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Brindishe Federation Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Learning to read and reading for pleasure are so important for young children. So it has been wonderful to hear from the children about their favourite books during my walk around Brindishe Lee this week.

At Brindishe Lee we actively encourage all children to have a reading book at all times – whether to share with you or to read by themselves. Perhaps have a conversation with your child this weekend about their favourite book/s!

On this note, if there are any parents or governors who would like to volunteer their time to become a volunteer reader, please speak to the office. We would appreciate your help.

As a family, you will receive further information next week about Pupil Parliament. Last year it was so lovely to hear the children's views about the changes that they feel needs to happen to improve the school, the environment, the local community and beyond! It was so inspiring to hear from the children especially those with opinions and knowledge around the wider world issues - there are definitely some future politicians within the school!

You will receive communication next week about parent meetings which will commence the week of the 31st October. This will be a great opportunity for you to discuss with the class teacher your children's learning so far this term.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Brindishe Lee School Key Dates

- Monday 10th October – Hello Yellow Day
- Monday 17th October - New Reception Open Days
- Tuesday 18th October – Flu immunisations
- Wednesday 19th October- Year 1 trip to Manor House Gardens
- Monday 24th October – Half term holiday
- Monday 7th November to Friday 11th November - Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood
- Monday 14th November – Open Door – Sharing Learning (3.30-4.00pm)
- Monday 21st November – Book Fair in school
- Friday 25th November – Inset Day
- Wednesday 7th December- School Health Team - Height and Weight Reception and Year 6
- Thursday 8th December Open Door – Sharing Learning (3.30-4.00pm)
- Parent Meetings – The week commencing the 31st October – A letter will be sent out next week to book appointments.

**More dates to follow.*



There is still time for you to cast your vote. To vote in person you should come to any of the Brindishe schools between **8.45am on Tuesday 4th October 2022** and **3.30pm on Tuesday 11th October 2022**. Ballot papers will also be available in the school office.

If you choose to post a ballot form, then this must be sent to arrive no later than the close of the ballot at **3.30pm on Tuesday 11th October 2022**.

The envelope should be addressed to "The Returning Officer, c/o Brindishe Green School", Beacon Road, London, SE13 5AF and marked with a "P".

Parent Governor Election October 2022

Parent Governor Candidate	Pen portrait
Ali Bailey	My name is Ali Bailey and I have two children at Brindishe Manor and my third child is due to start next year. I am a primary school teacher with previous experience as a Teacher Governor. My family and I feel very lucky to be part of the Brindishe community and I would love the opportunity to work as a Parent Governor. I feel passionate about the future of the school and working with the other governors, children, teachers and parent. Please always feel free to come and have a chat with me. Thanks so much, Ali.
Lian Beauvillain	
Jonathan Blathwayt	I have two children at Brindishe Green, my son Taku in Y3 AND Momo in Y1. I know how important school is in the everyday life for both the pupils and parents, I am keen to become Governor to help the Federation maintain its high standards and strive to improve for all connected, whether that is staff, pupils and parents. I have 15 years' experience in public policy making and will bring the knowledge from this into my role as Governor.
Eleanor Doberska	With a child in Year 1 at Brindishe Manor, and another due to start nursery soon, I am keen to become more involved and contribute to supporting the Brindishe schools. I have a personal interest in child development and a professional background in higher education quality management, policy development and partnership management. As such, I have a range of skills and experiences to bring to the role. I would also welcome the opportunity to expand my knowledge of primary education, to better understand the children's school experience, and to gain insight into the regulatory environment within which the schools operate.
Claire Marie Friend	I have two children at Brindishe Lee (Years 1 and 3) and I am already involved in the school community, regularly helping with F@B fund raising events. As the daughter of a teacher and Chair of Governors, I have grown up with a strong interest in children's education. I want to support the school in its mission to provide the very best education. Enabling every child to achieve their full potential in a safe, happy environment as well as supporting their families and community. Working as doctor, I am also passionate about science and maths education, public health and wellbeing
Nicky Hamilton	My son is in reception at Brindishe Manor, I've lived in the area for nearly 6 years and love it here. I'm an employment lawyer and an Army reservist and my favourite thing to do is swimming with my little boy. Becoming a school governor is something I have wanted to do for a while to serve my local



