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Newsletter 11th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending your child's parent teacher meeting this week, it was lovely to see you all in school. Thank you for all the kind comments we received. Please can you complete the online parent questionnaire which was emailed to you on Wednesday, we really value your feedback.

Don't forget Maths Cafes begin next week. It will be great to see as many of you as possible learn alongside your children in school.

NURSERY PARENTS

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 they are due to start in Reception class in September 2023. You must complete the online application process by midnight on Sunday 15th January 2023. **Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you require any support with this. Here is the link to the eadmissions website**

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

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

Maths Cafes starting at 9am in the Art Room

15th Nov - Year 1 17th Nov - Year 2 22nd Nov - Year 3
23rd Nov - Year 4 25th Nov - Year 5 24th Nov - Year 6

7th Dec - Lantern Parade - Blue Class and Choir (after school)

Robert Browning

Maths Cafes:

Y1: Tues 15th Nov, Y2: Weds 16th Nov
Y3: Thurs 17th Nov, Y4: Tues 22nd Nov,
Y5: Thurs 24th Nov, Y6: Weds 23rd Nov,

7th Dec - Lantern Parade - Blue Class and Choir (after school)

Snowsfields

Maths Cafes:

Year 1: 15th November, Year 3: 16th November
Year 2: 17th November, Year 5: 23rd November
Year 6: 24th November and Year 4: 25th November

7th December - Lantern Parade - Blue class and The Choir (after school)

9th December - Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Concert
12th December - Nursery and Reception Concert

Friars

14th - 18th November - KS1 Maths Cafes
Year 1 Wednesday 16th
Year 2 Thursday 17th
21st - 25th November - KS2 Maths Cafes

SCHOLARPACK APP

From 1st 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



Children in Purple and Blue classes were invited by Guy's Hospital Chaplain, Rev. Jim Craig to attend the Annual Remembrance Ceremony today while other classes made poppies for our school display.



This week on

TWITTER

Our Twitter pages are full of information about children's learning! Request to follow and find out more about exciting lessons, Tower Bridge archives and trips!

TBBlueClass

@TBBlueClassY5 Follows you

Trip to South London Gallery



Tower Bridge Primary
@tbprimary

TB Green class

@TBGreenClassY4 Follows you



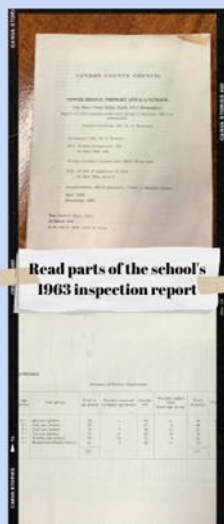
Cricket Coaching

TBCaterpillar

@CaterpillarTb Follows you



Rocket making using



Read parts of the school's 1963 inspection report

tbrectw@towerbridge.southwark.sch.uk

@Butterfly_TB Follows you



Reading our books

Maths Cafes:

Come and join your child for a fun maths session from 9-9.30am

Y1: Tues 15th Nov,

Y2: Weds 16th Nov

Y3: Thurs 17th Nov,

Y4: Tues 22nd Nov,

Y5: Thurs 24th Nov,

Y6: Weds 23rd Nov,



The children in Butterfly class made Diva lamps. They discussed how to stay safe during fireworks displays and when using sparklers.



Red Class made bird feeders as they found out more about the seasons in Science.



Orange Class have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot as part of their history learning this term.

We have had great fun this week with the opening of our brand new soft play room! Our soft-play room has a ball pit, a mini trampoline and plenty of places to climb, build and explore.





Snowsfields Primary School



Maths Cafes

Parents you are invited to take part in fun maths cafes with your child. These will take place in school from 9-9:30am on the dates shown below:

Year 1 - 15th November

Year 2 - 17th November

Year 3 - 16th November

Year 4 - 25th November

Year 5 - 23rd November

Year 6 - 24th November

Pop-Up Book Hut

On Friday 18th November, the Pop-Up Book Hut will be open for everyone to select their second book to keep, to add to their collection of books at home.



Purple class have been investigating:
How does light travel?
How do we see things?

We earned a certificate this week in Nursery!



Green class have been using their summarising skills to create animations of Weslandia using stop motion animation.



Caterpillar class have been learning about Remembrance Day. They made a poppy wreath for the older children to take to the special service taking place on Friday at Guy's War Memorial.

Free Event

The company UNBOXED have a wonderful free event, called About Us, at the Tower of London from the 16th - 19th November.

About Us uses cutting-edge projection mapping, animation, music, poetry and live performances to celebrate our place in the universe and the connections between us all. They hope to inspire people to look at STEM subjects in collaboration with the Arts.

More information can be found here:

<https://unboxed2022.uk/about-us>





Friars Primary School



This half term, the year 4 and 5 classes are taking part in a project with the Unicorn Theatre. They had an amazing time this week learning different drama techniques.



We would like to invite the Year 1 and 2 parents to the Maths Cafe sessions. Year 1 Wednesday 16th
Year 2 Thursday 17th.



In Year 1, we have been learning about Remembrance day and made our own poppies.



Choose a book to take home!

We have some books in need of new homes. Please browse through the book trolleys which will be out at the end of the school days next week.



Farewell to Mrs Rahman

Jaheda has been part of the school family for over 22 years! In her role as a teaching assistant, she has diligently supported many Friars generations. We would like to thank Jaheda for her dedication, hard work and commitment and wish her all the best for the future. We cannot wait to hear about the amazing educational project she has started in India! We will miss her so much!

