

# Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



Brindishe  
Lee

## What has been happening this week?

Year 6 have been busy preparing for their Climate Change presentation to parents next Tuesday. The weather was very kind to Year 5 when they spent the day mudlarking on the banks of the River Thames to bring their geography learning to life.

Year Four have been bringing on their seeds, choosing from your generous donations. Year 3 passed on their sewing skills to Year 1 this week in some great collaborative learning. Year 2 have had a very exciting week, visiting the National Portrait Gallery and the Ragged School Museum. Their costumes were amazing!

Reception made some beautiful collages showing some storybook settings.

Thank you to the F@B team and their little helpers for a lovely Pancake Breakfast. It was great to see you all!



## Earth Hour- This Saturday

Earth Hour is a moment of unity that brings the world together, shines a spotlight on nature loss and the climate crisis, and inspires millions more to act and advocate for urgent change. Each year, we work together to turn a single Earth Hour into thousands and millions of hours of action for our one shared home. Click on the link to find out what you can do!



[Earth Hour](#)

## What is happening next week?

It's the final four days of the Spring Term! we can't believe how the time has flown! Highlights next week include assemblies about Easter and Holi. We are looking forward to seeing the children's decorated eggs on Tuesday. Year 1 have their trip to the National Portrait Gallery on Monday. Year 6 have their showcase for parents on Tuesday. Thursday is the last day of term and we hope you all have a lovely break.



# Back to school on Monday 15th April

## Important information from the office

**Clubs:** Club allocations will go out next week. Look out for a slip in your child's book bag.

**Local Trips Permissions:** Please return your permission form to the office as soon as possible.

**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! Music payments are now on Weduc. Please get them paid.

**Mini Marathon** is now closed.

**Dental Checks for Reception and Year 1:** Please return permissions to the office.

**Medication:** Please collect form the office if you have been contacted.

## Readathon

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

## REMINDER- CLUBS

Sportacus Clubs and Booster Clubs are still on until the end of term. All other clubs have finished until the Summer Term.

## *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**.



Thank you to all who attended the inaugural pancake breakfast this morning, we hope you enjoyed it and we hope to run it again for those that missed out.



Our last event this term is the Easter Trail this weekend, the trail is attached for those that want to join in. There is a small prize for completion, first come first serve.

Next term we have the mini marathon. For those that wish to sponsor the children please use (and share!) the following link;

Mini Marathon

Please also put the 3rd May in your calendar for the Brindishe Lee Parents & Carers quiz, details to follow.



## Attendance

Lateness is creeping up again!!!! But well done Year 3 for only losing 9 minutes of learning time this week.

| Class           | Attended | Mins Late |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Reception       | 97.78%   | 59        |
| Year 1          | 95.93%   | 146       |
| Year 2          | 94.81%   | 45        |
| Year 3          | 96.67%   | 9         |
| Year 4          | 98.47%   | 126       |
| Year 5          | 95.93%   | 37        |
| Year 6 Magnolia | 94.87%   | 58        |
| Year 6 Sycamore | 92.89%   | 41        |

## Important Key Dates- Spring 2

| April 2024                    |                      | May 2024  |                          |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
|                               |                      | Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Bank Holiday             |
|                               |                      | WB Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Year 6 SATS test         |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Start of Summer Term | Throughout May                                  | Year 2 assessment checks |
|                               |                      | date TBC  | School Photos            |
|                               |                      | Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Half term                |



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## Easter 2024 holiday activities and fun

Lewisham's programme of free activities for the Easter holidays is now open for booking. As before, they've teamed up with a range of local organisations to offer something for everyone – from sports and drama, to arts, crafts, and trips to exciting venues.

You need to book your activity in advance. Places are allocated on first-come, first-served basis and are prioritised for children eligible for benefit related Free School Meals. Lewisham will also have a number of places available on a first come, first served basis for children who are experiencing hardship, but who do not receive Free School Meals.

### How to book

Families who receive benefit related free school meals will receive a HAF Code via email or text message. This code will enable you to access a webpage with details of all activities and book your child's space. Please ensure you follow the link and instructions in the message. Please note each code is unique to each family. Families with more than one child will receive a code for each child.

If you haven't received a HAF code and your child receives benefit related free school meals, or if you require any support with bookings, contact [HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk).

Lewisham also have a number of places available on a first come, first serve basis for parents and carers who are experiencing hardship, but whose children do not receive Free School Meals. Email the team on the email address above if you'd like to apply for one of these places.

## Second Family Hub opens in Bellingham

Parents, carers and young people in Bellingham will have easier access to free services, activities and different types of support following the opening of a new Family Hub. Lewisham Council officially opened the doors to its second Family Hub on Randlesdown Road. It is the second of the new-style hubs to open in the borough, which make it easier for parents, carers and young people to access the help and support they need by bringing together different services and types of support in a single location.