Lucy Lock	I would like to run for a second term as parent governor as I have really enjoyed the role. The experience has helped me understand the challenges faced by our schools and how I can contribute in a meaningful way. I remain passionate about supporting the Brindishe Federation in providing a fantastic and inclusive education for all our children.
Craig Newell	My daughter is in year 2 and therefore I have a long term vested interest in seeing the schools excel. I run my own business and understand planning, financial prudence and customer service. I also understand the pressures schools and teachers face in these unprecedented times and the need to work in harmony with all people involved in school life. We need the best for our children.
Adrian Prandle	We're in a tough few years for schools and families. I stand ready to help our community through. Father of two Brindishe Kids, I'm committed to providing opportunities for all pupils – whatever their needs, interests or background. I work in education policy with daily contact with practitioners and policy –makers at the highest levels of government. I will provide: SUPPORT AND ADVICE – for staff on policy and ofsted visits. CHALLENGE – to enhance home communications. CONTACT – In person and electronic dialogue with you. Thanks to early supporters across the federation, including Hannah@BG, Yemi@BL, Laura and Chris @BM, and more.
Ramsey R F Sargent	I would like to be a school governor because I want to help our schools prepare our children to be resilient and thrive in the world ahead. I grew up in Philadelphia and work at London Business School, from which I am also an alumna. My two children are in Year 1 and Year 2. I have experience sharing best practices as well as developing strategy. People who know me describe me as open and candid and welcoming of the new ideas and feedback. I would work hard to ensure our children have everything they need to become successful adults.
Helen Steevens	Education is one of the most important aspects of our children's lives. It can have a huge impact on future opportunities. My own experience as a teacher has made me aware of the various pressures and restraints that teachers and senior management face. Now as a parent myself, I understand the pressures that families face too and have seen this both at school and as a volunteer at a local children's charity. As a potential future Parent Governor I am willing to represent the parent voice.
Luke Styles	I am a father of a child currently in year 1, with a daughter who will join school (hopefully) in 2 years' time. Therefore, I will be directly involved with the school as a parent for at least the next 10 years. I want to ensure that not only my children but all the children continue to have the wonderful educational experience that my son has had so far at Brindishe Lee and I would bring this focus on educational excellence to me role as a governor. I am a professional composer and value the role that the arts play in the rounded education of young people and I would have the



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	professional understanding of an arts practitioner and an arts educator when engaging in my role as governor. I see the nurturing and community atmosphere that the school engenders and I would look to make sure this remains a part of the school ethos.
Loretta Wiafe	I have been a firm believer in the importance of the welfare of children. As someone who has combined the legal aspect of my life (where fairness and justice are imperative) with my role as head of Sunday School (in which the thoughts and opinions of children take center stage), I have been able to navigate the core principles; that every child has the right to be a child – just as every individual has the right to be treated fairly and humanely. These two collaborating principles continue to be my guide in everything I pursue.

Black History Lewisham 365

Black History Month runs nationally every October to commemorate the history, achievements and contributions of Black communities in the UK. This year's theme is **Time for Change: Action Not Words**.

What is Black History Lewisham 365?

While it's important we acknowledge the national campaign each October, Lewisham believe in action 365 days a year. Over the past twelve months, they have been busy championing Black creators and trailblazers as part of our [We Are Lewisham](#) programme.

Black History Lewisham 365 is their commitment to offering a platform for Black voices and understanding Black lived experiences in October and beyond.

Upcoming Events

The Story of the Windrush – Children's Workshop

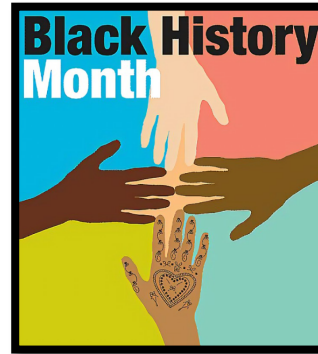
Saturday 8th October 2022

Migration Museum | Lewisham Shopping Centre | 1pm and 3pm

[Bookings and more information here.](#)

Join Kandace Chimbi, author of *The Story of the Windrush*, for a book reading and art workshop for children of all ages. An opportunity to meet the author, who will give a short talk on the history behind the book. Then, create your own collage inspired by legacy of the Windrush generation. There will also be a book signing at the end of the event.

Kandace will be hosting two sessions – at 1pm and at 3pm, with each session lasting approximately an hour. This event is for children of all ages, with the book particularly recommended for ages 7 to 11 years. Every adult must be



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Pop-ups and adverts

When your child is playing on certain games or is on social media, they may see adverts/ pop up adverts. The content in these adverts may not always be appropriate to them, particularly if clicked on.

It is important to talk to your child about adverts and to think about what they are clicking on before they do and if they are unsure to either ignore them or to check with a trusted adult.

Further information <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/security/pop-ups-adverts/>





Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

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 12 says that every child has the right to express their views freely and that their views should be taken into account when decisions are made.

In Brindishe Schools we promote pupil leadership. Next week, you will receive information about Pupil Parliament opportunities at Brindishe Lee.

Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2023.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Tuesday 18 October 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 13th October 9:30am and 4:30pm	Monday 17th October 9:30am and 4:30pm
Thursday 17th November 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 14th November 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 16th November 9:30am and 4:30pm

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools. Email details can be found on our school websites.

Starting secondary school in Lewisham - new video for families

Lewisham are excited to share the [new 'starting secondary school in Lewisham' video](#) which features students and parents from Deptford Green, Conisborough College and Forest Hill School.

This is a warm, funny and informative video that helps answer some questions and may alleviate some of your worries about transition.



Key Federation Dates

- Secondary and Primary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1st September 2022**
- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Monday 31st October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022)
- October Half Term – **Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**
- **INSET DAY – Brindishe Federation – Friday 25th November**
- **End of Term – Friday 16th December 2022**
- **Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15th January 2022**
- **Primary offer day - Monday 17 April 2023** (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)