

Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023



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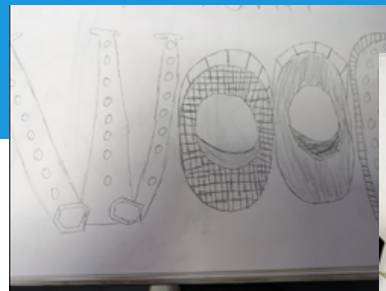
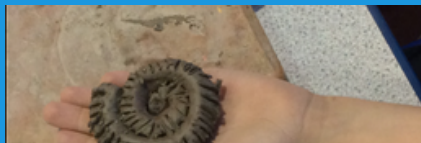
What has been happening this week?

Year One used the break in the wet weather to get to the park on Thursday. They looked at the trees and identified them as well as looking at the playground equipment, ahead of their DT learning about playgrounds. The children had a great time, really appreciating this super park that we have close by.

The hall has been full of music and movement this week with children doing their dance and yoga learning in PE. Year 6 have been learning about light and modelling how we see, using wool to represent light waves.

Year 5 had a great time using materials to help them draw and create their own font. Year 3 have used clay and plaster of Paris to create their own ammonite fossils. Year 2 have launched into their Great Fire of London topic and Reception have enjoyed learning about Diwali. Year 4 have had a tasty week, including trying soup for their Design Technology learning and eating apples to discover the function of different teeth.

Remembrance has featured in assemblies this week, as well as the opportunity to support the Royal British Legion through donations for poppy themed items.



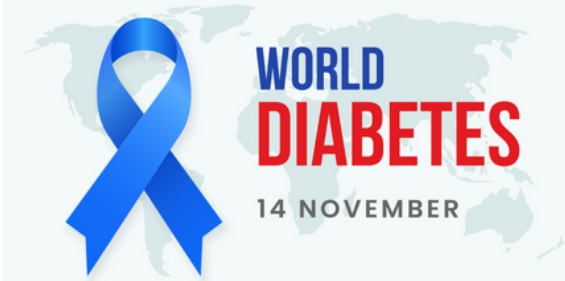
What is happening next week?

Open Classroom is Thursday 16th November. Come in and see your child's work and the displays they have created. 3.35pm- 3.50pm.

One of our Five C's will form a major focus in school next week- **Compassion**.

Positive Relationships

We will begin the week with an assembly highlighting the importance of respecting differences, friendship and how to seek help and support at the beginning of Anti- Bullying week. The theme this year is **Make a Noise about Bullying**. We take a proactive approach to bullying- teaching the children how to be a good friend, recognising when they or someone else needs help and finding support. We encourage the children to tell a grown up when they see anything that is worrying, even if it is not directly happening to them. We appreciate it when parents let us know of anything worrying as soon as possible too. Make a noise about bullying! Have a look at our Positive Relationships Policy on the federation website for our Anti- Bullying Statement.



World Diabetes Awareness Day- Tuesday 14th November

One of our year 5 pupils will lead the school in an assembly on Tuesday 14th November to raise awareness around Type 1 diabetes. She would like everyone to **wear something blue** to school, to show your support, or you could wear a onesie to raise awareness - Type One.....sie!!!

Children In Need- Friday

We will take the opportunity to consider the needs of others by joining in with fund raising for BBC Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Please donate via Horizons and find something **spotty or bright** to wear to show your support.

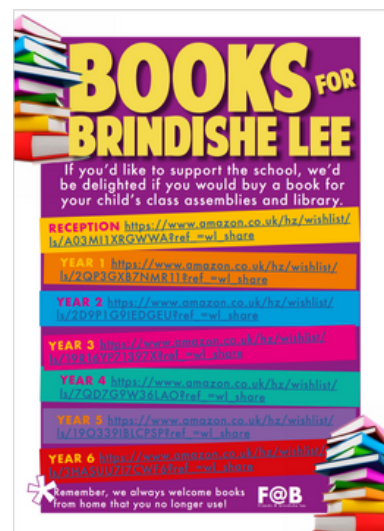


F@B News

Thank you so much for the book donations we have already received. These books will make a real difference to the delivery of the curriculum, keeping our book offer fresh and up to date.

