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Newsletter 24th March 2023

Dear Parents,

We are so proud of our Reception children who performed so confidently to their families and the whole school. Thank you parents for supporting your amazing children.

We are looking forward to our final class assembly of the term from our Red classes next week.

Please find on pages 7, 8 & 10 of the newsletter information from the London Wildlife Trust on Easter Holiday Family Fun Activities:

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

Also from Southwark about their Easter of Food and Fun offer:

[Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun](#)

Southwark presents has more events on offer here:

[Family Easter holidays - Southwark Council](#)

As does Activities4U who are running a multi-skills and arts camp during the Easter break:

[Booking – Activities 4 U](#)

A reminder that children should not be riding their bikes or scooters in the playground at the beginning or the end of the day. Thank you.

It's the last week of the half term for children on target to earn a green wristband for a 100% attendance and punctuality for spring two. Keep going you are nearly there!

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday, the gates open at 8:45am.

Healthy Start and Rose Vouchers

Please see page 9 of the newsletter for more information regarding vouchers that can be applied for if you are pregnant or have a child under 5 until August 2023. Please find the links here:

[How to apply for the Healthy Start Scheme](#)

<https://www.1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers>

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

30th March - Year 1 Class Assembly (Thursday) - Date Change

31st March - Break Up (1pm)

18th April - Back to school

Robert Browning

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18th April - Back to school

Snowfields

29th March Year 1/ Red class assembly 2:55pm

31st March - Break Up at 1pm

18th April - Back to school

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

Term Dates for 2023-2024 are now on the school website

<https://thebridgesfederation.org.uk/home/term-dates/>

Term time holidays will not be authorised.



Easter Egg Events

We are planning to hold Easter Egg events for the children within our schools during the last week of the spring term. If you are able to donate an Easter Egg to support with this event, please can you hand these into the school office. Thank you.



EGG RAFFLE



Next week we will be continuing to sell raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn on Friday 31st March in our end of term assembly. Tickets cost £1 a strip.

Well done to Butterfly Class who showcased their learning in an assembly to parents on Thursday.



RED CLASS

Year 1 will be holding their **Superhero Day** on **Thursday 30th March**. Parents you are invited to their assembly on the same day, please arrive from **2.45pm** as the assembly will begin at **3pm**.

Blue Class have been working so hard on their writing, based on The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd.

tbrectw@towerbridge.southwark.sch.... @Butterfly... · Mar 21 ...
We have been busy rehearsing our class assembly and can't wait to perform it for our grown ups on Thursday afternoon!



TBBlueClass @TBBlueClassY5 · 18h
We are busy planning endings to our stories in English today @tbprimary



Green Class used their Science knowledge to discuss a philosophical question this week to support their Science learning. Such great thinkers and interesting contributions!

TB Green class @TBGreenClassY4 · Mar 21
Our Science lesson started today with some P4C. @SAPERE_P4C @tbprimary



Yellow Class have been rehearsing for a Dance showcase which we hosted this morning!

TBYellowClass @TBYellowClassY3 · Mar 17
We are practicing our strong start and finish positions, which we call the capital letters and full stops in dance!



TBPurpleClass @TBPurpleClassY6 · 15h
Excellent clay sculpture work this afternoon year 6! Laura and Kate were so impressed with your skills and attitude @tbprimary



This week Year 6 have been completing their sculptures, based on the work of Alberto Giacometti.



TBPurpleClass @TBPurpleClassY6 · 15h
Check this out! @tbprimary



Thank you Butterfly Class for your wonderful assembly!



Spring Fundraiser!
On Wednesday 29th March we will be holding an Spring and Easter fundraiser after school.

We would be grateful if you are able to donate any Easter Eggs or sweets for the lucky dip. Please drop them to the school office. Don't forget your pocket money on the day!

Thank you!



Year 2 had a visit from Sandra, a member of the London Fire Brigade. She spoke about fire safety and the role of the fire brigade.



Year 1 had a great afternoon visiting Old Kent Road Fire station. They got to sit in the fire engine and spray the hose. They learnt all about the equipment used to save lives. The fire engine even had to rush off for an emergency while they were there.



Coming Soon...

Don't forget we have Class Assemblies coming up. These will take place in the school hall. Please arrive by 2.55pm, so that the assembly can start at 3pm.

Thursday 30th March - Year 1

We look forward to welcoming you!



Snowsfields Primary School

Caterpillar class watched a video of a male ballet dancer and a women's football match. Afterwards they talked about what they want to be and how they can be anything they want to.

P4C Philosophy for Children



For International Women Day, **Purple class** discussed gender equality and asked 'if we say women can do everything now, are we just creating another stereotype?'

Blue class asked the question: 'What stops us from acting at our best?' They identified that strong emotions play a part amongst other reasons!



