

Friars, Robert Browning, Snowfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

We learn and succeed together



Newsletter 11th March 2022

Dear Parents,

The children enjoyed learning about Inspirational Women on International Women's Day on Tuesday 8th March - ask your children who they read about this week. We were also lucky to have visitors in our schools across the Federation, from the school Nurse team, a local Police Officer and the Teddy Bears Hospital. Also some of our girls took part in the biggest ever football session on 9th March 2022. #LetGirlsPlay. Please take a look at pages 3-7 of the newsletter and your class twitter to find out more.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the Parent Questionnaire, If you haven't already, please follow the link sent and complete the questionnaire by the end of 14.3.2022. Have a relaxing weekend.

Robert Browning, Snowfields and Tower Bridge SCHOLARPACK APP 3 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.

Nursery Places

We have Nursery places available. If you have a Nursery age child or know of friends or family who do please let them know! Children are eligible if they were born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. Please ask a member of staff on the gate for a Nursery application form or telephone the school office.

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

Punctuality

The school gates open between 8:45 am and 9am, after 9am your child will be marked as late for school. Please support your child be on time for school every day. Children feel happier and more confident when they arrive at school on time.

Appointments

Please can you organise routine medical appointments e.g. Opticians and Dentists outside of the school day.
Thank you

Certificate Winners at Snowsfields



Our Super Stars of the week at Friars and children showing our values.

**Year 4
Certificate
winners**



Certificate Winners at Tower Bridge



Certificate Winners at Robert Browning



**We won the
Reading Raffle
at Tower Bridge
this week!**

**Reading
Raffle
Winner at
Robert
Browning!**



Visitors at The Bridges Federation this week

Police officer PC Hazel visited Snowsfields this week in Caterpillar, Butterfly, Yellow Class and Green Class.

Y4

On Monday we had PC Hazel in from the Met Police to talk to us about his work and what police do for us in the community. We learnt that the police protect the public.

They need lots of special equipment to do their jobs and there are lots of different types of police for different reasons. We had a lot of questions but PC Hazel was very patient and answered them all for us.



Police Visit in EYFS



Visitors at The Bridges Federation this week



On Wednesday at Robert Browning school, Red class were able to bring their teddy bears in for the Teddy Bear Hospital. We got to learn how to take care of our bodies. We also learnt about the different organs we have in our body. You need to eat 5 fruit and vegetables a day. Brush your teeth twice a day and for 2 minutes. We looked after our sick bears by giving medicine and bandages for any injuries.



RECEPTION

**Teddy Bears
Hospital**



Girls Football with LPESSN from The Bridges Federation this week #LetGirlsPlay



Over 90,000 girls took part in the biggest ever football session on 9th March 2022. #LetGirlsPlay

Girls in Year 3 and Year 4 from Snowfields were delighted to be involved in the biggest EVER football session, full of smiling faces, excitement and achievement.

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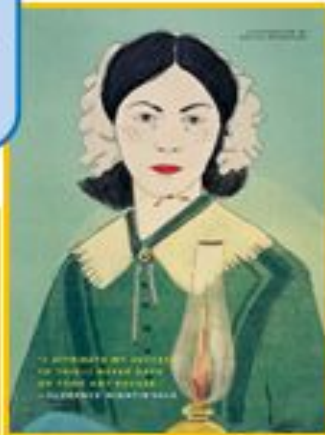
**Robert
Browning
Y4 and Y5
Girls
Football
Day**



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

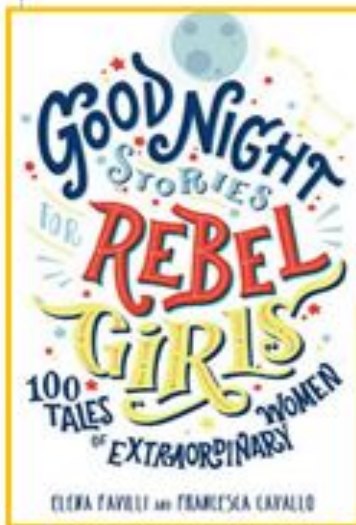
We learn about Miriam Makeba, a South African woman who wrote and sang songs with anti apartheid messages. The government took her passport away and she was not allowed to live in South Africa for 31 years!

