

# Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



Brindishe  
Lee

## What has been happening this week?

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. We raised over £1000 and that means we will have a good chunk of money to refresh our book stock in school.

Years 3 and 4 really enjoyed their day at the National Portrait Gallery, exploring the collection and taking part in a workshop.

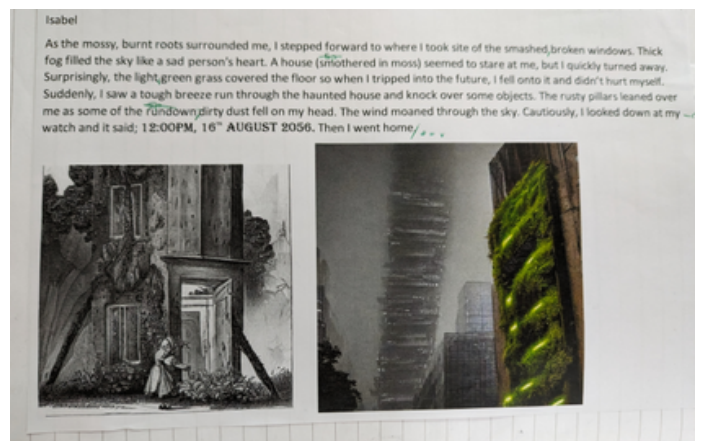
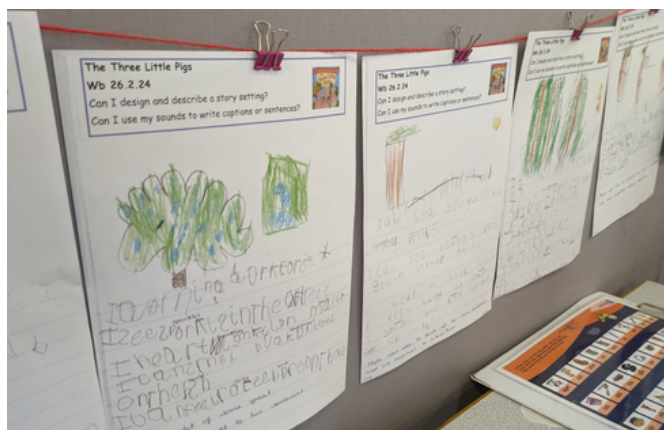
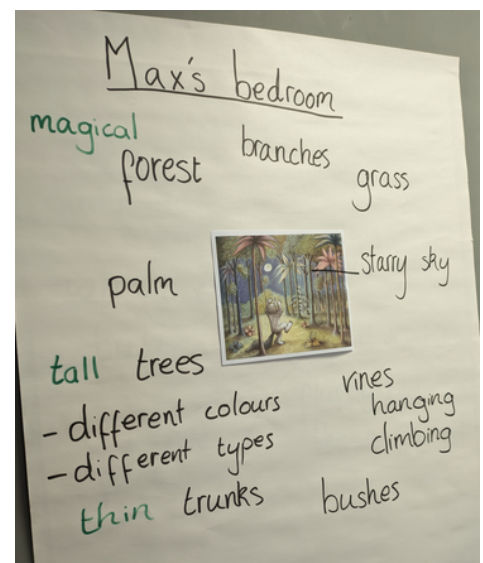
Year 6 used the natural history collection at the Horniman Museum to deepen their scientific understanding of classification.

Reception have been immersed in the story of The Three Little Pigs and have produced some super writing.

Year 5 have also been focusing on their writing, creating descriptions which have been entered into picture generating app with some amazing results.

Year 2 have been learning about Queen Victoria as part of their Victorians topic in History.

Year 1 have been learning the story of Where The Wild Things Are and collecting vocabulary to use in their descriptive writing next week.



# What is happening next week?

Assemblies will cover World Book Day in the context of our childrens' rights and International Women's Day. Click on the link for more information!

Our Salsa group will be performing at the Catford Broadway Theatre on Tuesday night at the Lewisham Live dance event. Year 5 have a Mini First Aid training session.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March with a range of reading activities in school. To encourage interest in reading the, children can dress up as their favourite book character if they would like. This can be very simple e.g. a hat or a prop, or as complex as you like! Please don't buy anything new, just use what you have for a bit of fun.

We will be launching our Book Swap Shed, so **we are accepting good quality picture and chapter book donations, fiction and non fiction. Please bring them to the office.**

We have lots of fun reading activities planned for the day.



[International Women's Day](#)



## F@B News



### Bake Sale

F@B are hosting a spring bake sale on **8th March after school**. Please bring along your cake donations (home or shop made but nut free please) and leave with delicious desserts, fresh flowers, tea towels and tote bags. Great gifts for the special women in your life!! Please see attached poster for details.

Also watch this space for details about a pancake breakfast before school on 22nd March.

## Important information from the office

**Parent Meetings:** Don't forget to book in for your parent meeting via the link: [Parent Meetings](#)

**Illness/ Absence:** Please call the office if your child is off. We need to know where the children are. It takes staff time to chase up absences so please be kind and make the call!!!

**Payments:** Please ensure all payments are made via Weduc- it takes a lot of staff time away from your children if we have to chase you!

