



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 5th November 2021

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire

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Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break with your family. At Brindishe Lee, the children have settled back into school life very well after the break. Particular highlights this week include Year 4 cooking Challah bread, reception children discussing their future aspirations with each other as well as the school discussing and celebrating all the languages the children speak at home and at school.

In addition to this, the Executive Director of Children and Young People visited our school today, he was very impressed with the stimulating and creative learning environment, the school grounds as well as the collaborative and creative learning occurring across the school.

The news this week has reminded us that, although we are able to go about our daily lives, COVID is still very present within our community. We are seeing cases rise in our school, in our community, across London and it serves as a reminder that we all still have a duty to keep ourselves as safe as possible.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you for the following points:

- If you/your child is showing signs of COVID, ensure that you go for a PCR test
- Inform school if you/your child tests positive for COVID
- If your child tests positive for COVID, ensure they self-isolate for the allocated days
- Try to remember the 'hands, space, face' rule

Finally, we wanted to wish a *Happy Diwali* to all those celebrating. After a challenging set of circumstances in 2020, we hope you are able to enjoy this year's festival with your friends, family and loved ones.

Have a lovely weekend everyone! Stay safe and well if you are enjoying the fireworks this weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Aspirations Programme at Brindishe Lee

We will launch our *Aspirations Programme* for the whole school on **Thursday 11th November** with a special assembly, followed by fortnightly aspirational talks for Key Stage 2 and termly for Key Stage 1.

On the launch day, we would like children to dress up as their future self, e.g. a vet, nurse, teacher or even a TV presenter.



Brindishe Lee is now cashless – REMINDER

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already made their £20 contribution towards trips and visits for the year. If you are still not sure what this is about, read on....

We sent a letter out a few weeks ago with lots of information regarding our cashless system for our school office. Included in the information we sent details about our £20 annual contribution towards all of your child's trips and visits (excluding residential visits) which you can now pay via Arbor.

Throughout the year children may visit a museum, exhibition, local park, environmental centre, have a workshop in school by a dance company or visit somewhere by coach. We will deduct the cost of the trip/s from the £20 contribution. If you need any support with making your payment online, then please call or email the school office, who will be happy to help.

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies are available from the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.



Online Safety - Squid Game (Netflix)

There have been a lot of media reports recently about Netflix's Squid Game. The show has a '15' rating because it contains violent and gruesome scenes. Please make sure that you are supervising your children when on electronic devices as content of this nature is inappropriate.

COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference

This week we've seen world leaders gather in Glasgow for the beginning of COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Lewisham are encouraging residents to get involved in our Lewisham Climate Conversation. By talking to families, friends and neighbours about climate change, we can all help raise awareness and encourage people to make changes in their daily lives which will have a positive impact on the future of our planet. [Find out more about the Lewisham Climate Conversation campaign.](#) Children at Brindishe Lee will also be talking about climate change and how we can all help to make the world a better place.

Farewell and Best Wishes

Tara (TA) will be leaving Brindishe Lee on Monday 8th November to start a new and exciting adventure in the world of retail. We thank her for her support, creativity, commitment and long service with us. We will miss her but wish Tara the very best for the future.

F@B lottery - October Half-Term Draw

1st prize: Nicky Lowe (lottery number 48)

2nd prize: Janet Barlow (lottery number 13)

The F@B lottery is back for 2022! Please see the attached flyer with details on how you can sign up.

Breck Foundation – Online Safety

On Monday 15th November 2021, The Breck Foundation will be joining Brindishe Lee offering a range of online safety workshops for children and parents. The Breck Foundation is a charity who work to promote a better understanding of the dangers online, in particular online grooming. They work with children to make safe and respectful choices whilst playing and learning online, and support parents and carers to recognise the dangers being online pose to their children.

Last year, this was offered to Year 6 parents and carers, and was very well received, so this year we are offering it out to all Brindishe Lee families.

"The zoom session from the Breck Foundation was a real eye opener. I've always tried to keep a close eye on what my children are playing or viewing online and this shows how important it is. It was a really powerful presentation and would be useful for all KS2 parents and carers" Year 6 parent

To sign up for this event, please complete the form available on Weduc <https://app.weduc.co.uk/notice/daily/index>

Book Fair at Brindishe Lee

Great news! The book fair is back with over 200 beautiful books to choose from!

