further info

<https://www.montagetheatre.com/bursaries/>

