

Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025



October - Walk to School

October is International Walk to School Month, when pupils around the globe celebrate the joys of walking and wheeling to school.

The nights are lengthening and the leaves are starting to turn, which can only mean one thing... it's time for International Walk to School Month!

Every October, children, families, and schools around the world put their best foot forward—literally. International Walk to School Month is a global initiative encouraging families to walk to school throughout the month, promoting healthy habits, safer streets, and cleaner air. It's a simple act that creates ripple effects: reducing traffic congestion, boosting mental focus, and connecting communities one step at a time.

International Walk to School Month is a worldwide campaign that invites students, parents, and school staff to choose walking as a way to get to school. What began as a single-day event in a handful of countries has grown into a full month of activities encouraging children to adopt more active, sustainable travel habits. The initiative highlights the many benefits of walking – not just for children's physical health, but also for their confidence, concentration, and sense of independence. It also provides a platform to advocate for safer pedestrian routes, improved infrastructure, and more inclusive community planning around schools.

Living Streets has some super resources for families and are givers for the month of October - scavenger hunts, diaries, activity booklets and much more - click [here](#) or picture below for link to Living Streets website.



Reminder for Lewisham parents whose children are starting secondary school in September 2026

The closing date for applications is **Friday 31 October 2025** (we recommend that you submit your online application by Friday 24 October 2025) and it is very important that you apply for a secondary school before this date. Applications are made online and the website is already active. Please visit [Lewisham Council - Applying to start secondary school in September 2025](#) (Education, Schools, Secondary Schools, Applying to Start Secondary Schools) to apply and for more information on the process, including the admissions criteria. It is important that you find out about as many schools as you can and we encourage you to list 6 schools in order of preference.

Black History Month

Black History Month takes place in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Having begun in the USA, it has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage.

There is a different theme every year, for example in 2021 the theme 'Proud to Be', aimed to recognise the achievements and contributions that Black people make to the UK every day. The 2025 theme, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride", a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe

Article 2 (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.



Why do you think celebrating Black History Month is important?

- To recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage
- To ensure that we hear a diverse range of stories when considering the past.
- To celebrate people's heritage and cultures.
- Because all communities, including schools, should encourage respect for everyone and celebrate diversity.
- To think about how we can make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.
- To learn how to challenge negative stereotypes.
- To ensure that there is time and space for people to discuss more recent events and issues.
- Because no one should be treated differently because of who they are.



At Brindishe Schools, we recognise and celebrate BHM throughout October as well as Black History being threaded through our curriculum all year round. We have spoken to the children in assemblies and children will learn about important figures in Black History in their learning this term.

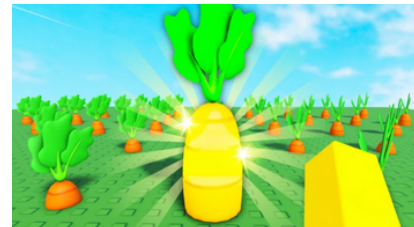
Why not share some stories at home with your children this month focusing on Black History. There are some new Black British authors such as My Hair by Hannah Lee which was nominated for the 2020 Book Trust Storytime Prize.

There is also a wealth of resources on CBBC, including Rhys rapping about his HM heroes and videos of dads sharing family history with their children which can be found here.



Online Safety Bulletin

Roblox: Grow a Garden



Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Grow a Garden is one of the latest games available on Roblox and is extremely popular.

The game is labelled as 'minimal' for content maturity, which Roblox define as "may contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear."

Roblox believe that the game play is suitable for everyone. However, as the game is on Roblox, it is important to be aware of the following:

- Chat – strangers can interact with your child.
- In-game purchases – this game does include in-game purchases.
- Screentime – set limits for how long your child is playing.

A lot of the content on Roblox is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing, ensure they know how to use any reporting tools and set up appropriate parental controls

Millwall Community Trust October Half Term Football Camps

Millwall Community Trust Half Term Football Camps are open to boys and girls of all abilities. These camps provide a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, develop their football skills, and make new friends in a safe and positive environment during the school holidays.

You can find full details and booking information here:

👉 [Millwall FC Football Coaching, Soccer School and After School Club](#)



OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

📍 St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF

🕒 10am-3pm

📅 Monday 27th October - Thursday 30th October

💷 £12 per day or £40 for four days

👤 AGE Age 5-13 year-olds

✉ Contact: Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk / 07932877303 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/3zxy8uvh>







OCTOBER HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

📍 The Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD

🕒 10am-3pm

📅 Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

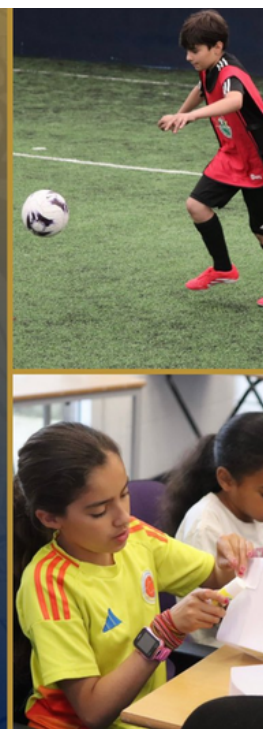
💷 £12 per day or £50 for five days

👤 AGE Age 5-13 year-olds

✉ Contact: Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk / 07958026876 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/dn7wy4ph>





Key Federation Dates

- **October Half Term - Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025**
- **Friday 28th November - INSET DAY - Schools closed to all children.**
- **Secondary Application Deadline - Friday 31 October 2025** (*we recommend that you submit your online application by Friday 24 October 2025*)
- **End of Autumn Term - Friday 19th December 2025**

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'. This means you can sit and observe the meeting but will be unable to speak/comment and would need to leave the meeting during confidential items.

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. An email to confirm attendance at the meeting will need to be received before a parent/carers can join the meeting.

Our first meeting for 2025/2026 will be held on Thursday 16th October 2025 at Brindishe Green School - 6pm.