

Friars, Robert Browning, Snowfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

We learn and succeed together



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Lateral Flow Devices

To order Lateral Flow Testing Kits, please use this link:

[Lateral Flow Device Ordering](#)

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Spring term

5th January – Friday 11th February 2022

Half Term: 14th February -18th February 2022

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April 2022

Summer term

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term: 30th May 2022 – 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July 2022

Face Coverings

Please continue to **wear a face covering** when coming onto **school premises**.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

SCHOLARPACK APP

9 WEEKS TO GO

Do you have access to the scholarpack App? If not, please contact your school office for an access code. From 1st April 2022 we will only be using the App to communicate with parents, we will no longer be sending texts. If you need help to download and access the app, please come and speak to a member of the office team who will be happy to assist.

Please remember children should not wear makeup or jewellery (other than plain stud earrings) to school. Necklaces, rings and bracelets should not be worn.

School jumpers can be ordered here:

<https://thebridgesfederation.org.uk/home/uniform/>

Certificate Winners at Snowsfields

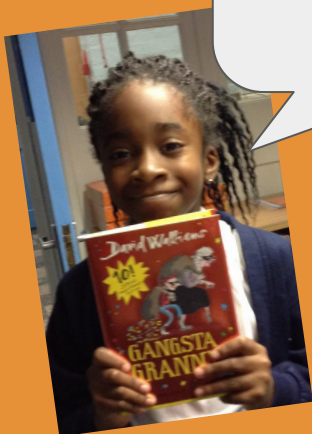


Our Super Stars of the week at Friars!

Certificate Winners at Tower Bridge



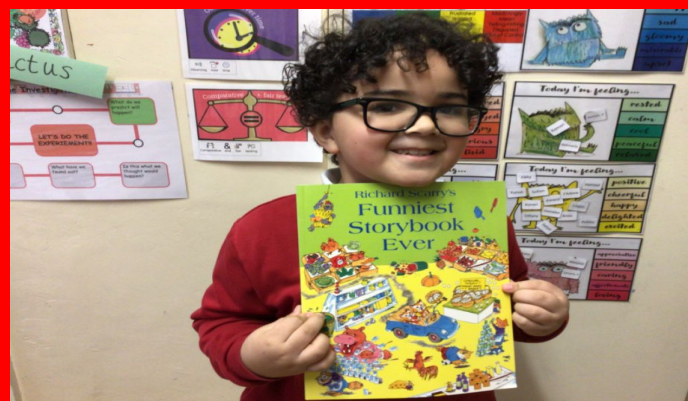
I won the Reading Raffle at Tower Bridge this week!



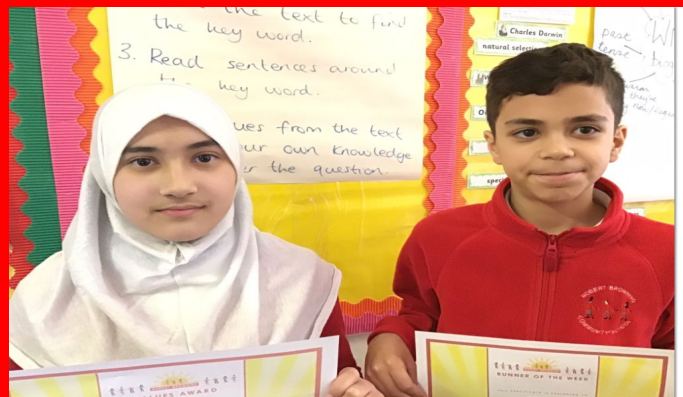
Certificate winners Y2 at Robert Browning



Year 2 Reading Raffle Winner



Certificate winners Y6



February Half Term Family Activities

At the Centre for Wildlife Gardening
28 Marsden Road SE15 4EE

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th February Nature Detectives 10am till 3pm

Tune your senses and discover the tracks and signs that wild animals leave. Use footprint and other traps to detect wildlife in our garden. A two day course with games, stories and activities suitable for families with children of any age.

Friday 15th February Reduce, Reuse and Recycle 10am till 3pm

A day to explore ways to reduce your environmental impact with composting, planting, crafts and games.



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To find out more and for booking visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or contact Diana dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk

Football at Friars

In the last three weeks, children from Year 6 have played in a local football tournament. The team played with more confidence each week, winning their final match of the group stages 2-1.

The tournament was also a wonderful opportunity to meet children from Robert Browning, who also played in the same group. We look forward to playing some friendly matches within the Federation soon!





Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 17/01/2022 : **96.26%**

1st Place Attendance: Y4 1st Place Punctuality: Y4, Y5 and Y6

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1	6	21	0
Year 2	6	11	100
Year 3	21	23	0
Year 4	5	8	125
Year 5	14	6	25
Year 6	7	8	75



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 17/01/2022 : **90.22%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 6 1st Place Punctuality: Y1 and Y4

Classes	Absences	Lates	Total Attendance
Year 1—Red Class	37	4	73.19%
Year 2—Orange Class	14	1	94.40%
Year 3—Yellow Class	42	3	82.79%
Year 4 - Green Class	10	1	95.19%
Year 5—Blue Class	14	2	94.62%
Year 6—Purple Class	13	3	95.36%



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 17/01/2022: **94.48%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 6 1st Place Punctuality: Year 6

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	20	6	75
Year 2—Orange Class	16	8	125
Year 3—Yellow Class	9	8	125
Year 4 - Green Class	42	5	125
Year 5—Blue Class	3	8	325
Year 6—Purple Class	0	3	350



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 17/01/2022: **88.95%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 1 1st Place Punctuality: Year 4

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	5	40	125
Year 2—Orange Class	13 1/2	27	100
Year 3—Yellow Class	18 1/2	14	250
Year 4 - Green Class	12	6	275
Year 5—Blue Class	6	26	150
Year 6—Purple Class	19	9	175

FREE PARENT SUPPORT FOR ONLINE SAFETY AND DIGITAL RESILIENCE

Parent Zone are continuing with fantastic webinars this term to support parents with keeping their child safe online. Sessions are open to all Southwark parents and carers.

Online Gaming: What you need to know

Thursday 27th January, 5pm-5:30pm

Explore the world of online gaming: the benefits, the risks, and when to log off.

Digital Wellbeing and Screen Time

Thursday 3rd February, 5pm-5:30pm

Managing screen time and helping your child's wellbeing.

Online risks, extremism and misinformation

Thursday 10th February, 5pm-5:30pm

"Digital resilience" parenting approach to keeping your child safer online.

Helping your child stay safer online

Thursday 24th February, 5pm-5:30pm

How you can help your child explore their online world safely.

Being Internet Brave

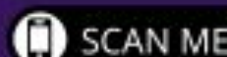
Thursday 3rd March, 5pm-5:30pm

Communicating with your child about online safety.

To sign up, visit:

<https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events>

or scan the QR code



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from choosing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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CONSENT

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Claire Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2016, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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