Blue Class



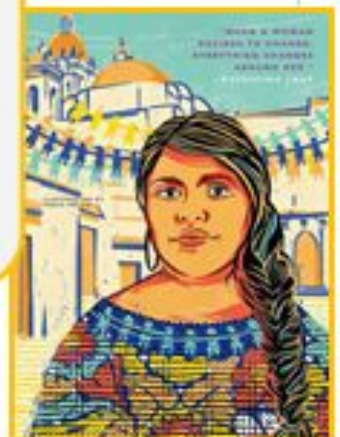
We learnt about Lozen. She was a brave Apache warrior in America. Many people thought she had super powers!

Red Class



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Tuesday 8th March we honoured International Women's Day at the Bridges Federation. The children learnt that historically, women have not had the same rights and freedoms as men in our world but despite this, there have been countless women who have broken down barriers and paved the way for others to do the same. Children across the year groups learnt why we recognise the achievements of women throughout history and each class focused on a special significant woman to read all about in their reading lessons. We used a beautiful book titled *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo to gather our information. Some children even shared their learning in a special assembly. It was good to mark the day in a special way with the rest of the world.



Cleopatra was the last pharaoh to rule Ancient Egypt. She was kicked out of the palace but worked hard to earn her way back in.

Yellow Class



Maya Angelou's writing helped African-American people in America fight for civil rights. She also wrote plays and acted on screen.

Green Class



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 28/02/2022 : **95.04%**

1st Place Attendance: Y2,Y5,Y6 1st Place Punctuality: Y6

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1	4	38	0
Year 2	0	14	175
Year 3	4	21	0
Year 4	6	13	225
Year 5	0	17	300
Year 6	0	0	300



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1st Place Attendance: Year 2 1st Place Punctuality: Year 4

Classes	Absences	Lates	Total Attendance
Year 1—Red Class	11	17	88.51%
Year 2—Orange Class	6	4	98.40%
Year 3—Yellow Class	17	5	98.08%
Year 4 - Green Class	2	6	97.14%
Year 5—Blue Class	13	9	96.54%
Year 6—Purple Class	10	16	94.29%



Attendance and Punctuality

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

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	37	9	175
Year 2—Orange Class	15	10	275
Year 3—Yellow Class	14	15	275
Year 4 - Green Class	12	12	525
Year 5—Blue Class	12	8	875
Year 6—Purple Class	12	7	925



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 28/02/2022: **95.69%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 3 and Year 6 1st Place Punctuality: Year 4

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	6	32	125
Year 2—Orange Class	8	22	225
Year 3—Yellow Class	1	15	575
Year 4 - Green Class	6	6	575
Year 5—Blue Class	2	22	350
Year 6—Purple Class	1	7	525



Family Activities EASTER HOLIDAYS



Saturday 2nd April 2:00pm - 4:00pm - Story Dice

Be inspired by the stories in our exhibition, and within the walls of Two Temple Place itself. Join us to find out how to create story dice with your favourite characters and use them to tell your own stories.



Wednesday 6th April 10:30am - 12:30pm - Creative Coiling

Learn about the pottery technique of coiling and find out how to make your own pot out of recycled newspaper.



Friday 8th April 10:30am - 12:30pm - Scratchy Sgraffito

'Sgraffito' comes from an Italian word meaning 'to scratch' and involves scratching through a top layer to reveal different colours, textures and materials underneath. Inspired by the sgraffito works in our exhibition, make your own sgraffito picture using wax crayons and paper.



Saturday 9th April 10:30am - 12:30pm - Amazing Armour

Express yourself with your own armour plate art, inspired by Phoebe Collings-James' work in our exhibition.



Monday 11th April 10:30am - 12:30pm - Nature Tiles

Jade Montserrat's film, Clay, looks at the tactile experience of working with the clay and the natural world. Use different natural found objects to help you create your own clay tile design.



Thursday 14th April 2:00pm - 4:00pm - Story Pots

Stories and storytelling are very important in our exhibition, as well as in Two Temple Place itself. Create a collage inspired by your favourite stories (or your own story!) to make your own paper pot.



BODY VESSEL CLAY

BLACK WOMEN, CERAMICS
& CONTEMPORARY ART

29 January - 24 April 2022



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



YUBO

AGE LIMIT

13+

Under-13s must have parental permission to create an account

Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLimsy AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a *Sunday Times* investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.



ON AIR

BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes'; left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 *Sunday Times* expose and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app before they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

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