



Brindishe Lee Newsletter
Friday 25th June 2021
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

It has been a busy but productive week at Brindishe Lee. The children enjoyed a virtual federation assembly on Wednesday to say *hello* to the other Brindishe Schools and to celebrate '*National Thank a Teacher/Staff Day*'. It has been lovely walking round the school this week, the children have enjoyed telling me about their learning, what they are proud of as well as their next steps in learning. Please refer to '*this week's learning at Brindishe Lee*' for learning highlights of the week.

Thank you parents/carers for your ongoing support, we really do appreciate it here at Brindishe Lee. We will keep you updated and informed via our weekly newsletters, emails and Weduc. Have a relaxing weekend! Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Words for Life

The *National Literacy Trust* has a website called *Small Talk*, which is designed to help parents develop the skills and confidence they need to boost their child's language skills at home. There are lots of activities, advice and videos to help you talk, play and read with your child – it is worth a look.

For further information, please click on this link <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>

Online Safety – Keeping Children Safe Online

Whilst our school has comprehensive safeguarding arrangements in place to ensure our pupils' online safety, it is equally as important for parents/carers to talk to their children about online safety and monitor their internet usage at home, using age-appropriate parental controls to restrict their access to unsavoury material. Parental controls can be activated on home broadband, search engines, *YouTube*, mobile phones and games consoles.

Whilst it may not always be easy to talk to your child about challenging issues such as cyber bullying and online gaming, if you are open and honest with them about the dangers they may encounter online, it may encourage them to confide in you in the future. If you are concerned that your child is being secretive or spending too much time online, it may be worth moving their computer into a communal family area so that you can keep an eye on them.

You should encourage your child to act responsibly online, and treat others as they would wish to be treated. You should also warn your child that they should never hide behind an anonymous user name to make unkind comments, or say something they would be reluctant to repeat during face-to-face interactions. Remind your child that the comments they make and the pictures and videos they post online may end up having a wider audience than they anticipated – and even if they delete them, there's no guarantee that someone hasn't already saved, downloaded or taken a screen shot of their post.

If your child has been targeted online, the website *Internet Matters* offers detailed advice about who to report the incident to. In addition to this, the school are always here to help and can signpost parents/carers to targeted support and resources. The DFE also have a useful list of organisations that provide support to parents/carers and children, listed below are a few examples:

- NSPCC • CEOP • Childline • Childnet • Internetmatters • Kidscape • Get connected
- The Parent Zone • Thinkuknow • Young Minds • UK Safer Internet Centre

Annual Pupil Report

Your child's annual report will be sent to you on Friday 16th July. The report format is similar to last year's. In addition to this, you will receive information about your child's teacher for next academic year.

Online Safety Parent/Carer Tech Workshops – Reminder

Please find attached to this newsletter information from Lewisham regarding some free online safety workshops for parents/carers

The purpose of the workshops is to increase awareness and provide some useful skills to support parents. By the end of the workshops, parents/carers will be able to:

- Recognise how modern technology can be used to jeopardise young people's safety
- Distinguish between different types of technological abuse that could affect children and young people
- Assess the risk factors involved in cases where technology is being used to abuse children and young people
- List different ways in which you can empower your children to use technology safely and positively

There are four workshops available via Zoom in July. Please refer to the attached letter for further information, you can also contact Miss Matthews on katiemathews@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk to discuss the workshops.

Covid Reminders

Please take time to read the following information to ensure we keep ourselves, our school and our community as safe as we can....

Continuing to keep Brindishe Lee Safe and Our Children at School

We ask that all families support us in keeping the children, staff and community safe:

- Please wear a face covering/mask when near school premises, if possible
- Please try to cross to the far side of the road once you have collected your child, rather than walk in front of the gate where parents are standing and waiting to enter the school.
- Contact the school office via email (info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone **020 8318 4626**.
- Please read our texts, emails and letters to keep up to date with new information

HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This message is still a key part of our life.

HANDS: We will, once again, be reminding the children of following good hand hygiene, by washing their hands regularly. Please encourage your children to do the same at home.

FACE: Our expectations remain in place. We still encourage face coverings as you enter the school grounds.

SPACE: Maintaining a distance of at least 1m between us where possible will help reduce risk for all.

Current rulings in place

- You can now meet up outside in larger groups, up to a limit of 30 people
- You can now meet indoors as a group of up to six people or two households
- Indoor hospitality can reopen
- Hotels and all holiday overnight accommodation can reopen
- You may also go on holiday or travel abroad, following government guidelines

Travelling

If you or any member of your household are travelling outside of the UK to either a **RED**, **AMBER** or **GREEN** country, you must inform the school (info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk) so we can ensure that you and your family are clear about the procedures and restrictions that may need to be followed. We will ask you to let us know the following information:

- Where you or your household member are going
- The return date to the UK
- Who is in your household

Covid Symptoms

If you, your child or a member of your household becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk immediately providing the person/child's name, class, date, and the type and date of test. Your whole household must self-isolate for 10 days.

Thank you for your support with this matter to ensure everyone is kept safe and well.

