

# Friars, Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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## Newsletter 14th October 2022

Dear Parents,  
Next week is **INTERNATIONAL WEEK** across the Federation. Please join your children in a live performance at your school, please see your school pages for more details.

On Monday during World Mental Health Day we talked about ways we can look after our own mental health, we shared what makes us happy e.g. playing games with our friends, drawing and crafts and also what helps us to relax e.g. running, listening to music. The children thought about who their trusted adults are if they want someone to talk to.

We are looking forward to seeing your children's homework projects come through the gates next week! Please support your child to complete their homework projects and bring them into school on Monday. Thank you.

Have a good weekend, we close next Friday 21st October at 3:30pm for the half term break.

Parents, please add the 2022-2023 term dates to your diaries. Term time holidays will not be authorised.

### Term Dates - 2022 - 2023

#### **Autumn term**

Monday 5 September 2022 - Friday 21 October 2022

Half Term Monday 24 October 2022 - Friday 28 October 2022

Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 16 December 2022

#### **Spring term**

Wednesday 4 January 2023 - Friday 10 February 2023

Half Term Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023

Monday 20 February 2023 - Friday 31 March 2023

#### **Summer term**

Tuesday 18 April 2023 - Friday 26 May 2023

Half Term Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 5 June 2023 - Friday 21 July 2023

### Dates For Your Diary

#### **Tower Bridge**

17th October - El Bigote Taco Truck in playground 3.30

18th October - International Week Performance - 3.30pm

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

#### **Robert Browning**

17th-21st October - International Week

19th October - International Week Performance- 3:15pm

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

#### **Snowsfields**

17th-21st October - International Week

Wednesday 19th October - Uniform Swap Shop 8:45-9:15am

Thursday 20th October - International Week Performance at 3:30pm

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

#### **Friars**

17th-21st October - International Week

Friday 21st October - International Week Performance at 3:30pm

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

### **SCHOLARPACK APP**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 we will only be using the App to communicate with parents, we will no longer be sending texts. When you set this up or update your phone, you will need to contact the school office for a new access code.



# Tower Bridge Primary School

## INTERNATIONAL

On Monday, the El Bigote food truck will be selling delicious Mexican food in the playground after school as part of our International Week celebrations!



### Chicken Pibil

Breast chicken marinated in achiote (delicious Mexican spice and herbs)

Burrito £9

Large quesadilla £9

Taco £3

### Beef Carnitas

Slow cooked beef

Burrito £9

Large quesadilla £9

Taco £3

Vegetable Fajitas £9

Quesadilla with meat  
Chicken or beef £4

Small quesadilla £2

Soft drinks £2



A polite reminder  
- children should wear their school jumpers and dark bottoms for PE days.



# WOW 30!



This week Jim celebrated 30 years working at Tower Bridge Primary School. In 1992, he beat over 200 applicants to get the job. Thank you Jim for everything!



Thank you Magic Breakfast who have donated books to the school. The children were delighted to receive copies this week!



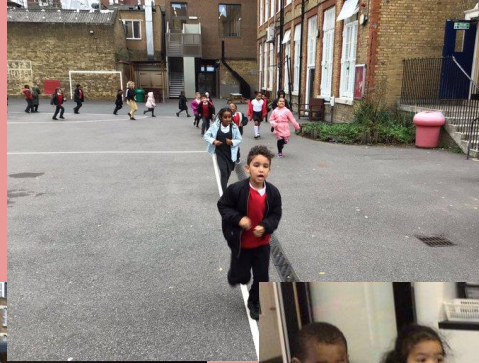
We have been tinkering and finding out for ourselves in our learning with some Science workshops and investigative work. Remember to follow our class twitter pages to see all the fun learning we do each week!





## MORE MINI MARATHON RUNNERS!

Children from across the school participated in the mini marathon in school last week- well done everyone for showing resilience.



## REMINDER!

Please make sure that your child reads regularly at home. Don't forget to sign their reading journal so that they are entered into the weekly reading raffle! Each week two children get to choose a book to keep as a prize.



We love to see all your home learning!



Make sure you bring in your home learning to show your teachers next week!

We are looking forward to welcoming all our families to school at 3.15pm on Wednesday- to celebrate International Week!