# Decorated Egg Competition



We are eggcited to announce the Brindishe Lee Easter Decorated Egg Competition! Get creative and decorate an egg any way you like. There will be a prize for the best egg in each year group which we will announce on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March. Bring your eggs in for judging on **Tuesday 26th March**.

## Readathon

The Readathon is back! Watch this space for details of the Easter Readathon to help raise money for the school library!

## Attendance

Well done Year 6 Sycamore! it's great to see you getting ready for Secondary School, independently getting yourselves to school on time. We are very proud of you.

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	81.11%	50
Year 1	90%	69
Year 2	90.37%	17
Year 3	98.47%	27
Year 4	98.47%	102
Year 5	98.15%	18
Year 6 Magnolia	97.86%	28
Year 6 Sycamore	93.33%	5

## Important Key Dates- Spring 2

March 2024		April 2024	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day- dress as a book character		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	F@B Bake Sale and Crafts		
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evenings	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day- Wear Red		
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term		
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter holidays		



Brindishe  
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## Secondary school transfer 2024 – national offer day

Parents who applied for a Secondary School place for their child for September 2024, will receive the result of their application by email during the evening of Friday 1 March 2024 - tonight

### ***What to do if your child does not get offered a place at any of the schools you apply for?***

Unfortunately not every child can be offered a place at the school they have applied for. In these cases Lewisham have a duty to ensure that every resident child has been offered a school place.

If your child did not qualify for a place at a school you applied for, they will get offered a place at the closest school to your home address where a place is available. The headteacher of that school will write to welcome your child and invite you to visit the school before you decide whether to accept the offer. Accepting Lewisham's alternative offer secures a secondary school place for your child and does not affect any waiting list your child's name is added to or an admissions appeal. Your child's name will automatically be placed on the waiting list for all of the schools you originally applied for. Waiting list positions can move up or down between 1 March and the start of the school term in September 2024 so there is still a possibility that your child may be offered a place at one of your preferred schools as the school year progresses.

### ***If you want to accept the place you have been offered***

If you applied on time, visit the eAdmissions website to accept the place you have been offered. You will need to log into your eAdmissions account using the same user name and password you used to make your original application. If you applied via another method, you will need to follow the instructions in your letter to accept the place. You must accept your place by **Friday 15th March 2024**.

### ***What to do if you have been offered a place at a school you applied for but want to be considered for a higher preference school***

We would advise that you initially accept the school place you have been offered. Your child's name will automatically be placed on the waiting list for all higher preference schools than the school your child has been offered.

Further information is published in secondary schools in Lewisham information -

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

Lewisham are expecting a high volume of telephone calls and emails from Monday 4th March 2024 and ask for your patience. Please do contact a Brindishe senior leader if you would like some help or advice.

### Contact

#### Secondary School Admissions and Appeals

Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, SE6 4RU

Telephone:  [020 8314 8282](tel:02083148282)

Email:  [secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:secondaryadmissions@lewisham.gov.uk)

# Online Safety Bulletin

## 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 <https://www.breckfoundation.org/parents-carers>.



## Veg Power!

We are excited to inform you that Radish will be hosting a 'Veg Power' event which will be held in Brindishe Schools on Thursday 14th March to support the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign'. We are delighted to get involved in this great campaign to encourage our children to try new vegetables in a fun and engaging way.

### A bit of background:

In 2018 Veg Power formed a key partnership with ITV and together created the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign. Now in its sixth year, nearly 5,000 schools across the UK and over 1.5m pupils have taken part. Research now shows that repeated involvement in the campaign leads to increased veg consumption over the long term. If you would like some more information about Veg Power, please visit: <https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/schools/>

### What is Radish doing?

Radish's plan for this fun Veg Power day is as follows:

#### •The Radish Big Chomp Salad Bar

Staff will encourage your pupils to get those gnashers to work defeating those veg one big bite at a time, and we are planning some great chomp visuals and fun. Chomping on raw veg is also excellent for dental health – so double win!

#### •Lunchtime

The main menu will remain in place, but we will highlight the dishes that are packed with veggies with some fun decorations on display to get the children excited!

Every pupil will receive a reward chart and stickers to take home so they can continue their quest to chomp and defeat their veggies!



## Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - [lmurphy@brindisheschools.org](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org). Our fourth meeting of this academic year is on **Tuesday 19th March at 6pm** at Brindishe Manor School.

# Right Respecting Article Of The Week

•**Article 17 (access to information from the media)** - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

•**Article 29 (goals of education)** - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

•**Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)** - Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23 April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. In countries around the world it is celebrated on the anniversary of that date, but in the UK it is generally marked on the first Thursday of March.

Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories can make a crucial difference to your future success and is fun for all involved. That's why World Book Day continues to encourage children and young people to read for pleasure through its work with authors, illustrators, publishers, bookshops and libraries.

Reading books is an important skill. How can reading help us? Talk to your child at home.

Next week, Brindishe Schools will recognise and celebrate in their own schools in different ways. Each year there are various World Book Day live events. Click here to find out more - <https://www.worldbookday.com/events/>



## Key Federation Dates

- **SHINE at Blackheath starts Saturday 24th until Saturday 23rd March**
- **Secondary Offer Day - Friday 1st March**
- **Primary National Offer Day - Tuesday 16th April**