



Brindishe
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Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

In school this week, there has been a buzz of excitement with children discussing new learning with their peers and teachers. During my walk around this week, children have been telling me about their learning too from solving challenging calculations to showing me their clay pottery designs.

As a school, please can we remind all parents to be mindful when parking their cars at pick up or drop off. Please avoid parking on double yellow lines, corners or zigzags or any other area not designated for parking. Parking in these areas can make it very difficult for the local residents including pupils at Brindishe Lee to cross the roads safely. We would like to remind everyone we are part of the School Streets Programme. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Finally, please remember to book a parent meeting slot on Weduc so you are able to meet your child's teacher as well as have an opportunity to look at your child's learning in their books.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.



Brindishe Lee School Dates & Events:

- w/c 27th March Parent meetings (Refer to Weduc)
- Saturdays in March – Shine Project at Blackheath High School.
- Monday 20th March – Readathon Challenge (More info. to follow)
- Tuesday 21st March - Year 5 meeting about the Year 6 residential trip (next academic year), at 3.30pm
- Friday 24th March – Year 3 to visit The British Museum trip.
- Tuesday 28th March – Year 4 to visit The British Museum trip.
- Friday 31st March – End of the Spring Term.
- Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday.
- Monday 17th April – Start of the Summer Term.
- Monday 17 April - Primary Offer Day - (You will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place).
- Thursday 20th April – Reception class to The Unicorn Theatre.
- Monday 24th April – Year 4 to The British Library.

**More details & events to follow.*



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week

Article 35

Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.

At Brindishe Schools we teach children that abduction, sale and trafficking of children is rare, but it is still important they know how to keep themselves safe and know who to talk to if they think themselves or a friend is at risk.

Ask your child: *How do you keep yourself **safe at home, at school and in the community?***

Did they say any of these?

- By making sure adults know where you are.
- By being supervised by adults at home, school or during activities.
- By thinking about staying safe online.
- By making sure you have safe travel plans in place when socialising.
- By considering risks when you do things.
- Parents and carers arrange for us to be looked after when they can't.
- Teachers and other staff in school keep us safe during the day and make sure we know who we can talk to if we are worried.
- Police officers make sure that we are safe within our communities. If someone is in danger, they will support them.
- Social workers can support children who need extra help to stay safe.



Look at the resources from [Clever Never Goes](#) which help you to think through how to stay safe in different situations. This resource is for adults working with children, young people and families to educate and inform on avoiding abduction.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week (13th -19th March) is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent people are perceived and supported and gives us the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week will be hosting a series of free online events on a range of subjects, such as the experiences of neurodivergent women and girls and neurodiversity in the workplace, criminal justice and culture. You will need to register and many will be repeated at different times over the week, including events for parents and carers.

Check out the [2023 Neurodiversity Celebration Week events schedule](#).



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Governor Vacancies

Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Governor? A friend, a colleague, a relative?

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Brindishe Federation Governing Body, particularly for people who would widen the diversity of our current members and/or be able to offer key skills we require including knowledge around finance, education, recruitment. We have recently recruited for our Parent Governor vacancies, so anyone interested could not be a parent/carer of a pupil within the Federation.

If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with either Rachel Waite, Executive Head rwaite@brindisheschools.org or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors lmurphy@brindisheschools.org

For more information about becoming a Governor, please click on the link below:
<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Itsme App



Itsme is a socialising app that is used to make friends through text, voice and video chats as well as Snapchat. **This app is rated as 18+ and is not suitable for children.** Itsme allows users to meet/ chat as their avatar. Users will be chatting with strangers, which can present risks.

BRECK Principles

Being a parent to a child of the digital generation can be challenging. The Breck Foundation work with parents and carers to educate them about the dangers of online grooming to help them educate and empower their children to make better decisions to stay safer online. At the Brindishe Schools, we follow the Breck Principles in school to help children keep themselves safe online.

To learn more about the story of Breck and where these come from, visit [Online Safety | Breck Foundation](#)



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Key Federation Dates

- Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April
- Monday 17th April – Children return to school for Summer Term
- **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)

Governing Body Dates

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - lizcmurphy@gmail.com

Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 rd March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 rd May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 th July 2023, 6pm

Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

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