



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022

Closing date for secondary applications – Monday 31st October 2022 (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022)

Looking for something to do this half term?

- **Horniman Museum**
- Discover more about our fascinating furry friends in Cats and Dogs, an interactive, family-friendly exhibition offering a revealing pets'-eye view of the world. [Click here](#) for more information.
- [Elmer and Friends](#) - Step into David McKee's colourful world in this first ever major retrospective of his striking illustrations and celebrate over 30 years of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant.
- Lewisham Children and Family Centre recommend lots of fun filled family events for you this October half term, including a family day at The Migration Museum, Hip Hop jam in Beckenham park and Story Sack Sessions, celebrating Black History Month through story-telling. All events can be found on The [Lewisham Children and Family Centre website](#).

FSM Vouchers for half term October 2022

The London Borough of Lewisham has confirmed that it is able to support families with FSM (Free School Meal) eligible children by providing vouchers for the October (2022) half term. The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £15 per eligible child. It is also likely that this will now continue for Christmas which we will confirm in the next few weeks. Families will receive a supermarket voucher **provided by an extension to the [Household Support Fund](#) via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.**

Lewisham has also advised that families with FSM eligible children can also access free meals in the holidays by using the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme. This will be additional to the provision made through vouchers. Lewisham Council is providing a varied holiday programme with funding from the Department of Education.

A wide range of providers in Lewisham are supporting the delivery of this programme, offering various fun-packed sessions, including arts and crafts and sports.

There will be free activities and lunches for school-aged children and young people who are aged 4–16 years (reception to year 11) and eligible for and in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals.

Each club will provide:

- a wide range of exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- fun physical activity sessions
- free, nutritious and tasty food.

If you have any questions or need support with registration, please contact HAFProgramme@Lewisham.gov.uk



Black History Lewisham 365

14th -28th October, Tuesdays to Saturdays | 11am - 6pm | Free

Caribbean Doll Display by Pauline Straker Rodgers

Unit 17, Lewisham Shopping Centre (opposite H & M)

Pauline was born in Kingston Jamaica and is a long term Lewisham resident. In 1997 Pauline came to international attention when she was invited by the Global Doll Society to become one of its speciality teachers – this made her the only GDS teacher recognised in the world of African wigs and costumes and she has since gone on to win prizes for her work. She also volunteers at Lee Seniors Club.

This is a rare opportunity to see some of Pauline's porcelain dolls made with authentic African hair in her home borough.

22 October

Lewisham Black History Walks: Blackheath

Queens Walking Group invite you to discover how some of Britain's families made fortunes through enslavement and why Blackheath was central to it. This tour also introduces some of the earliest African writers to be published in English as well as a host of 18th century Black activists, 'princes', scholars and others who defied all the limitations placed against them.

This walk around Blackheath finishes inside Greenwich Park close to the Rose Garden. It is suitable for all ages and levels of mobility, and should last 1.5 hours. [Tickets are free but must be booked here in advance.](#)

29 October

Lewisham Black History Walks: Deptford

Join Queens Walking Group for this final walking tour which takes you from the living memories of the New Cross Fire, through the area's earliest post-Windrush race riots, a selection of 18th and 19th century Black locals to 1501 and the beginnings of the Black presence in Tudor London. This walk has a special focus on themes of family life and 'repatriation'.

The walk finishes by the Thames at Deptford Steps, Watergate Street. It is suitable for all ages and levels of mobility, and should last 1.5 hours. [Tickets are free but must be booked here in advance.](#)



Brindishe Green, Lunch Time Play Lead Vacancy

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

Hours: 16.25 hours per week (typically starting at 11.30am); Term Time Only (39 weeks per year)

The post is part time and subject to a satisfactory 6 months' probation period

We are currently recruiting for a Lunch Time Play Leader on a permanent basis. The role will start November 2022.

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

As the role involves working with children, you will be required to undergo a full DBS check before being appointed to the post.

Further Information: [Brindishe Green Lunch time play leader - Lewisham Council Careers \(selectminds.com\)](https://selectminds.com)

The deadline for completed applications is midday on **Friday 21st October 2022**.

Interviews will be held on **week commencing Monday 31st October 2022**.

Completed application forms should be returned to rwaite@brindisheschools.org
If you would like to have a conversation about the role before applying, please phone Rachel on: 07508 868726

Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days for parents/carers applying for Reception places for September 2023.

Brindishe Green	Brindishe Manor	Brindishe Lee
Thursday 17th November 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 14th November 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 16th November 9:30am and 4:30pm

For further information on open days and how to book a place on the tour, please contact individual schools. Email details can be found on our school websites.



Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin



Omegle

You must be 18+ to use or 13+ with parental permission. Omegle is a social networking/chat website that connects two strangers together for either a text or a video chat.

Chats are anonymous unless a user provides this information. Omegle states that *"Omegle video chat is moderated. However, moderation is not perfect. You may still encounter people who misbehave."*

What should I be aware of?

- No registration is required to access Omegle (therefore no age verification) and there are no reporting facilities.
- Users are given an option to save the chat's log and share the link. It is also possible for other users to take screenshots of text and video chats.

We recommend that Omegle is not used by children due to the potential imagery shared and language used which can be explicit. You can find out more information from Internet Matters, including ways of keeping your child safe:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week

Article 37 (inhumane treatment and detention)

Children must not be tortured, sentenced to the death penalty or suffer other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 40 (juvenile justice)

A child accused or guilty of breaking the law must be treated with dignity and respect.

In all Brindishe Schools we have school class charters based on children's rights. This approach helps children to understand the difference between rights and having school rules. Rights respecting charters can help everyone to get along better.

With your children you could discuss if they have ever done something wrong or had something wrong done to them. What are the different ways you can resolve disagreements and hurtful behaviours?





Key Federation Dates

- Secondary and Primary admission application open (apply online) – **Thursday 1st September 2022**
- Secondary schools open for visits throughout September & October. Please check on school websites for open day/evening information or go to <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>
- Closing date for secondary applications – **Monday 31st October 2022** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Monday 24th October 2022)
- October Half Term – **Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**
- **INSET DAY – Brindishe Federation – Friday 25th November**
- **End of Term – Friday 16th December 2022**
- **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)

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

Autumn 2	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 6 th December 2022, 6pm
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

And finally

Please can we remind all parents/carers of our lines of communication.

If you would like to speak to or arrange to meet with a teacher, please email info@ with the subject FOA: Attention of class teacher e.g. FOA: Attention Ms. Parker.

Our online platforms include WeDuc for regular messages and reminders, Horizons for pupil's information and payment systems and ItsLearning for home-learning tasks. Brindishe Schools currently do not subscribe or manage any other online sites or social media platforms.