



TOWER BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th October 2015

Letter of the Week: R
Respect for All

I am deeply saddened to inform you that on Friday a child was knocked down by a car just outside the school gate. Luckily the child was not badly hurt and was back in school on Monday. I wanted to reassure you that we take the safety of your children very seriously.



One thing we would like to encourage all parents and children to do is walk to school and leave the cars at home. This is supported by the parent of the child who was hurt. We will be looking to restart our walk to school campaign. We will also be talking to all the children again about safety around cars. We would ask again that all parents who have to drive do so with more care (see newsletter 5th June 2015).

I know that two parents had raised concerns about us using this gate over the last year. We chose this gate as the best of the four we have available. We have looked at the risks with using each gate and chose this gate as the one with the smallest risk attached. As you can understand there is never zero risk in a school situated in central London right on Tower Bridge Road. Representatives from Southwark Health and Safety have visited the school this week and looked at all our gates. They have confirmed that this is the safest gate to use. They will be contacting housing and highways to see if some additional signage and speed humps can be added.

Last year School Council did a poster campaign and put flyers on all the cars last summer (see newsletter 18th September 2015). They also wrote to the council about making drivers more aware and improving safety.

I had also emailed our community officers in the summer term and they had agreed to come before and after school last week to talk to drivers. How sad they didn't come. I have followed this up and hopefully you will see them around school very soon.

We are also going to make staff on the gate more visible and standing on the car park side of the gate to try and manage the flow of children, parents and cars more safely.

We have also been working with another parent to get the council to improve the crossing at the junction of Tower Bridge Road and Druid Street. We are asking for a countdown to be added. Please help us by contacting the council and your local MP to get this changed.

If any parents have further suggestions then please let myself, Laura or Helen know.

Important Dates:

- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October** – Arts Week
- Wednesday 21st October** – International Evening
- Friday 13th November** – Children In Need
- Monday 16th November** – Pupil Review Meetings

Term dates for 2015-2016

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October 2015

Half term – 26th October – 30th October 2015

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2015

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January – 12th February 2016

Half term – 15th February – 19th February 2016

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 24th March 2016

Summer Term

Tuesday 12th April – Friday 27th May 2016

Half term – 30th May – 3rd June 2016

Monday 6th June – Friday 15th July 2016

Tower Bridge Opening Times

We are aware that when Tower Bridge opens it has an impact on your journey to school.

Here are the upcoming opening times of Tower Bridge.

Monday 12th October – 3.15pm

Wednesday 4th November – 9.45am

Please ensure you leave plenty of time to get to school on time.

Attendance

Week beginning: 28th September: 96.7%

Class	Number of absences	Number of lates	Points
Year 1	1	6	125
Year 2	10	2	100
Year 3	7	16	125
Year 4	1 ½	4	350
Year 5	5	3	350
Year 6	3	0	425

1st = 75 points (100 points for 0)

2nd = 50 points

3rd = 25 points

You can win points for your class by being in school every day and getting here on time.



We received a certificate this week!

On Wednesday, Rachel Riley from Channel 4's "Countdown" game show came to visit us to see how hard the children work. In particular she saw children using Mathletics and playing Game24. She bought with her the special number cards from "Countdown" and set the children a challenge to find as many ways as possible to find the number 324 using the numbers 100, 25, 6, 3, 2 and 4. She very kindly signed some Tower Bridge postcards. If you would like to win one, please solve the puzzle Rachel set and bring your solution to Tina or Alison. We will choose 4 correct solutions out of a hat next Friday who will each receive a special signed postcard.



Stay and Learn Sessions

Date	Focus	Audience	Time	Where?
13/10	Arts Week Flag Making	All parents and children	9am	Dinner Hall
20/10 21/10	Year 6 E-safety	All Y6 Parents and Children	20/10 9am 21/10 8.30am	ICT Suite
24/11	Safeguarding	All parents	9am	Meeting Room

A Polite Reminder

Please remember that we ask parents not to take children up to classrooms in Years 1- 6 if they arrive late in the morning. This often disturbs lessons and unsettles the children.

Please allow your child to go up to class with a school adult.

RSS Discovery

This week the RSS Discovery made its way down the Thames and docked near the HMS Belfast. Some of the Year 6 School Leaders were invited on board to meet the crew and learn more. They were filmed by CBBC's Newsround programme and this will be shown next week.

