



Brindishe
Manor

Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What has been happening this week?

It was lovely to see all of our families attending our World Food Night yesterday. So many people had put so much effort into bringing treats from a variety of different countries. Thank you!

We have been celebrating European languages day this week in class, trying out phrases and words in different languages too.

This week we also welcomed lots of perspective parents and carers for children who will start school in September 2025. It is always a pleasure to show around families and share all of our lovely learning environments with them. Please remind your friends and family who are looking for places for September 2025, for either Reception or Nursery, to book on to one of our sessions.

What is happening next week?

- Year 3 are visiting the Horniman Museum on Thursday to take part in a pre-history workshop.
- Year 5 are building a Trojan horse in our main hall on Tuesday to learn more about Ancient Greece.
- Dr Bike is visiting on Thursday to check out the bikes of children who are taking part in Bikeability the following week.

School Street

Please remember that school street does not mean that cars, police cars and other vehicles do not travel down Leahurst road during the allocated school street times.

This week we have had police cars tearing down the road at the end of the day and often there are children in the road on bikes and scooters.

Please remind your children to stay on the pavements at all times please!



School street information
below...please read

Key Dates

Thursday 10th October- Taste of Greece lunch.

Friday 11th October - PSFA preloved clothes sale.

Tuesday 22nd October - Open Classroom after school.

Thursday 24th October - PSFA Hallowe'en cake sale.

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half term - look out for the PSFA Hallowe'en trail info in a future newsletter.

Monday 4th November - Friday 8th November - DT week.

Thursday 7th November - Rec - Y6 Flu immunisations

PSFA Diwali celebration in Central Hall after school.



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Lewisham Secondary Event

**Transition to Secondary School Event
Wednesday 25th September 2024 5pm to 8pm**

This event, building on the success of last year's, will run in Lewisham's Civic Suite from 5.00pm to 8pm. Lewisham are expecting over 300 parents, who can attend one of the three talks which will concentrate on the application process.

They also hope the event will help to reduce the number of late applications received by the team each year, which often come from applicants where their children are already attending a Lewisham primary school.

All secondary schools will attend along with the following teams such as Free School Meal and SEN.

For all other secondary school enquiries please visit the Lewisham website or ask one of our Senior Leaders who will be happy to help you.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>

Black History Lewisham 365

What is Black History Lewisham 365?

While it's important we acknowledge the national Black History Month campaign each October, in Lewisham we believe in action 365 days a year. Lewisham Council are proud to champion Black creators and trailblazers as part of our We Are Lewisham programme. They are also driving conversations to help us better understand how we can support our Black communities - from tackling healthcare inequalities, to addressing disparities among our high street businesses, to eliminating inequalities in education. And that's just the start.

Black History Month 2024

Black History Lewisham 365 is Lewisham's commitment to offering a platform for Black voices and understanding Black lived experiences 365 days per year. They have awarded grants of up to £1000 for community organisations to run events across Lewisham. For example, The Black Book Festival on Saturday 19 October 2024, 11am-6pm at Goldsmiths, University of London. This event celebrates African Diaspora contributions to the book industry, with 40 stalls showcasing African-Caribbean books, arts, and educational services. The event features seminars, exhibitions on Cy Grant and "Black Yoga," African-Caribbean storytelling, music, and food.

Look out for Black History Lewisham 365 events over the next month in this newsletter.



Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

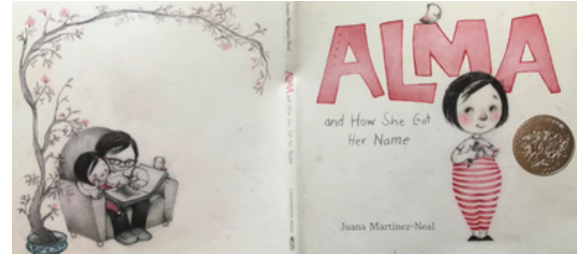
Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care. Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

Article 8 – Protection and Preservation of Identity. Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

List as many things as you can think of that help to make you a unique and wonderful person!



Appearance
Talents
Nationality
Life story
Name
Religion



How many more can you think of?

Listen to the story of 'Alma and How She Got Her Name'.

At Brindishe Schools, as the children have settled into their new classes and new routines, class teachers have spent lots of time discussing with children what makes them special or unique. As well as learning all their names.

Our names are very important to us and form part of our identity. With your child at home, try to find the meaning of your names. Have you even been to naming ceremony like a Christening or a Namkaran? Have you told your children why they have the name they have? Is the name they are called the same or different to their official names? Does their name have a meaning?

Governing Body

Governing Body meetings are regular and meet every half term. Parents/carers are more than welcome to attend our meetings as 'observers'. If you would like to know more about the governing body or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email Rachel Waite - rawaite@brindisheschools.org.

Key Federation Dates

- Lewisham Secondary Event - Wednesday 25th September
- October Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- INSET DAY - Friday 29th November

Montage Theatre Arts

Montage Theatre Arts (MTA) is a performing arts charity based in Lewisham, South East London.

We run classes, workshops, performances and events for adults and children of all ages!

FREE PLACES!

All children should have access to the performing arts, despite any social or financial hardship. To positively affect the lives of our students, parents and families, a selection of free places are available for children aged 5 – 19 who meet eligibility criteria.

Visit the website here for further info

<https://www.montagetheatre.com/bursaries/>

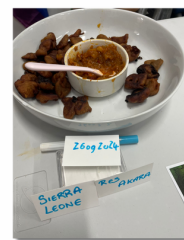




Keep an eye on newsletters and our Facebook page for events you can take part in. To be the first to hear about events, news and how you can help, join our PSFA WhatsApp group here... <https://chat.whatsapp.com/IKXE40wla7z7SqgfjrYFoR>

Contact us at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com and look for event updates in the newsletter or on the PSFA Facebook page facebook.com/brindishemanorpsfa

Thank you to everyone who made it to our world food night and to those who brought food for us all to try. Shout out to Panas Gurkhas and Sapore Vero for supplying additional food for our event.



More for autumn

Preloved sale - 11th October (time tbc)

Do you have children's costumes, Christmas jumpers or winter coats your child has grown out of? With Halloween and Christmas coming up, there's often a scramble to find a costume or jumper. If you're tired of buying new, for it to be worn a handful of times, then why not donate your items and find something new to you. We will be asking for a pay what you can donation. Watch this space for details on how to donate and our preloved event.



Halloween trail - Half term holiday

Could your front window be in our trail? During the school holiday we run a Halloween trail for kids. We need houses and flats with a street-facing window, which are in the streets near the school. We will ask you to decorate your window, including a clue. Contact us to be part of our trail.



You can rent a party kit for your child's party!

Do you spend money on single use plates, cups and other items for children's parties, only to throw them away at the end of the event? You can hire plates, cups, bowls and other party items from us.

<https://calendly.com/brindishemanorpsfa/partykithire>