From the 15th to the 17th November, children will visit the book fair in school and create a wish list of books. They will bring their list home and parents/carers will be able to purchase books online by following the link on the invitation. Please refer to the communication that was sent out this week via Weduc plus the poster listed below for further information. Every book you buy earns free books for our school, so please help us to fill our school with wonderful books!

Parent/Carer Survey - School Lunches

[Radish School Lunch Parents Survey](#)

Please can you complete this survey about our new school lunches. Click the link above.

Your feedback is important to us.

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IT'S ALL GOOD

National Anti-Bullying Week

National Anti-Bullying Week falls this year on the week commencing Monday 15th November. At Brindishe Lee, we will mark this event, calling our week 'Friendship Week - One Kind Word'.

During the course of the week, children will be involved in activities centred around kindness and showing compassion.

We will start the week with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 15th November. Odd Socks Day is being supported by CBeebies presenter Andy Day. We will kindly ask children for a £1.00 donation in support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance.



Important Dates

- Cricket Year 4 starts - Monday 8th November
- Aspirations Programme - Launch Day - Thursday 11th November
- Year 6 Hazard House (Junior Citizen Scheme) – Friday 12th November
- National Anti-bullying Week – Monday 15th November
- Book Fair – Monday 15th November to Wednesday 17th November
- Odd Socks Day – 'Brindishe Lee Friendship Week – One Kind Word' – Monday 15th November
- Height & Weight Session (NHS) – Thursday 25th November
- INSET Day - Friday 26th November
- Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch Day – TBC
- Winter Break - Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022
- INSET Day - Tuesday 4th January 2022



FRIENDS@BRINDISHE LEE F@B LOTTERY

The F@B Lottery is back for 2022! There will be over **£700 of prizes** to be won during the year!

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS

1

To sign up, pick a number (or numbers) between 1 & 100

2

Each number costs £20

There is a cash prize draw every half term (six draws a year)

