

Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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Newsletter 27th January 2023

Dear Parents,

We loved the class assemblies again this week and we are counting down the days until the assemblies next week!

We will be fundraising for the NSPCC which is the charity chosen by School Council on Wednesday 8th February.

The children will take part in NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies and activities during the day. Please find more information about the Speak out, Stay safe programme here:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

At Snowsfields and Robert Browning the School Council would like the children in each class to wear an item of clothing or accessory in their class colour e.g. Red class wears something red and donate £1 to the NSPCC. Nursery and Reception and Rainbow classes can wear lots of different colours!

At Tower Bridge the School Council would like all the children to wear green and donate £1 to the NSPCC. Thank you for all your support with this fundraiser.

You should have received an email this week with a link to complete a google form for a parent and pupil review meeting time slot. Thank you, many parents have completed the form, if you haven't please can you complete the form this weekend or if need assistance please speak to your school office.

We hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday at 8:45am.

Reminder:

Please see the information on page 2 of the newsletter for important information regarding the Strike Action being taken on Wednesday 1st February.

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

1st February - School Closed due to Strike Action
3rd February - Year 4 Green Class Assembly (Friday)
7th February- Safer Internet Day
8th February - NSPCC Day
1st March- Parent and Pupil Review meetings
10th March - Year 2 Class Assembly (Friday)
16th March - Year 1 Class Assembly (Thursday)
23rd March - Reception Class Assembly (Thursday)

Robert Browning

1st February- School Closed- **STRIKE**
2nd February- Year 4 Class Assembly
7th February- 'Safety' Day including Safer Internet Day
8th February - NSPCC Day
1st March- Parent and Pupil Review meetings

Snowsfields

1st February- School Closed- Due to **STRIKE** Action
2nd February - Year 4/ Green class assembly - 2:55pm
7th February - Safer Internet Day
8th February - NSPCC Day
1st March - Parent & Pupil Review meetings
8th March - Year 2/ Orange class assembly
17th March - Year 1/ Red class assembly
22nd March - Reception/ Butterfly class assembly

Term Dates - 2022 - 2023

Spring term

Wednesday 4 January - Friday 10 February 2023
Half Term Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February 2023

Monday 20 February – Friday 31 March 2023

Summer term

Tuesday 18 April - Friday 26 May 2023
Half Term Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2023
Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July 2023

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

Strike Information

Dear Parents,

Notification of closure on Wednesday 1st February 2023

We have been informed by the NEU Trade Union of its proposal to take strike action both nationally and regionally over a number of days. The first day of strike action by NEU teacher members is planned to take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023. The NEU is in dispute with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to their failure to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay

Why have teachers voted to strike?

The cost of living crisis

According to the NEU, members have reported struggling with the cost of living crisis, childcare costs, energy costs and mortgage payments. They explain that, although the government offered a 5% pay increase to teachers, due to increasing levels of inflation, the reality is that the 5% increase is a 7% pay cut.

Teachers leaving the classroom

According to the NEU, 'One in eight teachers leaves the profession after just a year in the classroom – one in three within five'. They state that their polls show that parents support teachers taking action to 'protect education standards' because of the harm caused by teacher shortages.

When will teachers be striking?

Strike action [will take place on:](#)

- Wednesday 1st February (schools in both England and Wales)
- Thursday 2nd March (schools in London, South East and South West)
- Wednesday 15th March (schools in both England and Wales)
- Thursday 16th March (schools in both England and Wales)

How will this affect Snowfields, Tower Bridge and Robert Browning Schools?

As Executive Headteacher, I have assessed the impact of the strike action on our schools and after careful consideration have decided that all 3 schools will have to close to pupils on Wednesday 1st February. Due to the numbers of staff involved, there will be serious operational difficulties which could impact the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff.

You will receive a message via the ScholarPack App on Monday with information on how we will be providing for lunch on this day at your school.

Please log onto Google Classroom where children can complete a range of homework projects and also access Mathletics, Reading Eggs, and Times Table Rockstars.

Our sincere apologies for the difficulties that these arrangements will cause parents/carers.

If our situation changes and we are able to remain open we will inform you as soon as possible.

The school will open as normal on **Thursday 2nd February 2023.**

We will keep you informed about the other planned dates when we have more information.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child's school.



Chewing Gum

A polite reminder that chewing gum is not permitted in the school - please ensure that you do not let children bring it in. Thank you for your support.

CLASS ASSEMBLY NEWS



Green Class - Year 4 - Assembly - **3rd February**
Assemblies start promptly at **3pm**, please arrive at school by **2.55pm** to ensure that you do not miss out!

