



# Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 28th February 2025

## Lewisham's Young Mayor

This is the 20th year of Lewisham Young Mayor elections and saw a record-breaking 62% turnout of young people voting across schools, sixth forms and colleges in the borough. **Shane Grant, aged 14, from Trinity School** (with 2,291 votes) was elected as Lewisham's Young Mayor. **Jimaine Lee, aged 14, from St Matthew Academy** (with 1,013 votes) was elected as Deputy Young Mayor. Congratulations to both of them and to all the 36 candidates who stood for election. Lewisham's outgoing Young Mayor, Bilvilyn Asamoah and Deputy Young Mayor Paul Frimpong - who have done a fantastic job - passed on the mayoral medals to the new incumbents at the ceremony in the Council Chamber before half term. Shane and Jimaine will work alongside the Council and local organisations to deliver projects, represent young people's views, and influence decision-making over the coming year. We hope to welcome them to Brindishe Schools soon.



## FREE SEN Support Engagement Events for Parents and Carers - 25th April to 1st May 2025

- **Fri 25th April 2025, 9:30 – 11:30**
- **Sat 26th April 2025, 13:00 – 15:00**
- **Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Wed 30th April, Thurs 1st May 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 AND 17:00 – 19:00**

Within the context of Lewisham's Delivering Better Value (DBV) Programme there will be a number of FREE bookable parent/ carer SEN Support engagement workshops covering themes that are of relevance to a large group of parents/ carers of children and young people at SEN Support level.

The workshops will be delivered by a range of partners including SEND Advisors, School Staff, Educational Psychologists, CAMHS, OT and Speech and Language Therapists.

There will be three thematic workshops which have two areas of focus in each:

- Ordinarily Available Provision and Effective Use of Teaching Assistants
- Emotionally Based School Non- Attendance (EBSNA) and Relational Approaches
- Language, Communication and Thinking Skills

There is a promotional 'Save the dates' flyer attached to this newsletter. Events will be held in a number of venues across Lewisham borough. Further details including booking information will be available soon.



# Easter Holiday Vouchers

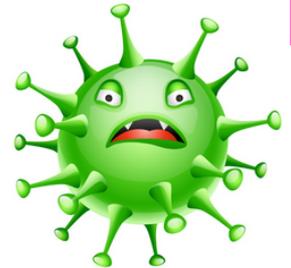
Holiday Activities and Food vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families so you can participate in activities during the Easter Term break. Your vouchers will be sent on 3rd March via the email address we have on our system.

## Free flu vaccine clinics for 2–19 year olds

If you have a child aged 2-19, they can get a free flu vaccine at our NHS clinics in February and March. Our Downham clinic is open every day after school, and we have pop-ups on various Saturdays over the next couple of months.

- Every day after school, 3.30pm to 5pm, Downham Health and Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP
- Saturday 15 February, 10am to 2pm, Evelyn Family Clinic, SE8 3PZ
- Saturday 22 February, 10am to 2pm, Downham Health and Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP
- Saturday 8 March, 10am to 2pm, Evelyn Family Clinic, SE8 3PZ
- Saturday 29 March, 10am to 2pm, Bellingham Family Hub Clinic, SE6 3HB

For more information, please visit the [South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisations webpage](#).



## Online Safety Bulletin

**YouTube**



YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:

- YouTube Kids – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).
- Supervised accounts – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:
  - Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
  - Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+
  - Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

## Brindishe Schools Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - [rawaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rawaite@brindisheschools.org). **Our fourth meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.**

## Key Federation Dates

- End of Spring Term 2 - Friday 4th April
- Easter Holidays - Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025
- Children return to school - Tuesday 22nd April
- BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 5th May
- Year 6 SATS week - Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May