Blue Class are enjoying their fortnightly trips to the library







# Snowsfields Primary School



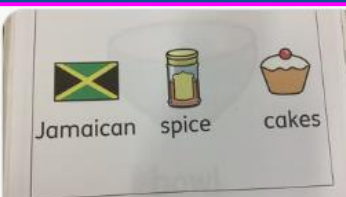
## Reading Buddies

Every week we meet our partner classes and reading buddies to share books together. Here are @SNSPurple6 with @SNSYellow\_3, and @SNSBlue5 with @SNSOrange2



## Life Skills

During life skills sessions, Rainbow class regularly bake or cook. Linked to International Week, they baked Jamaican spice cakes this week.



## Southwark News

Our Young Marketeers starred in Southwark News, showing that we were one of six Southwark schools who sold produce at Borough Market, grown at our schools, raising money for the Felix project. They will be able to provide 3144 meals to people in need from the money raised by the schools involved.



## Snowsfields Harvest Stall

On Friday 21st October at 3:30pm in the playground. We will be selling organic herbs, chutney and other produce from the garden which our children have prepared themselves. Please bring along some change to support us. All proceeds go to improving our garden, which is an important learning resource and fun space to explore.

Uniform Swap Shop  
Wednesday 19th October 8:45-9:15 am in the playground

## International Week Whole School Performance

Parents please join us on Thursday 20th October at 3:30pm in the playground.

Pop Up Book Hut  
Remember you can choose to bring back the book you took home and swap it for a different book from the book hut in the office, it works just like a library.





# Friars Primary School



This week, parents from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 attended some phonics workshops. They were shown how this approach helps the children develop their reading and writing skills. They were also given some ideas on how to support their children at home. Speed sound cards are available to purchase from the school office should parents wish to do so.



Here are some of the amazing half term homework projects children have brought into school this week. We were really impressed with the quality of the models they have produced and would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their support!



In our reception class, we have been practising our counting skills using a range of objects and toys.





R - Respect for All



Reading Raffle Winners



Our Value this week is: Independence



Reading Raffle Winners



S - Striving to improve!



Reading Raffle Winners!



Our value this week is resilience.





	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	9	11	150
Year 2	7 ½	20	50
Year 3	2 ½	19	225
Year 4	3 ½	9	375
Year 5	5	3	575
Year 6	3	13	350

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 03/10/2022: 94.75%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y3**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y5**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 3/10/2022: 96%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y3**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y5**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	8	7	97.33%
Year 2	14	13	92.22%
Year 3	0	8	100%
Year 4	26	7	90%
Year 5	10	4	95.45%
Year 6	3	9	98.97%



	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	28	4	225
Year 2	40	8	50
Year 3	15	3	575
Year 4	33	5	200
Year 5	10	5	300
Year 6	4	2	525

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 03/10/2022: 90.75%**

**1st Place Attendance: Purple Y6**

**1st Place Punctuality: Purple Y6**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 3/10/2022: 93.08%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y 4 & Y6**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y5**

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	29	13	175
Year 2	17	9	0
Year 3	13	18	50
Year 4	11	14	75
Year 5	20	3	250
Year 6	11	10	225



A space for families to  
meet an artist and  
get drawing!

# FAMILY

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# STUDIO

Drop-in  
10.30–12.30pm  
1.30–3.30pm

Every first  
Sunday of  
the month

All Free!  
All Welcome!  
All Fun!

**DRAWING ROOM**

6<sup>th</sup> November with Lucie MacGregor -FREE

OKR Arts Club -765-775 Old Kent Road, London, SE15 1NZ





GET RID OF AND  
—DONATE—

# OPEN HOUSE

FREE CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD,  
TOYS & BOOKS

Come and choose what you need.  
All items are FREE

## WHEN?

**Starting Monday 17th October**

Open House - Coffee Morning at 10:00 - 11:30

No items will be available outside of  
these times or on other days

## WHERE?

St. Faith's Community Centre  
Red Post Hill, Dulwich  
London SE24 9JQ

**Train:** North Dulwich Station

**Bus:** 37 or P4





# Family Workshops for Children with SEND

**Sat 12 Nov 2022 || 10am - 12pm or 2 - 4pm**

Free

*Booking essential*

**BOOK FREE TICKETS**

## ADDRESS

Autograph  
Rivington Place  
London EC2A 3BA, UK

## TICKETS

Click on the link here to book and for further information:

[Free Family Workshops for Children with SEND](#)

Our family send workshops take place monthly. Would you like to know when future workshops are announced?

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING  
**PEGI 3**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another, it can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the 'just one more game' mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

## Meet Our Expert

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