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help us keep our library tidy and help to open it up to groups of children during some lunchtimes. Please contact the school if you can offer a bit of time between 12pm and 1.30pm each week.



Save the date!

The F@B AGM will be on Thursday 25th January, at 5pm in the school hall. Please do come along to support us and get involved.

Lottery

Fancy a flutter? F@B run an annual lottery, with all profits going to the school. It's £20 to enter for the year, for which you pick a number from 1-100. If your number is picked at the end of each half term you win £80 (first prize) or £40 (second prize).

Maybe buy someone a ticket for an Xmas gift this year?

Details on how to enter are in the attached poster. Good luck!

Attendance

Attendance Mon 6th Nov 2023 - Fri 10th Nov 2023

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	91.85%	98
Year 1	94.25%	30
Year 2	90.74%	72
Year 3	94.84%	54
Year 4	95.19%	84
Year 5	97.22%	66
Year 6 Magnolia	90.17%	174
Year 6 Sycamore	90.22%	197

Important Key Dates- Autumn 2

November 2023		December 2023	
Weds 15 th Nov 9.30am & 4.30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families	Wk begin 4 th Dec	Parent/carer evenings
3.35-3.50pm Thurs - 16 th November	Open classroom	Winter performances Reception and Year 1 Tuesday 12 th December 2.30pm Year 2 and 3 Wednesday 13 th December 2.45pm Year 4 and year 5 Thursday 14 th December 2.45pm Year 6 Friday 15 th December 2.45pm	
Week- 13-17 th November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying	TBC	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need- wear something spotty	Wed 20 th Dec	Last day of term and Pantomime in school
20 th - 22 nd Nov	Book Fair at school		
Tues 21 st Nov R-Y6	Flu immunisations	Thu 21 st - Fri 5 th January 2024 (Mon 8 th Jan INSET Day)	Christmas Holidays
Fri 24 th Nov	Inset Day No school		



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Remembrance Sunday 2023 in Lewisham

Find out how to carry out acts of remembrance in Lewisham this November for Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Sunday civic service and parade at Lewisham War Memorial

Lewisham's civic service and parade will take place on **Sunday 12 November** at Lewisham War Memorial, Lewisham High Street (directly opposite Lewisham Hospital). A parade, led by Sergeant Major Stephen Bradley of 221 Field Squadron will proceed along Lewisham High Street to the War Memorial. A service, led by Father Steve Hall of St Mary's Church with contributions from other faith leaders and civic dignitaries, will commence at 10.55am until approximately 11.40am. Traffic will be stopped for a two minute silence at 11am.

Lewisham residents are welcome to attend the service. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive at the Lewisham War Memorial from 10.30am.

Remembrance Sunday civic service at Deptford War Memorial

A second service will take place at the Deptford War Memorial on the corner of Lewisham Way and Upper Brockley Road. A service, led by Reverend Chris Hanning with contributions from other faith leaders and civic dignitaries, will commence at 10.55am until approximately 11.40am. Traffic will be stopped for a two minute silence at 11am.

Lewisham residents are welcome to attend the service. Both services will be held outdoors so residents who wish to attend should dress warmly and be prepared for the weather.

If you have any general enquiries or access requirements, please contact civicevents@lewisham.gov.uk.



Remembrance & Article 38

Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds in honouring those who defend our democratic freedom and way of life.

The UK has a long tradition of marking Armistice Day, calling to mind the moment when fighting ceased at the end of the First World War, at 11.00am on the 11th November 1918.