Preloved Uniform Swap Shop

In order to help tackle the rapidly growing global environmental challenges for a sustainable future and reduce our carbon foot print, we have set up a preloved uniform stand. We are inviting all parents to embrace this recycling and reusing initiative. By extending the life of clothing by just nine months, we help reduce carbon and water usage by up to 10%. Our preloved uniforms stand will be available all week next week.



I - Independent Learners Shine



Reading Raffle Winners



Our Value this week is:
Resilience

Reading Raffle Winners



E - Empowering everyone!



Reading Raffle Winners!



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Reading Raffle Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	7	13	175
Year 2	11 ½	19	50
Year 3	3	16	425
Year 4	10 ½	10	650
Year 5	½	7	975
Year 6	6	11	650

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 31/10/2022: 94%

**1st Place Attendance: Y6
1st Place Punctuality: Y5**



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 31/10/2022: 94.8%

**1st Place Attendance: Y2
1st Place Punctuality: Y1**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	7	4	97.67%
Year 2	2	11	98.89%
Year 3	15	15	94.64%
Year 4	8	8	97.04%
Year 5	12	6	94.55%
Year 6	19	5	93.67%

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	29	0	425
Year 2	28	5	125
Year 3	9	2	850
Year 4	14	7	400
Year 5	13	2	450
Year 6	19	5	775



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 31/10/2022: 92.28%

**1st Place Attendance: Y3
1st Place Punctuality: Y1**



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 31/10/2022: 90.62%

**1st Place Attendance: Y5
1st Place Punctuality: Y6**

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	25	12	175
Year 2	14	9	100
Year 3	39	11	50
Year 4	14	15	125
Year 5	8	10	400
Year 6	36	4	375



Southwark Council is here to help you during the cost of living crisis. Our [new cost of living webpages detail lots of support and help](#) available now.

[Find out what support you might be eligible for and where to get help.](#)

Check what money you're entitled to

About 30,000 low-income Southwark households got support in August and September 2022 from our £5m Cost of Living Fund. We will announce more support through our Cost of Living Fund soon.

1. Check if you could get a Council Tax reduction

You could get Council Tax reduction if you're on a low income or claim benefits. Your bill could be reduced by up to 100%, depending on your circumstances.

>> [See if you're eligible for a Council Tax reduction](#)

2. Check what benefits you're entitled to

Answer a few quick questions about your personal circumstances and check you're getting all the benefits and other financial support you're eligible for.

>> [Check you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to](#)

If you're housebound or have a vulnerable person in your home, [we can check you are getting all the welfare benefits you can](#) and help you make a claim.

3. Get help in an emergency or crisis

We run an emergency support scheme if you're facing a crisis, and a hardship fund if you're in debt with bills. There is also support available from local charities.

>> [See what support is available if you need help urgently](#)

[Get more help to find out what money you're entitled to](#)

Help with energy bills

More than 100,000 eligible Southwark residents have now received their £150 Council Tax rebate to help with energy bills. More help is detailed below.

1. Which home appliances waste the most energy?

The Energy Saving Trust has information about which appliances in your home use the most electricity and tips on how to use them as efficiently as possible.

>> [Check which home appliances use the most energy](#)

2. Get a home improvement grant to help reduce your winter fuel bills

You could get a grant of up to £25,000 to improve your home and save money on your energy bills, through the Mayor of London's Warmer Homes scheme.

>> [See if you're eligible for a home improvement grant](#)

3. Get energy saving advice and free gadgets

If you are vulnerable or on a low income, Groundwork's Green Doctors can help you make energy-saving improvements in your home. You can get advice on the phone, or they visit your property. They may even give you some free energy-saving gadgets!

>> [Register for your free energy-saving consultation](#)

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB



“The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension. We would love for this valuable service to continue.”

OPEN TO SEND PUPILS IN SOUTHWARK



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SPORTS NETWORK

WWW.LPESSN.ORG.UK



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“The Network and Saturday Sports Club at Bacon's College has offered myself and family much-needed respite. Glyn, George and the team are very understanding and aware of my son's SEN needs: autism and ADHD.”

The Saturday sports club runs through the year at Bacons College. The club caters for SEND students of all disabilities between the ages of 5 -18 years old. Each session lasts for 60 minutes.

There is a highly skilled and motivated team of 14 working at the club ranging from teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, and special needs specialists.

As well as improving fitness levels and health and wellbeing the club works on social skills such as listening skills, waiting, sharing, teamwork, individual work and focus.

Sports and activities change weekly - trampolining, nature trail and the gym for the older clients, volleyball, football, basketball, multi skills, tennis, cricket, badminton, boccia, new age curling, dance, parachute games, athletics, capoeira, etc.

The club currently run in 4 different sessions. Times are as follows:

Session 1: 10:30 - 11:30

Session 2: 11:30 - 12:30

Session 3: 12:30 - 13:30

Session 4: 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Bacons College, Timber Pond Road, Rotherhithe, London SE16 6AT

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Please contact either Glyn Davies or George Richards via emails below.

Glyn Davies
(glyn@lpessn.org.uk)

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(george@lpessn.org.uk)

You can also contact the network on **0207 237 1928 Ext: 4086**. Follow us across social media and our website to keep up to date with all the latest network news.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5767 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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