



Brindishe
Lee

Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024

What has been happening this week?

What a fantastic time Year 6 have had on their residential trip to Kingswood. They have taken The Leap of Faith, braved the 3G Swing, sung around a campfire with a lovely hot chocolate, taken part in a fencing tournament, played Quidditch, problem solved and much much more! They will be very tired but very happy! Sincere thanks to the teachers who have accompanied them. They were very impressed by the children's organisational skills.....and how well they ate and slept! A very successful trip for all.



Celebrating Diversity Week 2024

At the heart of our vision and values at Brindishe Lee we celebrate diversity and inclusion - we believe it's an integral part of creating a united, equal, happy and safe society. And, also, because it is the right thing to do.

This week we have been extremely proud of how all the children, have embraced our special week where we have focused on celebrating differences, learnt about different languages and cultures, tackled the topic of anti-bullying and kindness, and delved into understanding the importance of learning about people from different faiths and backgrounds.

The children have also been making links between celebrating everyone's uniqueness, and Children's Rights.



We have loved wearing our 'happy' today for Children in Need. At the time of writing we have raised £77! Let's see if we make to our £100 target for this great charity. Thank you to all who have donated.

What is happening next week?

We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school next week in the atrium after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Come and get some early Christmas shopping done and raise money for books for the school at the same time!



Reception have their first trip out to London Dockland Museum and Year 1 are out in Manor House Gardens looking at signs of Autumn and preparing for their DT project about playgrounds.

Important information from the office

Pick ups- It would help us greatly if you could call us with any change to pick up arrangements **before 3pm**. This gives us time to get the message to the class teacher.

Tombola Prizes

We need donations of prizes for the tombola at the Christmas Fair! Anything goes for adults or children- good quality- something you'd be pleased to win!

Please put 6th December in your calendars for the F@B Winter Fair. It will take place after school in the hall, with the usual games and festivities. We also hope Father Christmas can pay a visit!



Attendance

Well done Year 4! Everyone in on time for learning.

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	96.3%	100
Year 1	98.89%	270
Year 2	97.04%	8
Year 3	96.89%	277
Year 4	98.81%	0
Year 5	97.62%	79

Important Dates

November 2024		December 2024	
Wednesday 14 th Nov- 20 th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair in the Atrium	Tuesday 3 rd and Thursday 5 th Dec	Parent/Teacher Meetings
		Friday 6 th Dec TBC	F@B Christmas Fair 3.30pm- 5.30pm
		Wed 11 th Dec TBC	Christmas lunch and jumper day
11 th - 15 th November	Year 6 School Journey	Winter performances: Tuesday 10 th Dec - Rec and Year 1 Wednesday 11 th Dec- Years 2 and 3 Thursday 12 th Dec- Years 4 and 5 Friday 13 th Dec- Year 6	
11 th – 15 th Nov	Celebrating Diversity Week		
Fri 29 th Nov	Inset Day - No school for children	Tuesday 17 th Dec	Years 1, 4 and 6 to Broadway Theatre Pantomime
		Wednesday 18 th Dec	Years 2, 3 and 5 to Broadway Theatre Pantomime
		Fri 20th Dec (6 th Jan – INSET Day)	Last Day Christmas Holidays

Road Safety Week Competition

To promote this important life skill, we are holding a Road Safety Poster design competition.

- Make a poster using anything you like.
- It needs to be A4 size
- Include your top tips for staying safe when crossing the road.
- Make it as clear and eye catching as possible.

The winning posters will be reproduced and put on the school railings. There will be prizes for the best posters in each phase.

Bring your entry to school by Thursday 28th November.





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The Bank of Things Christmas Appeal

The Bank Of Things is hosting a Christmas Gift Appeal 2024!

The Bank of Things are seeking donations for young people facing hardship. Donations can include gift cards, toiletries, skin care, chocolates, sweets, socks, scarves and gloves.

Please deliver donations to Unit 19, Lewisham Shopping Centre or contact Hannah@lewishamlocal.com to arrange a collection.



Free Cricket Sessions in Lewisham

Kent County Cricket, in collaboration with the charity Chance to Shine, is thrilled to announce free cricket sessions in the Lewisham area for young people aged 8-15. Designed to create accessible sporting opportunities for local communities, these sessions aim to foster a love for cricket while helping young participants build and develop essential skills. Currently, free cricket sessions are held at the Deptford Lounge every Tuesday - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Why Free Cricket Matters for Lewisham

Sport plays a transformative role in young people's lives, building confidence, discipline, and teamwork skills. However, the cost of equipment and access to facilities can often stand in the way of many eager children and teens who want to engage in organized sports. Kent County Cricket's partnership with Chance to Shine is breaking down these barriers.

What to Expect in the Sessions

Our sessions, led by experienced coaches, are carefully designed to provide top-quality cricket training. Every week, participants have the opportunity to learn fundamental cricket skills, from batting and bowling to fielding and teamwork. Whether they're complete beginners or experienced players, all are welcome, and each session focuses on skill-building, game strategies, and encouraging individual growth.

Getting Involved

These free sessions provide an invaluable resource to the community, giving young people the chance to stay active, learn new skills, and enjoy themselves after school. There is no cost to join; all you need is a love for the game and a willingness to participate.

If you have a child aged 8-15 in the Lewisham area who might be interested, head over to the Deptford Lounge on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. to join in or scan the QR code above.

Online Safety Bulletin

Whatsapp



You must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp.
Did you know that you can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting?

If a user locks a chat, then the chat will appear at the top under locked chats but cannot be viewed without your device password or biometric (face id/fingerprint). Furthermore though, a user can apply an additional setting to hide the locked chat (so it does not appear in their chat list and can only be accessed via the search bar).

Whilst this feature adds privacy, it can make it difficult to monitor what your child is doing on WhatsApp, which is why it is important to have regular chats with your child.

For more information on this matter, please take a few minutes to look at the website below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

Anti-bullying Day is held each year in November and is a time for all of us to think about how we can develop positive relationships in school based on dignity and respect.

Article 2 (non-discrimination) - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) - Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 13 (freedom of expression) - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect) - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

What different kinds of bullying can you think of?

- *It is repeated behaviour that treats another person badly over time.*
- *Behaviour that makes you feel unsafe and/or puts you down as a person.*
- *Physical – aggressive or violent, being pushed, hit, kicked, intimidated.*
- *Verbal – name-calling, threatening, being laughed at, teasing, being shouted at.*
- *Social – being purposefully excluded from plans with your 'friends'.*
- *Cyber bullying (online, on social media or gaming forums) – unkind comments, sharing photos with negative comments.*
- *Discrimination - against race, nationality, sexuality, faith or another protected characteristic.*

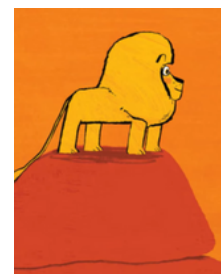


Across Brindishe Schools this week we have all been marking anti-bullying day and celebrating diversity. Children have taken part in a wide range of activities and discussions inside of school which include recognising unsafe behaviours and discrimination.

Watch 'How to be a Lion' by Ed Vere - click image for link. Talk with your child at home as to why the other lions are bullying Leonard and how he deals with this. 'Some say words can't change the world.

Leonard says, "If they make you think, maybe they can."

Do you agree with Leonard?



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. ***Our first meeting for 2024/2025 is Tuesday 10th December at Brindishe Green 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