Article 38

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

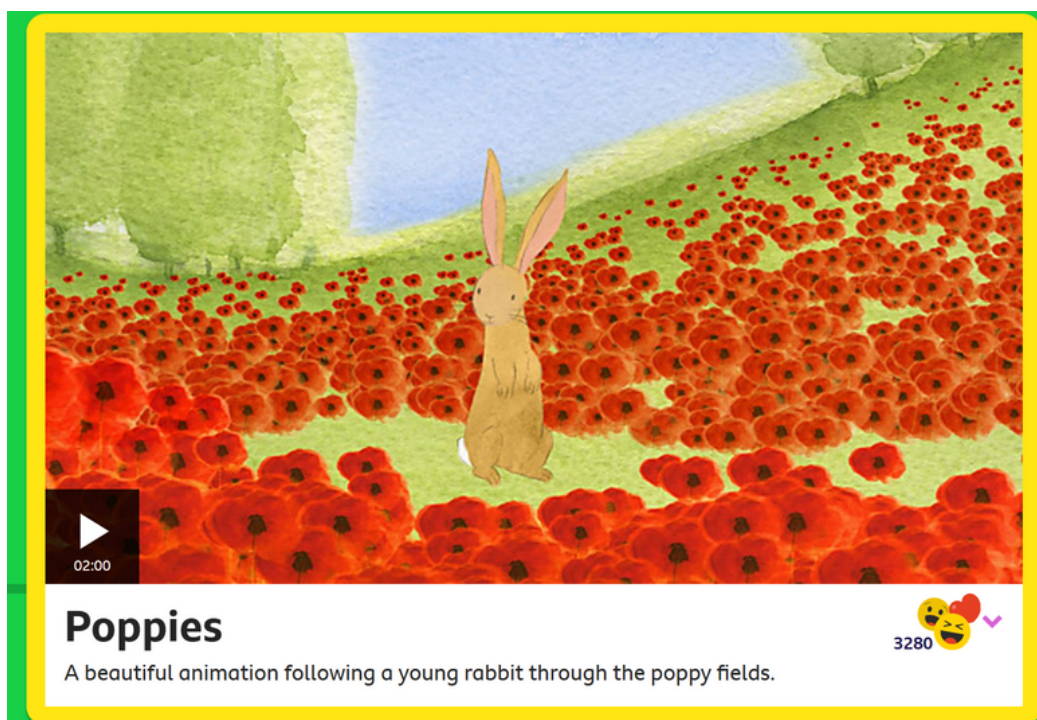
Why is it important to remember and commemorate those who have fought in wars?

- Children have a right to be protected during war.
- It's important to remember and acknowledge those who have fought to keep children safe and to show thanks.
- Children have a right to life. During wars, some people lose their own lives to protect the lives of children and their communities. It is important to remember their sacrifice.
- If we forget about wars that have protected our way of life, we might make the same mistakes again.
- Children under 15 should not take part in war.
- It is important to think about how we can achieve a more peaceful future.
- It is important to consider ways to avoid war to resolve conflict.

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Poppies are used as symbols during Remembrance Day events. [Watch this short CBeebies animation](#) and discuss with your child at home what the film is about. Discuss how the rabbit is feeling during the war. If the rabbit was a child, what rights are affected?



Online Safety Bulletin

Roblox

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.**

What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. **It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.**

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

Game content - as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>



Reception Open Days

Please see below our last open day for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2024. For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

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. Our second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**

Key Federation Dates

- October Half Term – Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day – Friday 24th November. Schools closed to all children.
- End of Term – Wednesday 20th December
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day – Monday 8th January 2024
- Children return to school - Tuesday 9th January
- Deadline for Primary 2024 Admissions – Monday 15th January 2024
- Half Term – Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Current Vacancies at Brindishe Schools

We currently have some vacancies at Brindishe Schools for Extended Services Play Leaders and Higher Level Teaching Assistants.

Brindishe Schools, High Level Teaching Assistants

Brindishe Green, Brindishe Manor, and Brindishe Lee School, Lewisham. London

Salary: Scale 6, Term Time Only Point 18-20 - £32,418 - £33,510

35 hours a week, 39 weeks

Hours: 8.30am – 4.30pm

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

- Plan, prepare, deliver, assess, report and mark learning activities for individuals/groups or short term for whole classes under an agreed system of supervision
- Responsible for the management and development of a specialist area within the school where required.

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 (£25,359 - £25,779)

Hours:

Breakfast and Tea club – 22.5 hours per week

Breakfast Club 7.5 hours per week. Tea Club 15 hours per week.

The post involves:

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

Further information, including job descriptions and application forms can be found on our school federation website - <https://www.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=426>