First prize is £80
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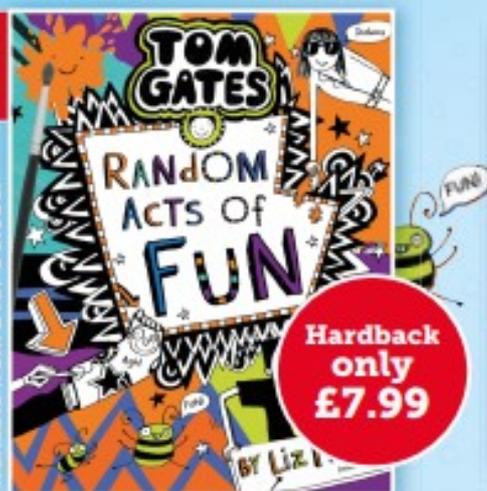
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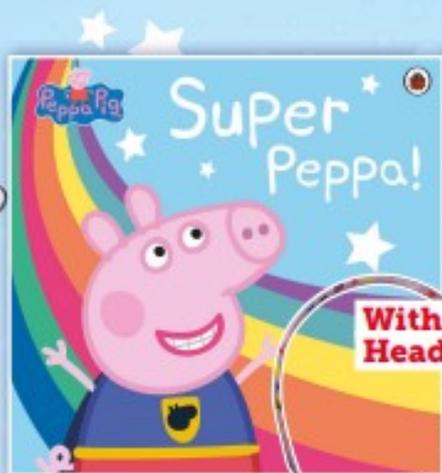
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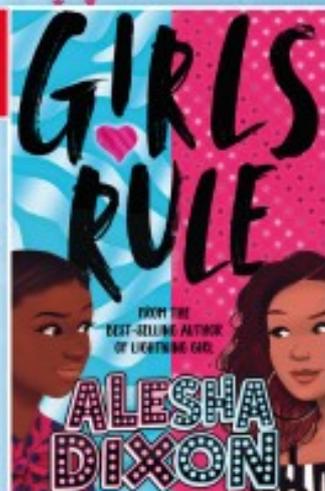
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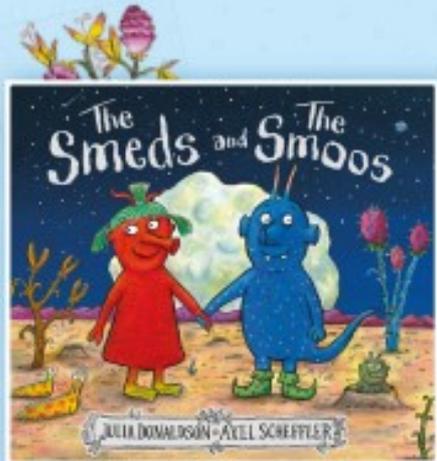
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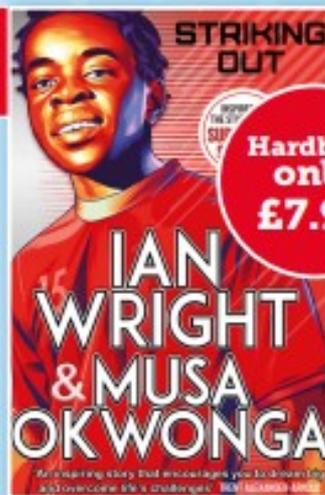
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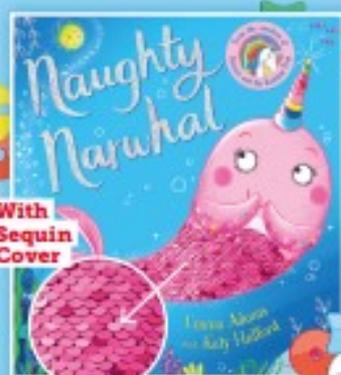
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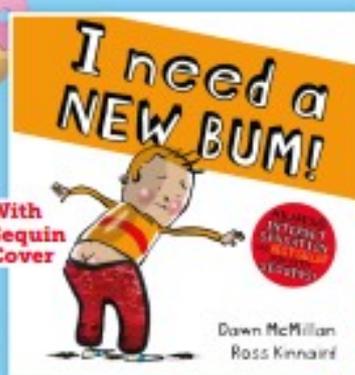
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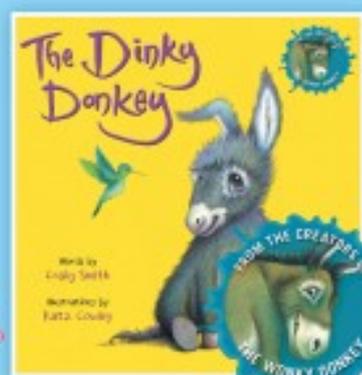
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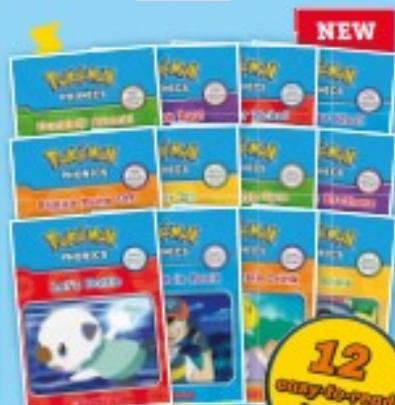
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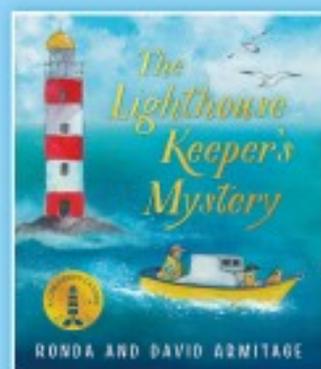


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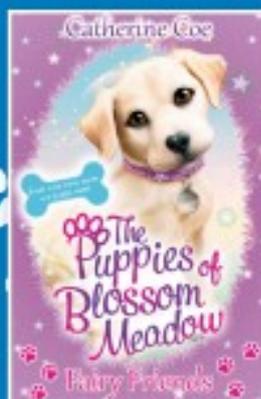
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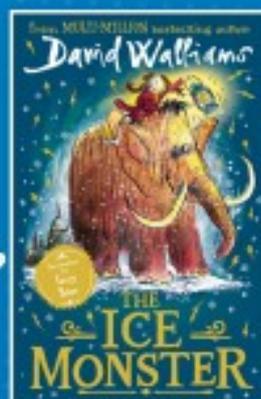


