



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 26th February 2021

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire

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Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

In light of Monday's announcement from the Prime Minister about the reopening of schools to all pupils from Monday 8th March, I wanted to let you know that we are well underway with our plans to welcome the children back to school. Over the last few days, our leadership team has been working through the updated guidance from the Department for Education to review and update our risk assessments and plan how we will support the children to come back to school in a safe and positive way.

We are sure you are all pleased that our collective efforts to reduce community transmission of the coronavirus has had such a positive impact and we know this time has been challenging for everyone. So many parents/carers have done an amazing job of 'home schooling' and our critical worker parents/carers have continued to keep our country going under such difficult circumstances. I urge you to keep your child focused on the remote learning that will be set by the teachers for the next week so that the children come back to school as up to date as possible.

When school reopens, we will focus on reconnecting the children with our expectations, values and learning behaviours as well as reviewing their learning so that teachers know how they can best support all the children in the future. As always, we will focus on mental and physical wellbeing, social connections and will have high academic expectations for all the children.

As a school, we are so pleased that we can finally reopen the school to all pupils; it has not been the same without the children all in school. We will continue to keep you updated with the plans and reopening arrangements in the coming week.

In the meantime, stay safe and well everyone.

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Communication Support:

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, accessing devices, Free School Meals, login details, concerns and general questions, please email – 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.
- **COVID Information** - If your child, or a member of your household becomes unwell or receives a positive COVID-19 test result, please inform the school on info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Mental Health and Wellbeing Challenge

Each week, after your remote learning for the day, as a family, you may want to take part in our weekly kindness challenge. If you have completed any of the challenges and would like to share these with your teacher, please email them to us at info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk or post them onto *Itslearning* in the **Share and Celebrate** folder. Please refer to the suggestions listed below.

Weekly Kindness Challenge

Focus: Weather and the Planet

- **Day 1** - What is weather and why does it change? Look outside the window – is it sunny, raining, or something else? As a suggestion, you could research online and write a paragraph about why the weather is how it is today. If it is raining – where does the rain come from? If it is sunny – why is it warmer today than another day?
- **Day 2** - Today, go outside and experience the weather. When you come back inside, think about how it made you feel, and how different kinds of weather can have an effect on you. How did today make you feel?
- **Day 3** - Imagine a perfect day. What weather would it be, and why? What would the temperature be? Would there be wind? What would the sky look like? What would you be doing? Draw or paint a picture of yourself enjoying your perfect day.
- **Day 4** - In certain places in the world, the weather has changed very quickly. Research the effects of Climate Change on the planet and on people, and write a paragraph about what would happen if this change continues.
- **Day 5** - What can people do to stop the process of Climate Change? All of us have some responsibility, but much of the pollution also comes from big companies. Think about and write down one way you can prevent pollution at home, and think of another way to prevent companies from polluting the planet.

Look at our updated **Shared Student Room and our Parent/Carer Room** for further information and support around the topic of Mental Health and Wellbeing for parents/carers and children.

The Virtual School Library

Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch their Virtual School Library to keep children reading during lockdown. Every week, a popular children's author will become 'Author of the Week' and provide a free book or audiobook and exclusive videos and activities aimed at primary school children, all available at library.thenational.academy.

The Author of the Week is Dominique Valente, this week, you can get lost in the world of Starfell! Listen to an audiobook of the first in the series, 'Willow Moss and the Lost Day' and watch an exclusive video with the author to find out more about the books and her best writing advice. You can also discover Dominique's favourite children's stories and read a Q&A about books and reading.

You can also find this link on the Shared Student Room on *ItsLearning*.

World Book Day/Reading Week

World Book Day is next week! We'd like to celebrate reading all week. The teachers have planned lots of exciting reading activities on *Itslearning*, including the opportunity for children to dress up during one of their 'live' Zoom sessions as a book character. Please refer to the class page on *Itslearning* for further information.

In addition to this, there will be a special assembly on Monday to introduce a whole school reading project. There is also a plethora of reading resources on *Itslearning* for your family to use and enjoy, including a special folder set up to celebrate World Book Day. Happy Reading!

Diary Date - Easter/Spring Break

Please note that school will be closed for two weeks during the *Easter/Spring Break* in April. The children will be on holiday from Thursday 1st April to Friday 16th April. The school summer term will begin on Monday 19th April 2021.

Diary Date - Polling Station – School Closure

A number of elections are scheduled to take place on **Thursday 6th May 2021**, and despite our best efforts to not be used as a polling station, we will have to close to all children on this day. This is due to the current situation and the space needed. We will use this day as our 5th INSET Day (staff training) of the year, so that the children are not losing a learning day.

Wrap Around Care

Sportacus, our before and after school provider, will reopen from Monday 8th March. If you are interested in a place at their provision, either before or after school, please call **Harry on 07828 218690** or email Harry@sportacus.co.uk for further information.

Telephone, Weduc and Zoom Calls

With the announcement that all children will return to school on the 8th March, we will not be making *Child/Teacher Weduc* calls this half-term. However, your child's class teacher or teaching assistant will make a phone call before the 8th March to ensure everyone is well and that your child/ren have settled back into learning from home and are ready for the transition back to school in March. Class Zoom calls will still take place next week as planned.

