



Brindishe Federation Newsletter Friday 7th February 2025



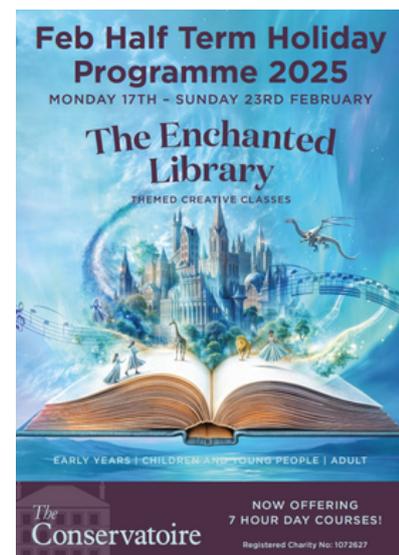
Half Term at The Conservatoire

Check out the Conservatoire's February half term programme! The theme this time is **The Enchanted Library** to help children prepare for the upcoming World Book Day, and there are music and art courses for kids aged 3-17. Courses range from 2 hours to a full day, and run throughout the week of **Monday 17th – Friday 21st February** at the Conservatoire.

There's also five of one-off evening and weekend art classes for adults, in exploring techniques, formats and subjects we don't typically teach during term time.

Finally, there will be a family concert of *The Emperor's Nightingale*; an enchanting performance where the story of the Emperor's Nightingale comes alive through the sounds of solo flute and captivating story telling .

Find all courses and events at www.conservatoire.org.uk/halfterm

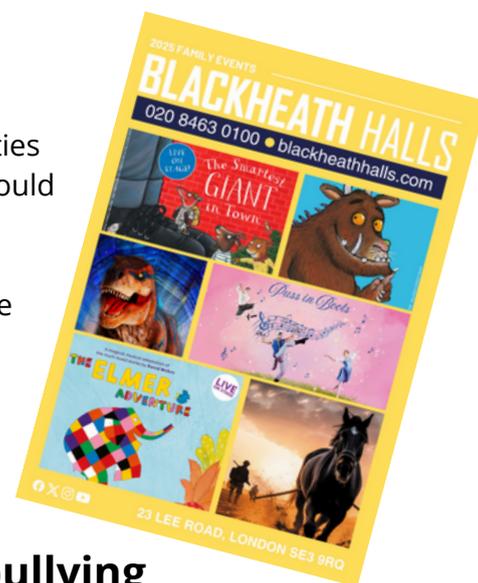


Blackheath Halls 2025 events

Blackheath Halls have planned a fabulous programme for school communities this year. They have a wonderful selection of performances lined up, and would love to see our families at these events.

Of particular interest may be ***The Elmer Adventure***, a delightful performance especially suited for Nursery, Reception, and Year 1 children

Please find the flyer attached to this newsletter.



Online Safety Bulletin

Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

Internet Matters have collated their tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child based on different age categories.

The information is divided into four sections:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with cyberbullying
3. What to do next
4. Where to get further help



<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide/>

Rights Respecting - Article of the Week

Safer Internet Day is marked in February every year. In Brindishe School, we mark the day with online safety curriculum activities and assemblies.

We all have a right to feel safe and secure and that means safe online as well as in the real world. Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of the internet.

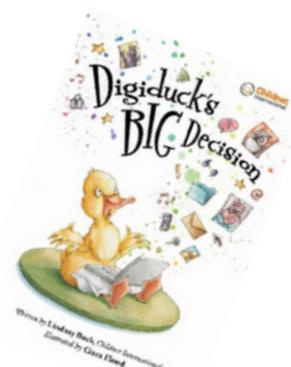
There are a large number of articles that link with being online. This week's activities have a particular focus on Article 19, the right to protection from harm, Article 17, the right to reliable information and Article 34, protection from exploitation.

The internet can be a great place but needs to be used carefully.

Article 17, Access to information from the media - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Article 19, Protection from violence, abuse and neglect - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

Article 34, Sexual exploitation - Governments must protect children from forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.



This week there are **TWO** questions to think about!

1. What do you feel are some of the great things about the internet and life online?
2. What don't you like about the internet and life online?

Great things ...

- You can find out lots of information quickly and easily.
- You can connect with your friends even if you can't meet face-to-face.
- Learning is possible even if you haven't got books at home or access to a library.
- There are lots of fun games and activities to do online.
- You can keep in touch with family and friends who live far away.
- It can increase equality and democracy because more people can have their voices heard.
- You can shop and bank online which is good for people who are busy, not near the shops or have mobility issues.
- You can visit places remotely that you can't get to in person.
- It helps you find places in the car and people you want to contact with.

Read 'Digiduck's Big Decision' - there is an [online version](#) here. Discuss with your child at home the lessons from the story about friendship and respect online.

I don't like it when ...

- People don't respect each other and make unkind comments.
- Children use it to bully other children.
- People's right to privacy is not always respected.
- Some information is not reliable and there is a lot of fake news.
- People are sometimes tricked out of money and savings.
- Companies and businesses are hacked and your information can be shared without your consent.
- I spend too much time online instead of doing other things.
- People make fun of others because they don't have the latest technology.

Brindishe Schools 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. **Our fourth meeting for 2024/2025 will be held on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at Brindishe Manor School - 6pm.**

Key Federation Dates

- End of Spring Term 1 - Friday 14th February
- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
- Children return to school - Monday 24th February

Term Dates 2025 - 2026



Autumn Term

Wednesday 3 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025

Half term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Monday 3 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term

Tuesday 6 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Monday 23 February 2026 to Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term

Monday 13 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026

(the early May bank holiday will be taken on 4 May)

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Monday 1 June 2026 to Friday 17 July 2026 (the spring bank holiday will be taken on 25 May)

INSET DAYS

Monday 1 September 2025

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Friday 28 November 2025

Monday 5 January 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Public Holidays

Christmas Day: Thursday 25 December 2025

Boxing Day: Friday 26 December 2025

New Year's Day: Thursday 1 January 2026

Good Friday: Friday 3 April 2026

Easter Monday: Monday 6 April 2026

Early May bank holiday: Monday 4 May 2026

Spring bank holiday: Monday 25 May 2026

Summer bank holiday: Monday 31 August 2026