Using additional funding that the Council has secured from the UK government, Family Hubs have been designed to make it quicker and simpler for families to get practical support. The breadth of services that will be available from the new Family Hub will include parenting and feeding advice, support with wellbeing and mental health, and early language development. There will also be activities for older children and young people aged 11 to 19 (25 with a special educational need).

The Family Hub in Bellingham is located at 109-111 Randlesdown Road, SE6 3HB. It is open from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday and can be contacted on 020 8314 9545 or by emailing [family.hubs@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:family.hubs@lewisham.gov.uk).

# Right Respecting Article Of The Week



## Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

## Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

## Friday March 22nd is World Water Day.

We all know that water is vital for everyone in their daily lives across the world, and back in 2015 the world committed to working together to make sure that everyone has access to safe, clean water and good sanitation. This was Sustainable Development Goal 6.

But there is still much work to be done with over 2 billion people drinking unsafe water. An important aim of World Water Day is to inspire everyone to take action and make the necessary changes so that the right to clean water can be achieved by 2030 for everyone.

*Why do you think that the right to clean water is such an important right?*

***The theme for 2024 is 'Water for Peace'.***

## Key messages for World Water Day 2024

- Water can create peace or spark conflict. When water is scarce or polluted, or when people struggle for access, tensions can rise. By cooperating on water, we can balance everyone's water needs and help stabilize the world.
- Prosperity and peace rely on water. As nations manage climate change, mass migration and political unrest, they must put water cooperation at the heart of their plans.
- Water can lead us out of crisis. We can foster harmony between communities and countries by uniting around the fair and sustainable use of water – from United Nations conventions at the international level, to actions at the local level.

For more information visit here - <https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day>

UNICEF works in lots of countries to make sure that children have access to clean water.

Watch Stephen's story and discuss with your child at home what difference it makes for children when they have safe water taps and clean water.



# Weekly Online Safety Bulletin



## YouTube Shorts

You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube. YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels. 'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button.



The INEQUE Safeguarding Group discuss this feature in more detail here:  
<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>

## 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.

## Key Federation Dates

- **SHINE at Blackheath Celebration Event - all parents/carers of Shine children invited to attend**
- Last day of term - **Thursday 28th March**
- Easter Holidays - **Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**
- Children return to school - **Monday 15th April**
- Primary National Offer Day - **Tuesday 16th April**

# Join the team - Vacancies at Brindishe.

## Brindishe Lee Primary School, Lunch Time Play Lead Vacancy

**Brindishe Lee School, Wantage Road, London, SE12 8NA**

Salary: Scale 2N (Scale Point 3 – 4) pro-rata, Term Time Only

Actual Pro Rata Salary: Currently £5,129 per annum (paid in monthly instalments)

Hours: 7.5 hours per week (typically 12.00 – 13:30); Term Time Only (39 weeks per year)

We are currently recruiting Lunch Time Play Leader at Brindishe Lee School to join on us on a permanent basis. Immediate start.

### The post involves:

- Promoting children's safety and well-being
- Helping to maintain a safe and organised play/ lunch environment

We are looking for someone who:

- Can relate well to children and supervise them during lunch times
- Is aware of Health & Safety and can assist the Lunch Time Supervisor in supporting children during lunch times
- Is willing to follow school policies and procedures in relation to the role

### Further Information:

The deadline for completed applications is midday on **Tuesday 26th March 2024**.

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 28th March 2024**.

Completed application forms should be returned to [rwaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rwaite@brindisheschools.org)

If you would like to have a conversation about the role before applying, please phone Sian Bannister, Head of School Brindishe Lee on 07498552153.

## Brindishe Green School, Extended Services Play Leader

**Brindishe Green School, Beacon Road, London, SE13 6EH**

Salary: Scale 2N (Scale Point 3 – 4) pro-rata, Term Time Only (£10,259 - £10,414)

Hours: Tea club – 15 hours per week

We are currently recruiting for Extended Services Play Leaders at Brindishe Green to join on us on a permanent basis. This role is available to start immediately.

### The post involves:

- Promoting children's safety and well-being
- Helping to maintain a safe and organised play environment

We are looking for someone who:

- Can relate well to children and supervise them during Tea club.
- Is aware of Health & Safety
- Is willing to follow school policies and procedures in relation to the role.

### Further Information:

The deadline for completed applications is midday on **Friday 12th April 2024**

Interviews will be held on week commencing **Monday 15th April 2024**

Completed application forms should be returned to [headteacher@brindisheschools.org](mailto:headteacher@brindisheschools.org)

If you would like to have a conversation about the role before applying, please phone Katie Matthews, Headteacher Brindishe Green on 0208 852 724

Brindishe Schools are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Therefore the successful candidate will be required to undertake a DBS check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) as well as reference checks. Full job descriptions and applications forms can be found on our school website - <https://www.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=426>