



Brindishe Lee Newsletter
Friday 19th March 2021
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

It has been such a wonderful week, even with rain, gale-force winds and a brusque lunchtime routine, at times. Watching our children laugh, interact and play together has enriched everyone this week.

The feedback from staff is that the children have been remarkably resilient, adaptable and have settled in extremely quickly to the Brindishe Lee routines. The children have enjoyed a range of creative wellbeing activities this week as well as continuing with their academic studies. The 'live' Zoom assemblies have been fun and interactive and have aided us further as a whole school to reconnect.

Please can we draw your attention once again to our online platform, *Itslearning*, where there is a plethora of resources available to support both parents and their children academically and emotionally. If your child needs additional support over the next few weeks, please explore some of the resources available on the platform and do not hesitate to contact the school for further guidance and support (Please refer to the communication box listed below). A particular highlight this week is our new virtual library located in the Shared Student Room. Please go and check it out for some amazing reads!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our online survey last week regarding our online learning offer during the recent lockdown. Over the coming weeks we will be in communication with parents/carers who asked to receive a personal response and we will inform all our families of the results and how we plan to use *Itslearning* moving forward as a school and federation.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support and for following the guidance that we have put in place. We ask that you please continue to follow this guidance for the rest of this half-term. As the "roadmap" unfolds, we will be taking tentative steps to further enhance what we are offering in school for the Summer Term. Over the next few weeks, we are planning ahead while keeping a close eye on guidance. As a school we will continue to keep you informed with regards to any updates.

Have a lovely weekend! Stay safe and well everyone.

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Communication

If you have any questions or queries during this time, please can we ask that you use the following email addresses, so that the right person can get back to you:

- **Queries** about online learning, Free School Meals, login details, concerns, general questions – info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk
- **Technical Support** - If you are having technical issues with *Itslearning*, *Weduc* or *Zoom*, please email – support@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk for further support and guidance.
- **Wellbeing Support** – Please email recovery@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk for further wellbeing support and guidance.

Sign Language Week

Sign Language Week is held in March every year as this represents a special date for the deaf community: March 18th 2003 was the date that sign language was officially recognised as a language in the UK. In **2021**, it will be held from March 13th to March 19th. Please refer to the link below for further information and to raise awareness with your family <http://signlanguageweek.org.uk/>

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Today, children and staff at Brindishe Lee celebrated Red Nose Day 2021 by coming into school dressed in their brightest red clothes and accessories and sharing their best jokes. Children (and staff) throughout the school made their peers and teachers laugh with their best one-liners, 'Knock, Knock' jokes, observational and deadpan jokes and some slapstick. Well done to all the children who were very brave and shared their jokes with everyone. Your comic timing and delivery was super. The total raised for Red Nose Day - '*Say something funny for money*' was £170.00. Thank you for your support.

Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing at Brindishe Lee

This week, children and staff in school have continued to focus on the mental health and wellbeing of our community. Classes have enjoyed participating in *The Daily Mile* as well as additional outdoor enrichment activities such as Scavenger Hunts. Using their creative skills, children have designed their own worry monsters and are becoming more confident when talking about their feelings and expressing their emotions in class. All children in KS2 continue to keep well-informed with daily Newsround bulletins, so as to avoid any confusion, misunderstanding, or fake news. To add to this, staff continue to support and address any worries the children may have. Over the next few weeks, as mentioned previously, we will launch a whole school art pebble project. We have also enjoyed whole school virtual assemblies to restore a sense of belonging to our Brindishe Lee community.

Parent/Carer Room on *Itslearning* – Please refer to this page on *Itslearning* for additional resources to support your families mental health and wellbeing.

Request for Old Technology Devices – Reminder

If any parents/carers have any old technology devices they no longer want, please can you let the school office know by emailing info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk or calling **020 8318 4626**.

The reason for this request is...

We are currently constructing a technology display with old and new technology. The technology does not need to work but needs to be safe and not broken.

Possible items we would be interested in:

- Mobile phone shell
- Game Boy
- Game Gear
- Console device
- Radio
- Telephone



British Science Week - Reminder

This week Mrs Rathbone (Science Lead) launched our competition on the theme of '*Innovation*' as part of British Science Week. The children have been asked to invent either a new toy, a new game, something that would be helpful around the home, something to help with learning, something to help the environment or anything else that they think of.

They do not need to make a working copy of their invention but they do need to tell us what it is and how it works. The children can send their entries as either a labelled picture, a model (even better if it is made from recycled materials) or as a computer entry – e.g. coding, film, or a slideshow.

All entries should be sent to Mrs Rathbone by Monday 22 March.

SMS/Text Messages

On Monday 22nd March, Arbor will be changing their SMS provider. As a result of this, text messages that come from school will now be sent from a **different number**. As always, please do not reply to our text messages but instead send an email to info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Important Dates

Sunday 21st March – Census Day

Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April - Easter/Spring Break

Monday 19th April - Summer Term begins

Week beg. 26th April - Teacher/Parent Meetings (*Weduc online – more information to follow*)

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May - INSET Day/Polling Station – *school closed to all children*

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June - Half Term Break

