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Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week we welcomed parents and carers into school to watch the live festive performance, watching our children stand on stage and perform with such confidence and pride, was a real honour. Well done and thank you to everyone who was involved in this wonderful event. We look forward to watching more of the performances next week. We will share the performance link with you all very soon so you can enjoy this with your families over the festive holiday.

As a school, we are delighted to see such overwhelming support from the Brindishe Lee community and the F@B team. The children have really appreciated the organised events and the kind donations made to the school this term. Next week the children are also looking forward to *Christmas Jumper Day* and the festive lunch as well as the pantomime which the F@B team have kindly funded.

Please can we remind parents/carers that Friday 16th December is the last day of the school term before the festive holiday. Until then, we hope you all have a lovely weekend! Stay safe and well everyone.

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Christmas Festivities at Brindishe Lee School - Reminders

Final week we would like to mark the festive period with some special festivities. Please see listed below what we have planned:

- **Festive Menu** – Our festive school lunch will take place on Wednesday 14th December.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** – On Wednesday 14th December is our Christmas Jumper Day. *Please can the children come dressed in their most festive tops. There is no need to buy one especially for the day, instead try to decorate and upcycle an old jumper. Consider sustainability and being eco-friendly with your creations. We will be asking for a £1.00 donation in aid of Save the Children.*
- **F@B Festive Event** – Our F@B Festive Event will take place outside on Wednesday 14th December at 3.20pm outside the lodge. Please come and support this great event.
- **Christmas Tree Donation** – F@B have kindly donated two Christmas trees for the children, staff and community of Brindishe Lee. Thank you!
- **Festive Performances** – Please refer to the performance information listed below about dates and times.
- **Pantomime for the Brindishe Lee children** – Friday 16th December (Kindly funded by F@B)
- **Christmas Holiday** (School closed) - Monday 19th December 2022 – Wednesday 4th January 2023
- **INSET Day** – Tuesday 3rd January 2023 (School closed for the children, staff training day)



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Message from the Brindishe Governors

At last, we've had a term not dominated by Covid and it's wonderful to see the children enjoying being back to 'normal' school. They have been working very hard and the Governing Body extends our thanks to staff, parents and carers within the Brindishe community for the support they've given to help each and every child achieve their potential. It's also been a treat to see the return of Christmas performances, and the children have loved being able to perform to a live audience of family and friends again!

At our two governor meetings this term we've heard about how the children are doing in the classroom and about any extra support being put in place to help them progress to the next level. We've met with some very impressive rights respecting ambassadors, approved the budgets for all three schools, discussed progress made in the School Development Plan across the Federation, and set up groups to look at diversity and inclusion as well as how to improve our links with all parents across the Federation.

At the start of this term, we said goodbye to Lucy Lock and Jonathan Morris, both of whom had have been fantastic parent governors for the past four years. We extend our thanks for all their hard work. We also welcomed newly elected parent governors Claire Friend and Adrian Prandle. This week they attended their first Full Governing Body meeting, and I'm delighted to say they've taken on key roles - Claire as our new Safeguarding Lead Governor and Adrian as our Special Educational Needs Lead Governor. We also welcomed new staff governor Eleni Papastavrou who is our Health and Safety Lead Governor. Congratulations to all three on their elections this term, and it's wonderful to see them taking an active role so quickly.

And finally, on behalf of the Governors I would like to congratulate Katie Matthews who has just been appointed as Head of School at Brindishe Green. Katie has been a teacher in the Brindishe Federation for 14 years and worked in all of our schools, most recently as Deputy Head of Brindishe Lee before moving into the same role at Brindishe Green in September 2022. We are thrilled to have been able to fill such a senior role from within the Federation and wish her all success when she starts officially in January 2023.

As the term now draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We hope you have a restful holiday and enjoy spending time with your family and other loved ones.

