

Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Brindishe
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What has been happening this week?

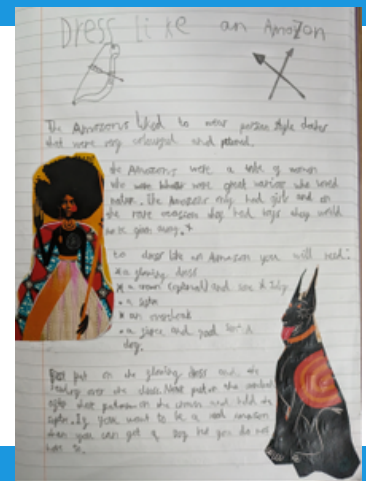
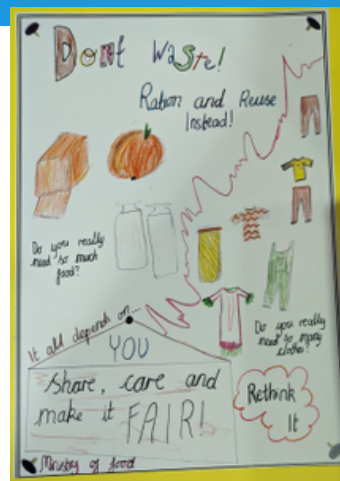
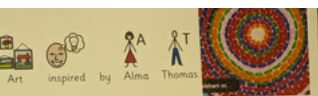
We had a great assembly learning all about the AFRIL charity from Bridget. Thanks to everyone who donated food for their Harvest Appeal. All to the goods have been collected and will be distributed to those in need of them.

Year Three had a great time at the Natural History Museum, looking at the exhibits and taking part in a dinosaur workshop. Mila said, "It was really good! We got to dig out some fossils and identify what it was." Aleksy said, "It was fun because a man told us all about dinosaur pool!!!!!" Thanks to all the parents who came along to help- we can't run these trips without your support.



Hello Yellow Day gave us the chance to stop and consider our mental health and the mental health of others. Ms Etuk-Smith treated us to an inspiring and mindful assembly. We took part in learning activities in the classroom and gathered together for a special photograph to help us remember the day.

Have a look at these photos for a quick insight into the learning this week. Year Five have been learning how to 'Dress Like an Amazon' in English. Reception have been learning about Alma Thomas as part of Black History Month. Year Six have produced some beautiful self portraits and inspired us with their World War Two recycling message.



What is happening next week?

The big event next week is Open Classrooms on Thursday at 3.35pm. The children are looking forward to showing you all the learning they have done this half term. Please do try and come along.

Black History Month

Our Black History Month activities are well under way. Reception have been studying the art of Alma Thomas and Lubaina Himid. Year Four learned about Emperor Septimus Severus to link with their History about The Romans. Sycamore Class spent some time researching influential black women in the library and discovered that some books had missed out some important history. Please see the Federation Newsletter for details about how you can get involved in activities across Lewisham this October.



Important Information from the Office

Lost Property: Please come and check the lost property. Items not claimed will go to Charity at the end of this half term.

Lateness: We had 20 children late today! It causes a lot of extra admin for teachers and office staff and the child will miss some learning. Please remember the gates open at 8.50am and close at 9am.

Collection: Please call and let us know if you are going to be late to collect your child.

Payments: Music payments are now live. Year Four Trip- please make your payment.

Smart Watches: Watches with the equivalent functionality of a mobile phone are subject to the same rules as mobile phones and will be stored safely in the class phone boxes during the day if worn. Children are encouraged to wear simple digital or analogue watches to support their time telling skills.

F@B news and events

Green Halloween!

Have a clear out over the weekend and see what the children have grown out of! Bring any Halloween dress up clothes, warm winter clothes and wellies to be loved and worn by another child. Reduce, reuse and recycle!



**BRINDISHE
CLIMATE
ACTION**

**GREEN HALLOWEEN,
WINTER WARMS & WELLIES**

Please drop your good quality donations of Halloween, winter warms and wellies at the school office.

**THEN JOIN US
THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER,
3.30-4.15PM**

All proceeds to F@B, and any left-over items will be donated to Lewisham Donation Hub.