They are an opportunity for each class to showcase some of their learning. We hope you enjoy them!



Thank you Blue Class for your amazing assembly last Friday. We were treated to humorous history with so many facts from Year 4 as well as the Year 5 knowledge! Two fantastic songs, which were choreographed so well and an e-safety rap!

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch. Parents, the children have not performed like this for 3 years, the last time they did so, they were in Year 1! Thank you for all your support!



Follow your child's class twitter account today!

It has been another busy week at school of active learning! As you can see from the Class Twitter accounts, we have been artists; engineers; historians; gymnasts and University students this week! The staff work hard to ensure that the children have fun and engaging lessons and experiences to make their learning memorable!



Caterpillar Class
@CaterpillarTb

Butterfly Class
@Butterfly_TB

Red Class
@TBRedClass

Orange Class
@TBOrangeClassY2

Yellow Class
@TBYellowClassY3

Green Class
@TBGreenClassY4

Blue Class
@TBBlueClassY5

Purple Class
@TBPurpleClassY6

tbrectw@towerbridge.southwark.sch.uk @Butterfly_TB · Jan 20
We are very pleased with (not quite one) Hundred Decker Bus.



Year 1 will be having a superhero day on 10th February.
The children can come in dressed as their favourite superhero!

Jewellery

A reminder that children should not wear jewellery to school- this includes necklaces and hoop earrings. Children cannot take part in the full curriculum when they are wearing these items, for their own safety.

Yellow Class had a great time at the Athletics Competition- but they were very tired afterwards!



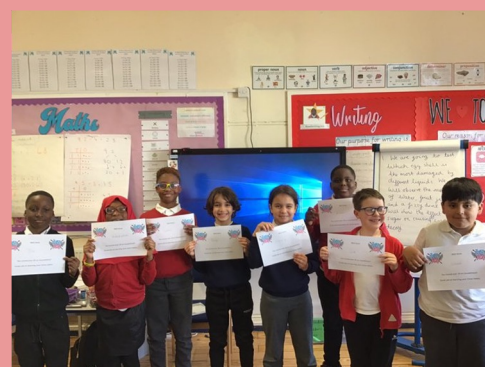
Red Class have been creating some fantastic art inspired by Yayoi Kusama



Butterfly Class have been learning about the Lunar New Year!



Well done to the Year 4 children working hard on their times tables and improving their soundcheck scores!

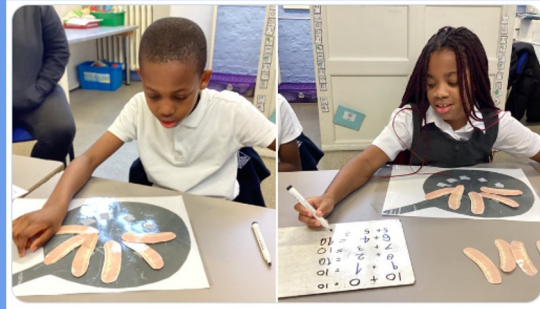




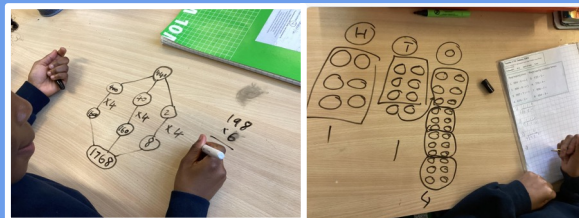
Snowsfields Primary School



Caterpillar class worked really hard in maths this week, creating number patterns using unifix cubes. They looked at different ways of making numbers with their hands, blocks and numicon.



Rainbow class have been using **concrete** resources to find different ways to make 10. They recorded their findings on white boards.



Green class learnt how to divide and multiply numbers using **concrete** resources then they used **pictorial** representations which you can see here before moving to the **abstract** approach.



Orange class learnt how to add equal groups. They used the **concrete**, **pictorial** and **abstract** approach.



Purple class used cubes (**concrete** resources) to represent algebraic expressions. Children practised the use of letters to record the expressions.

Blue class presented an incredible assembly retelling the story on the Titanic's maiden (and sadly her final) voyage. The children spoke clearly, acted, sang and delighted their audience! Thank you to the children, year 5 team and parents.



CHANGE OF GATE

We have decided that from **Monday 30th January**, all children will now use the pedestrian gate next to the football pitch at the beginning and end of the school day. If children arrive after 9am then they will need to be brought to the pedestrian gate on Kirby Grove. Thank you for your support with this change.