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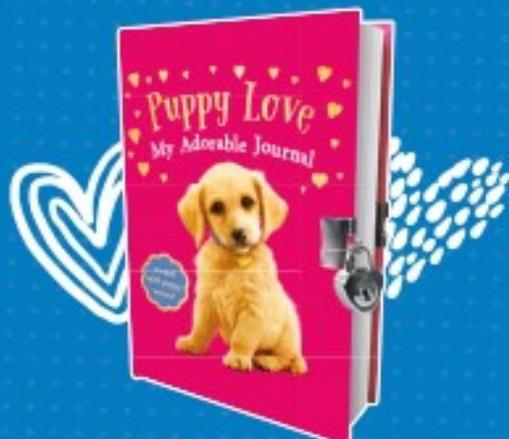


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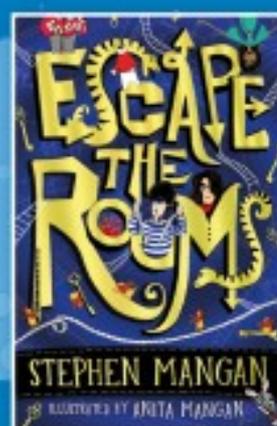


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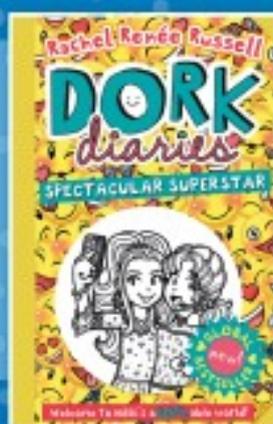
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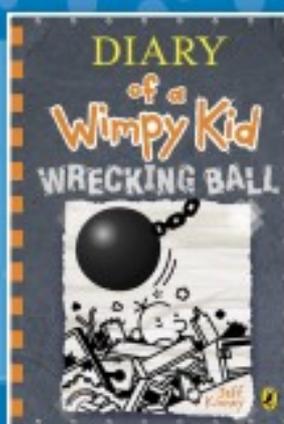
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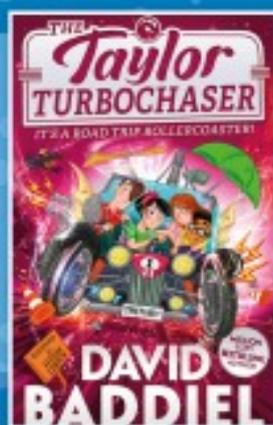
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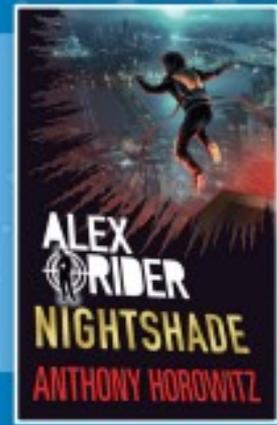
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- If you're unable to visit the Book Fair, you can pay for any books featured on this leaflet easily from home using the online parent pay system on our website. Books will be delivered to your school for collection. Visit www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents for more information.
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Get your child vaccinated against the FLU this season!



If your child missed the flu vaccination in school this is for you!

The School Health Immunisation Team will be delivering catch up clinics at 3 locations. If your child is in **Reception to Year 11** and did not get the FLU vaccination in school; Contact the Immunisation Team on the details below to book an appointment or simply walk-in.

From Saturday 6th of November 2021

Time: 9:15 am- 4.30pm

**Downham Health Centre, BR1 5EP
Waldron Health Centre, SE14 6LD
Kaleidoscope, Rushey Green SE6 4JD**

**Call 0203 0491897
or 07341888526**



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.

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-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p>	

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<p>NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19</p>	<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>	
<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>	<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>	
<p>We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine</p>	<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>	<p>...the quarantine period has been completed</p>