



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022

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Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

What a busy but productive week we have had at Brindishe Lee. We started the week with a special visit from a team of **Challenge Partner Reviewers** who spent three days with us. The review team were very impressed with our lovely children, the quality of teaching and learning as well as the creative learning environment. A huge thank you to the Brindishe Lee Team for all their hard work, team spirit and expertise and to our children who are simply wonderful. Once we receive the quality assured report, we will share it with our Brindishe Lee community. In the meantime, please refer to the links listed below where Brindishe Lee has made a special appearance on Twitter, in addition to this we have also appeared in My London news!

On Thursday we celebrated **World Book Day**, the children and staff looked fabulous dressed as characters from a range of books. The children also took part in lots of reading activities and challenges. Please refer to our Weduc platform where staff will post a selection of pictures from the day. In addition to this, all children should have received a book voucher to purchase a new book. To add to this, there is a selection of web links listed below with reading ideas for everyone to explore and enjoy - Happy Reading!

Our school **library is currently being updated and replenished**. Linked to this, the F@B Team have set up virtual class pages for parents/carers to kindly donate funds in support of replenishing our school library with new and exciting books for children to read and enjoy. Thank you parents/carers in advance for your generosity and support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!
Kind regards,
Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.

World Book Day - We Love Reading at Brindishe Lee!

Listed below are a few resources to share with your family at home – Happy Reading!

- **Free audiobooks** - Whether you're reading together with the family, or listening in your own time, audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories. Find your next audiobook here <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>
- **Book ideas for families** - <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>
- **Suggested books for children to read** - <https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/>
- **100 Best Reads** - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>



Our school visions & values display, by Year 6.

Free School Meals - Reminder

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to **Free School Meals**, you can use the following link to check your eligibility - <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

Please note, eligibility for FSM is not backdated, so apply as soon as possible.

Online Safety - Smartwatches / Fitness trackers

It is important to check what a smartwatch allows your child to do and if available, set appropriate restrictions. Talk to your child about the different settings and if you have, why you have set up the restrictions.

What are the risks?

- Some smartwatches allow you to take photos. It is important to talk to your child about appropriate behaviour when taking and sharing photos. Once a photo is shared, they lose control of it.
- Some smartwatches have internet access with the ability to download apps. You need to be aware of the potential of in app purchases and viewing upsetting content.

Depending on the brand of smartwatch, you may be able to set up parental controls for example to restrict content and prevent purchases. More information about Apple Watch parental controls can be found here:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/watch/apd54d0a51fb/watchos>

As always, ensure your child knows to talk to you or another trusted adult should they see anything inappropriate or that worries them whilst using their device.

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/digital-family-basics-smartwatches-fitness-trackers>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/techguide/smart-toys-and-wearable-gadgets/#smart>



Weduc Updates

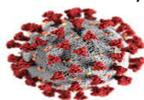
Please look on **Weduc for key dates and information regarding your child's class**. All information regarding updates, trips/visitors, special school events and what your child is learning about will be posted for you to access. If you need help with Weduc, please ask the school office who will happily assist.

COVID Reminders

From last week, Covid-19 restrictions have now been lifted. As we begin to return to a sense of normality, as a Federation, we want to ensure that we continue to be as vigilant as possible, keeping everyone as safe as we can be. In school, we will continue to keep classrooms well ventilated and focus on washing hands. The cleaning around school will carry on during the day and after school and we will be encouraging 'hands, face, space'. We are also beginning to review our risk assessments to accommodate and will update parents/carers of any changes as they occur.

We would like to remind you of the following guidance:

- If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, Public Health advice remains unchanged which is to **stay at home** and **avoid contact with other people**.
- Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should take a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.
- Adults and children **who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days** and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Brindishe Lee on Twitter!

Following our review this week from Challenge Partners, our external reviewers have been sharing their experience of their visit to Brindishe Lee on Twitter.



Follow Mercian Educational Trust or Challenge Partners to see more.

https://twitter.com/MET_STSS/status/1499067349340729345?s=20&t=bYHlgyKrR1nnd0Riic58AA

https://twitter.com/MET_STSS/status/1498737534876237824?s=20&t=bYHlgyKrR1nnd0Riic58AA

https://twitter.com/MET_STSS/status/1498737437211869187?s=20&t=Da04zEFtE3vxvKkqVwyT4A

In other news...

Brindishe Lee has appeared in **My London news** this week with regards to school admissions in the Local Authority. Please see the link listed below for your information.

https://www.mylondon.news/news/uk-world-news/hardest-primary-school-your-kids-23210841.amp?gaa_at=g&gaa_n=AYc4ysthBUHgKTnClImblYiTONvkcG053Z2JCgFC5r4EaDvyP8WK0XXa_CVdDSznHGA%3D&gaa_ts=621bf3eb&utm_source=newsshowcase&utm_medium=discover&utm_campaign=nonpanel&gaa_sig=WRoB-nCfGSmvwmfcVgMGsUMq9QCT4WAKgcaKRqfLVb5pnN2bGF3tPOGBxN4Rcr54zCn4w4ya0i-XnjoEEo1NBA%3D%3D

*Brindishe Lee
staff celebrating
World Book Day!*

*Please refer to our
online Weduc platform
to view more pictures
of the children, staff
and activities from the
fun filled day.*



Important Dates

- Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day – Wear Red day and kindly donate £1.00 for Comic Relief
- Tuesday 22nd March – Year 6 local area walk
- Friday 1st April – Year 4 ZooLab experience
- Friday 1st April – End of the spring term
- Tuesday 19th April – Summer term - Children return to school

**More dates to follow shortly re. visitors, events and trips*