Liz Murphy
Chair of Governors





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Festive Events in Lewisham this Christmas

There are lots going on in our local community this winter holiday. Why not enjoy a Christmas Day Swim at Beckenham Place Park Lake followed by a mince pie? St. Margaret's, Lee is holding a wide range of services starting from this Sunday with a Christingle Service, a nativity play on Sunday 19th and Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.

Deptford Lionesses are running an Xmas Camp for children aged 7-14 including activities such as arts and crafts, pool, tennis and football. Our own Sportacus are also running a festive camp at Brindishe Green from Monday 19th December. [Click here for further information](#)

Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

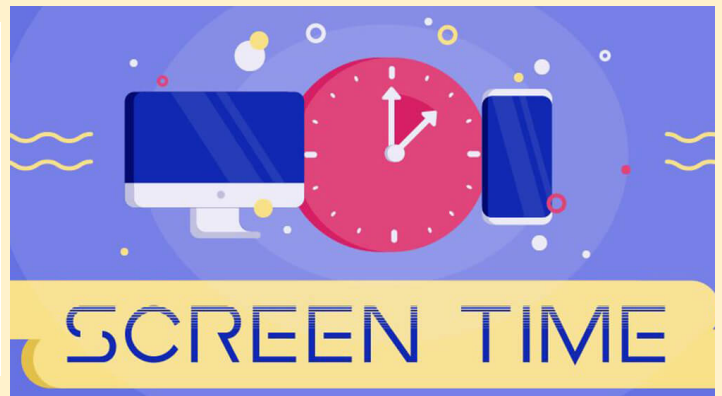
With the holidays fast approaching, it may be a great time to think about how screen time looks in your home. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have created a fact sheet to support you to find the right balance for your family.

[rcpch screen time parent fact sheet - final.pdf](#)



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Health Guidance & Support - Group Strep A

You may be aware from the media that the UK is seeing a high number of Group A strep cases this year. The bacteria usually cause a mild infection which can lead to sore (strep) throats, impetigo or scarlet fever, that can be easily treated with antibiotics. Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but can be very infectious. Symptoms to look out for include:

- a sore throat
- headache, and fever
- a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

As with all infections, good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. We are encouraging the children to do this in school, by reinforcing how to wash hands correctly, with soap for 20 seconds; by using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and by keeping away from others when feeling unwell. This will help to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.

If you suspect your child has scarlet fever, contact NHS 111 or your GP. Early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

In VERY rare circumstances, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause serious illness – called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). If you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement and contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

If your child experiences any of the following, please call 999 or go to A&E:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

If you require any further information, UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>



Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

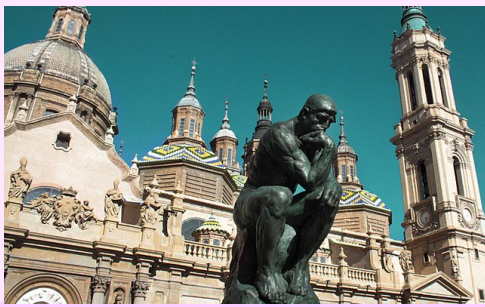
Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

November and December are important months for many religions.

At Brindishe Schools we celebrate many festivals and events that take place all year round.

How many can you think of at home? You could write a sentence, draw a picture, or write a story about a child celebrating a festival or special day.



Festive Christmas Performances – Reminder:

The festive performances will take place in the school hall at 2.30pm.

Communication went out a few weeks ago about the performances and tickets.

If anyone is unable to make the performance, we are going to film it and will send out the link before the end of term.

Performance dates:

- 7.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 4 & 6
- 13.12.22 at 2.30pm: Reception & Year 1
- 14.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 2 & 3
- 15.12.22 at 2.30pm: Year 5

Key Federation Dates

- **End of Term – Friday 16th December 2022**
- **Tuesday 2nd January 2022 – INSET DAY – School closed to children**
- **Wednesday 3rd January 2022 – Children return to school.**
- **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)**



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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 1	Brindishe Lee	Tuesday 7 th February 2023, 6pm
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