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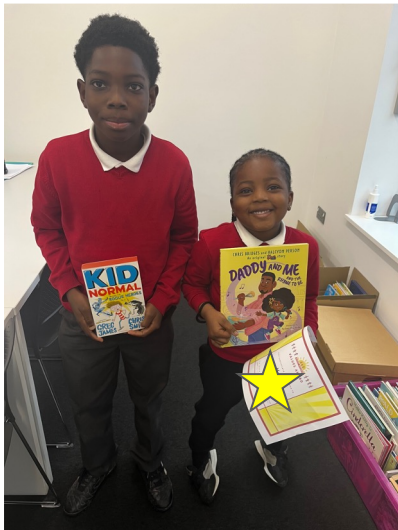
To ensure the safety of our school community, we strongly advise parents and carers with cars to find a safe place to park away from the school gates. We also expect them to be vigilant at all times ensuring that no parents or children are crossing the road before moving their car off.



R - Resilience and responsibility encouraged



Reading Raffle Winner



Our Value this week is: resilience

Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle Winners

S - Striving to Improve!

Times Tables Rock Stars!





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	3	14	175
Year 2	7.5	14	50
Year 3	6	9	175
Year 4	6.5	8	125
Year 5	1	7	550
Year 6	3	7	400

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 16/1/2023: 95.2%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 16/1/2023: 94.23%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	25	2	91.67%
Year 2	10	12	94.74%
Year 3	2	4	99.31%
Year 4	15	8	94.23%
Year 5	6	4	97.27%
Year 6	32	8	89.33%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	20	1	250
Year 2	8	8	25
Year 3	5	10	200
Year 4	10	10	75
Year 5	2	2	275
Year 6	9	6	200

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 16/1/2023: 96.28%

**1st Place Attendance: Y5
1st Place Punctuality: Y1**



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STEM, Coding & Robotics

Camberwell Library

Starting 26th January 2023

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For ages 7 to 18 years old

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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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THE PEAS AND SCHOOL
SPORTS NETWORK

"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.

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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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Chattertime!



A play session for children under 5 years with the Speech & Language Therapist.
Join us for playing, singing, rhymes, stories, support and advice.

All sessions are run TERM TIME ONLY

Victory Children and Family Centre SE17 1PT Monday 10.00-11:30 Contact 0207 740 8070	Albrighton Children's Centre SE22 8AH Wednesdays 13:00-14.15 Contact 0207 525 2017	Leyton's Square SE15 6TP Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am Contact 0207 252 8265	Ellen Brown Play Centre SE1 3EU Wednesdays 13:30-15:00 Contact 0203 049 6003	Rye Oak Children's Centre SE15 3PD Thursdays 9.30-11:00 Contact 0203 848 5780
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Spring 2023



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E-mail: gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net

Website: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage



Chattertime



A weekly **online session** for parents and children aged from **15 months - 4 years** who are registered with a **Lambeth or Southwark GP**

Run by a qualified Speech and Language Therapist

During the session we will share advice and support on the development of early speech and language skills.

The session includes singing, stories, support and advice

Mondays
10:30 –11:00 am



To book a place please register with your local Lambeth children's centre or email gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net
You will then be sent a link for the session.
You must provide your child's full name, date of birth, GP and postcode.



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SOUTHWARK 2030

Southwark 2030 is your chance to help shape the future of our borough. We want to bring people together, from all parts of our community, to talk about and help decide the place we all want Southwark to be by 2030. There are lots of ways to get involved in Southwark 2030. Please join in!

What are the [Southwark 2030 Conversations](#)?

We know Southwark is a borough of strength, resilience, and ambition. We have shown that when we work together as people, communities and organisations we can face big challenges and do great things in our borough so that's why we want to hear from you!

We are running a series of in depth Conversations where, over the course of half a day, we want to hear your hopes for what you want Southwark to look, feel and be like in 2030. For example, what would you like your local neighbourhood to look like and how would you like to be involved in your community? We want to understand what you think we all need to do to achieve these ambitions and hear your ideas about how we can do that.

The sessions will be fun, creative and refreshments will be provided. If you are selected to attend you will also receive a £20 voucher to thank you for your time.

Please note that places for the Conversations are limited to 50 people per event so whilst we hope to allocate you a space this may not be possible. The Southwark 2030 team will be in touch via email to confirm if you have been allocated a space.

Click below for more information on the Southwark 2030 website.



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12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, 1Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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