



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

It has been a busy but productive week at Brindishe Lee. It has been so 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.

In addition to this, during lunch times children have been keen to tell myself and other members of staff their views on our new school lunches. Please refer to page 2 of our weekly newsletter where we have displayed a selection of opinions from the children regarding the school lunches. To add to this, it has been lovely at the school gate to speak with parents/carers about their views on the new school lunches.

Furthermore, thank you FAB team for organising the 'Meet and Greet' event for new reception parents and carers, there was a great turn out for the welcome event.

We hope you all have a happy and safe weekend, enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Applying for Secondary School 2022

All applications for Secondary Schools must be made through Lewisham Council Admissions. The deadline for applications is the **31st October**. All Lewisham Secondary Schools are now advertising their open days/ online sessions, so please have a look at each school for their dates and times. If you need any support when completing your application, please contact the school office via info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk and the office team will signpost you to a member of SLT.

Volunteers

If any parents/carers can offer their time on a regular basis to help the school community, please email the school office at info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk to register your interest. We would like support with our school library as well as listening to children read.

Brindishe Lee Harvest Collection

This year we are collecting rice for 'Helping Hands Foodbank' in Lee. If you are able to support Brindishe Lee's Harvest Collection, please bring packets of rice in to school by **Friday 1st October** via your child/ren's classroom. Thank you for your support and kindness.

Clubs

We are delighted to inform you that after school clubs, provided by Sportacus, will commence the week beginning **Monday 20th September**. Please refer to the communication emailed out this week.

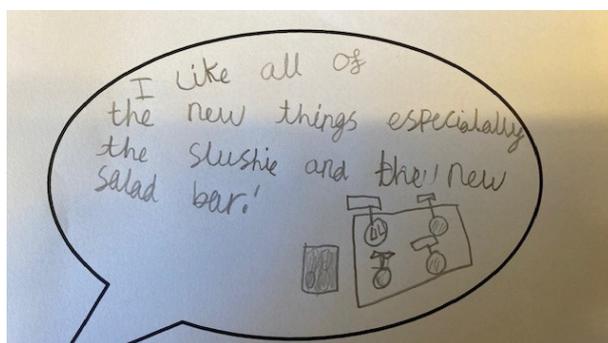
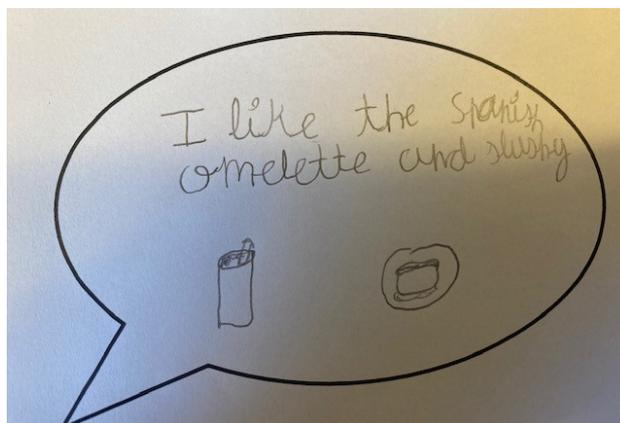
New Coding and Robotics Club – Communication was sent out to parents/carers this week. This club will start the week beginning **Monday 20th September**. Please refer to the attached flyer.



New school lunches – Pupil Voice

We would like to share with you a selection of opinions from our children regarding our new school lunches. Please refer to our school website for more information regarding our new school lunches.

<https://lee.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=110>.

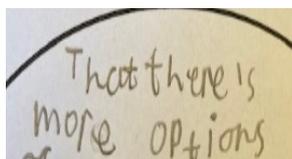


"The new slushie machine is nice and it's one of my five-a-day!"



"I like the new design of our lunch hall".

"I really enjoy my school lunches now"



"I really like the fish and chips and the jacket potato".

School Meals Email Address

We have now set up a dedicated email address for all enquiries relating to school meals. If you have any questions about school meals, or need to discuss your child's dietary needs or anything else connected with school lunches, please email schoolmeals@brindisheschools.org

Free Lunch for ALL Children on the 7th October

Thursday 7th October 2021 is **Census Day** for schools. Our new catering partner Radish have generously offered to provide a **free lunch to every child in school** on that day, chosen from a special celebration menu. The menu is attached to this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to try out the food with our new partner. If your child does not normally have school dinners and you would like them to do so on Census Day you will be able to sign up with a simple Weduc form in the coming days. Please keep an eye out for the form, which will be on Weduc soon.

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Year Group	Day
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4S	Wednesday
Year 4M	Friday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

PE Reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that children will change in school for PE. We have reverted back to previous procedures. Please ensure your child brings in a PE kit (labelled) to school each week. The PE kit should include shorts/jogging bottoms, suitable footwear, a t-shirt and a jumper, when needed. May we remind you that jewellery will not be permitted during PE lessons and long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support.

Important Dates

Sportacus Clubs due to start – Monday 20th September

Year 5 Swimming Session - Monday 1st November to Friday 12th November

Moving On

As we start our new academic year at Brindishe Lee, we send our best wishes and good luck to our Year 6 class who have now started their new secondary schools. Our children have moved on to 13 schools in total, some with a group of friends and some on their own. Below is a list of the schools they are now attending, alongside the number of children who have gone there.

Most of our children went to a school in Greenwich, but there are also a number who are further away. Different schools have different admissions criteria and parents/carers carefully consider this when choosing a school for their child. Schools and boroughs take into consideration if a child is in care, has a medical or special educational need, has a sibling/s, and the distance between the home and school. Some schools also require the children to sit an entrance exam, but this is not the case for Lewisham secondary schools. More information on how to apply to a Lewisham school can be found on www.lewisham.gov.uk (Education, Schools, Secondary Schools, Applying to Start Secondary Schools).

Secondary School	Number of children	Lewisham School
Beths Grammar	2	Bexley
Brent Knoll School	1	Lewisham
Colfes School	2	Greenwich
Dartford Grammar School	1	Dartford
Eltham Hill School	4	Greenwich
Harris Academy Greenwich	3	Greenwich
Leigh Academy Blackheath	1	Greenwich
Maidstone Grammar School	1	Maidstone
Prendergast Vale	2	Lewisham
Sedgehill School	1	Lewisham
St Matthews Academy	1	Lewisham
Thomas Tallis	10	Greenwich
Wilmington Grammar School	1	Dartford



COVID UPDATES - PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of your household is exposed to Covid-19 in the coming weeks.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better or 48 hours if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual 	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact school to inform us</p> <p>Obtain a PCR test</p> <p>Self-isolate until results are known</p> <p>Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school</p>	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return</p> <p>Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace</p> <p>Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so</p>	<p>After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend</p> <p>Children can return after 10 days' even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks</p>
My child tests negative for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone in my house tests positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-</p>	

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NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	...the quarantine period has been completed