



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

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Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

It has been a really challenging week here in school, however, we have been humbled at the team spirit within school to keep the school open. A huge thank you to all the staff who have stepped up this week. Thank you also to all parents/carers who are keeping us updated about your child's health and the results of lateral flow and PCR tests. We would also like to thank Public Health England and the Local Authority for all their support and guidance.

As you know, we have many children currently isolating at home with covid. The symptoms have presented themselves differently for some over the past few weeks and have included stomach aches, vomiting, headaches and flu-like symptoms. We have sent a number of children home from school this week who are unwell and have these symptoms and who have later tested positive. We hope that all children and families at home make a speedy recovery and get back to school as soon as they are able to.

We also have many staff members who have covid and are isolating at home, which inevitably means that we are juggling our staff capacity every day. Your child may be taught by someone who is not their usual teacher, or have teaching assistants who are not familiar. We always explain to the children why this is and for how long this is likely to happen. The children will still be doing the learning that they would have been doing with their class teacher.

A few highlights this week at school include children discussing their learning targets and next steps. In addition to this, Year 6 have been discussing which Rights Respecting article they think is the most important. Year 5 have really enjoyed the book 'High Rise Mystery' as well as experimenting with figurative language. Other learning highlights across the school include exploring the Ancient Egyptians as well as exploring negative numbers.

Please refer to the information listed below with regards to covid, online safety, Weduc, parent meetings as well as key dates.

Stay safe and well everyone. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

COVID UPDATES: Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

As you know, from **Monday 17 January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace and the school office.

From **Thursday 27 January**, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff, but as there are a large number of cases in school (following Public Health advice), we will continue to recommend masks for staff and visitors until there is a downward trajectory of cases in school.

Rights Respecting focus of the week:

Article 2 - (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



Weduc Updates

Please look on Weduc for key dates and information regarding your child's class. All information regarding updates, parent meetings and what your child is learning about will be posted for you to access.

Online Safety

Please find listed below a few useful websites with regards to safeguarding and keeping your children safe online.

- BBC Ownit: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit>
- CEOP: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>
- ChildLine: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- Childnet: <https://www.childnet.com/>
- Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org>

Reading Challenge – Reading in unusual places

Children - Your challenge, with the support of your parents, is to select an unusual place to read. Ask a family member to take a photograph of you reading in an unusual place and email it into info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk by **Friday 11th February**.

The staff and children will vote on the top 3 photos of unusual places to read. The winners will receive a book voucher. Good luck!

Important Dates

Saturday 5th February (Please note change of date) – Blackheath 'Shine' Programme starts

Tuesday 1st February – Years 1, 2, 3 & 5 – Science Dome

Monday 7th February – Friday 11th February – Year 5 swimming sessions

Monday 7th February – Friday 11th February – Parents/Carer Meetings (Note: Communication was sent via email and Weduc today)

Monday 14th February - Half term break