Attendance This Week

Class	Attended	Mins Late
Reception	94.49%	42
Year 1	89.02%	35
Year 2	98.52%	62
Year 3	96.93%	8
Year 4	96.68%	58
Year 5	96.96%	15
Year 6 Magnolia	83.4%	133
Year 6 Sycamore	95.15%	40

Important Key Dates- Autumn 1/2

October 2023 Black History Month		November 2023	
Thurs 5 th October	Early reading, writing and maths workshop (Reception parents)	Weds 15 th Nov 9.30am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families
Mon 16 th Oct – 9.30am & 4:30pm	Open day for prospective Reception families	3.35-3.50pm Thurs – 16 th November	Open classroom
Thurs 19 th Oct 3.35-3.50pm	Open classroom	Week- 13-17 th November	Celebrating Diversity/Anti-Bullying
Tuesday 10 th Oct	Hello Yellow Day- wear something yellow.	Friday 17 th November	Children In Need- wear something spotty
		20 th - 22 nd Nov	Book Fair at school
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th October 2024	Half term	Tues 21 st Nov R-Y6	Flu immunisations
		Fri 24 th Nov	Inset Day No school



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Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is **Celebrating Our Sisters**.

**Celebrating Our Sisters: Black Female Artists
Honouring Black History Month
Monday 16 – Sunday 22 October | Pop Up At
Brockley, 16-18 Brockley Cross, SE4 | Free**



Starting on Monday 16th, you can enjoy a curated collection celebrating black sisterhood. Enjoy paintings, photography, sculpture and multimedia installations created exclusively by black female artists which pays tribute to the collective experiences of black women.



Visit <https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/black-history-month> for more information and lots more to explore in Lewisham this October.

What else is on in Lewisham this half term?

This October Half Term 2023 The Conservatoire has a holiday programme which is running from Monday 23 October to Saturday 28 October with the theme of Going Underground. You'll find an eclectic mix of music, art, drama, dance and digital technology courses for all ages. For example, creative Dance for kids, Brilliant Brass, Cello Journey, Moving With The Earth, Drama In A Day and Make a Musical.

You can also find out more by visiting our [website](https://www.conservatoire.org.uk) or emailing info@conservatoire.org.uk.

Please find attached the full conservatoire with our newsletter.



Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

Introducing Article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



What are all the things that you need to survive and to develop?

- Good health – physical and mental
- Education
- Healthy food
- Clean water
- Somewhere safe to live
- People to look after you
- A name and an identity so you can be registered for healthcare and education
- Protection so you are safe from abuse and neglect
- A good standard of living
- Time and space to relax and play
- Knowledge of your rights



Article 6 talks about developing to your full potential and surviving; other words that are sometimes used are 'flourish' and 'thrive'. At home with your child, look up the definitions of these words – do they all mean the same thing?

Online Safety Bulletin

Talking to younger children - It is never too early to start chatting to our children about how to stay safe online. But how can we do this? Here are some of our suggestions:

Use books to spark conversations

Childnet have created a collection of five 'Digiduck' stories to help you educate your child (aimed at aged 3–7) about online safety. The stories are available here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>.

In addition, Childnet have created a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above titled 'On the internet.' The book also includes puzzles to encourage conversations. The book can be downloaded here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/>

Watch Jessie & Friends together

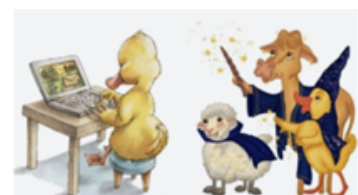
ThinkuKnow have created three different animations for three age groups between 4 – 7 years. ThinkuKnow also provide some useful guidance and advice on what else you can do to keep your child safer online, such as setting up appropriate parental controls. You can find out more here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

Is your child under 5?

This article is specifically aimed at those with children under the age of 5 and discusses the benefits of being online as well as how to create a safer online environment. You can read the article here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>



Reception Open Days

Please see below our open days 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 17th October - 10am and 4.30pm	Thursday 12th October - 9.30am and 4.30pm	Monday 16th October - 9:30am and 4:30pm
Tuesday 14th November - 10am and 4.30pm	Monday 13th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm	Wednesday 15th November - 9:30am and 4:30pm

Secondary Schools Transfer 2024

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2024, then now is the time to start filling in your online application and visiting Lewisham secondary school 'Open Days'. The Lewisham website has all the information you need to know about secondary admissions.

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2024](#)

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 31 October 2023)

Key Federation Dates

- 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 – **Tuesday 31st October 2023** (we recommend that applications are submitted by Tuesday 24th October 2023)
- October Half Term – **Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023**
- Brindishe Schools INSET Day - Friday 24th November. Schools closed to all children.

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.**