



Brindishe
Federation

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023



Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2023 is **Celebrating Our Sisters**. Lewisham are joining together with partners and local community groups to offer a broad programme of events celebrating the history, achievements and contributions of the borough's African Caribbean communities this October and beyond.

Community-Led Events in Lewisham

#ADAPT Black History Harvest

Sunday 1 October, 11.30am - 3pm | Coco Collective- Ital Community Gardens, SE6 3SE | Free

Expect food growing workshop for children and young people.

[Book your free ticket for #ADAPT Black History Harvest.](#)

75 Years and Counting

Thursday 5 October, 11.30am - 2.30pm | Honor Oak Community Centre, SE4 2JD | £3

This intimate exhibition will comprise shared experiences of the Windrush and NHS – both of which turned 75 this year. To book, email info@60up.org.uk or call 020 3667 3704.

Gallery In The Air

Saturday 7/ 14/ 21/ 28 October | Deptford Market Yard, SE8 | Free

A fantastic series of free, open-air exhibitions giving a platform to local young, black artists.

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

A curated collection celebrating black sisterhood. Enjoy paintings, photography, sculpture and multimedia installations created exclusively by black female artists.

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



Rights Respecting Article Of The Week

Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care

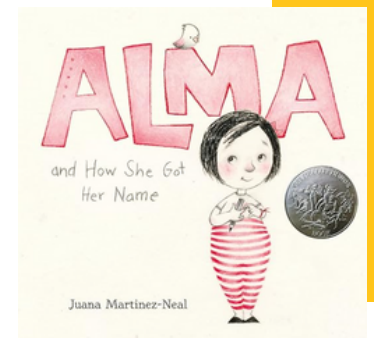
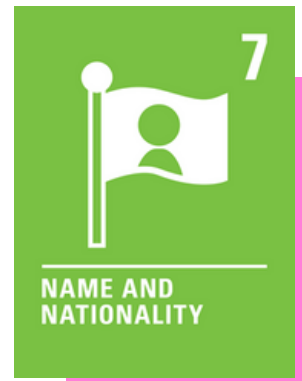
Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

Article 8 – Protection and Preservation of Identity

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

At Brindishe Schools, we firmly believe that every child and adult is unique. We celebrate our similarities and differences and ensure that all children are valued.

Our names are very important to us and it is important to try to pronounce people's names correctly to respect the right to a name and identity. Watch '[Alma and How She Got Her Name](#)' with your child at home. How did you get your name?

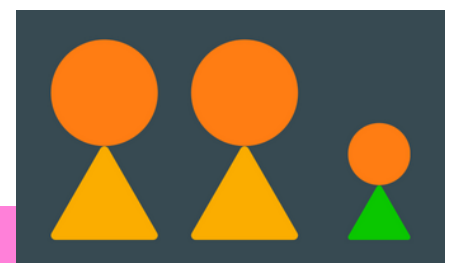


Online Safety Bulletin - Age Ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs.

One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>
- Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+



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 first meeting is on **Thursday 12th October 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**