Red class asked the question: 'What if you could hear everyone's thoughts?' They said if they thought it would be good or bad and the reason why. What do you think?



Butterfly Class' Assembly

Butterfly class your assembly was just wonderful, your loud voices and confidence was inspirational. Thank you to the Butterfly team and to our wonderful parents who came and supported.



Purple class explored evolution and inheritance at the Natural History Museum.



Bowling was fun, fun and more fun on Monday, the children put in their maximum effort and bowled strikes and half strikes!

Congratulations on winning a PJ Masks writing competition.

Red class visited Dockhead Fire Station on Friday, they had a fantastic time learning about the job of some everyday heroes.





W - Welcoming Everyone



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle Winners

Our Value this week is:
resilience



Reading Raffle Winners

N - Nurturing

Times Tables Rock Stars!





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	3	9	450
Year 2	1	13	200
Year 3	5	8	450
Year 4	6.5	6	550
Year 5	5.5	2	1200
Year 6	4	10	975

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 13/3/2023: 94%

1st Place Attendance: Y2

1st Place Punctuality: Y5



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 13/3/2023: 95.4%

1st Place Attendance: Y4

1st Place Punctuality: Y3 and Y5

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	16	4	91.11%
Year 2	4	10	96.67%
Year 3	11	3	93.89%
Year 4	3	6	98.21%
Year 5	5	3	96.67%
Year 6	6	5	96.67%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	11	0	775
Year 2	30	1	275
Year 3	40	1	500
Year 4	4	4	325
Year 5	16	0	1025
Year 6	2	2	825

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 13/3/2023: 89.41%

1st Place Attendance: Y6

1st Place Punctuality: Y1 & Y5

Easter Holiday Family Activities

at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening

28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

*Have fun on these on one of these courses for dads, mums and children of any age with the London Wildlife Trust. **Southwark residents only.** Free but booking essential. www.wildlondon.org.uk/events*

Beautiful Birds

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April

10am till 3pm

Come for a day or stay for both days, a fun two day course discovering our garden birds. Learn how to recognise birds by sight and song through fun activities and games. Take part in the nest challenge and find out about birds nests and their eggs.

Fantastic Minibeasts and Where to Find Them

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th April

10am till 3pm

Come for a day or stay for both days, a fun two day course discovering minibeasts. Finding, sorting, games, activities, crafts. For all the family.

To find out more and for booking visit
www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or contact
Diana dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk
07740717930 for any queries.



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Activity programme for
children and young people

3 April to 6 April 2023

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

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for Education

Please click on the link here to find out more information:
[Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

Healthy eating

Help for families to buy healthy food



Get help to buy healthy food and milk (Healthy Start scheme)

[Healthy Start is a national scheme.](#) It provides money for healthy food and milk to pregnant women and families with children under four who get certain benefits. If you claimed it from pregnancy to your child's fourth birthday, you could get over £1,000 per child to cover the cost of healthy food and milk.

Our aim is to get 85% of residents who are eligible to apply for Healthy Start

Find out if you're eligible for the healthy food and milk scheme

If you're 18 years or older, you may be eligible if you:

- are pregnant
- have children under four years old and you get certain benefits
- get Rose Vouchers

[How to apply for the Healthy Start Scheme](#)

Fruit and vegetable vouchers for people in SE1, SE5, SE15 and SE17 (Rose Vouchers)

Rose Vouchers are available for residents living in SE1, SE5, SE15 and SE17. Find [free vouchers to use on fruit and vegetables](#) at local markets such as:

- [East Street Market in SE17](#)
- some stalls in Peckham

<https://www.1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers>



APRIL CAMP

ACTIVITIES 4U

MULTI SPORTS & ARTS CAMP

11AM-3PM

**FREE FOR THOSE IN RECEIPT OF
FREE SCHOOL MEALS, LUNCH INCLUDED!
OR £23 PER DAY/ £85 FOR 4 DAYS**

**SOUTHBANK UNIVERSITY ACADEMY
TRAFALGAR STREET
SE17 2TP**

**AGE:
7-16YRS**

3RD-6TH APRIL



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Home Fire Safety Checker/Home Fire Safety Visits

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The LFB want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer our on-line Home Fire Safety Checker/free Home Fire Safety Visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe. |

Home Fire Safety Checker

If you just want to check the fire safety of your home, our new Home Fire Safety Checker tool allows you to carry out a thorough check of your home in only a few minutes – so there's no need to wait for a visit. Go to:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety-checker>

What happens during a Home Fire Safety Visit?

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes; information on how to prevent fires, the importance of smoke alarms to detect a fire and your escape plan in the event of a fire.

A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required.

Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape for example, strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

Email: smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk

Text /SMS: 07960 021 819

Worried about a relative, friend or neighbour? Although everyone is eligible for a free home fire safety visit, some people with health problems or lifestyle behaviours can have an increased chance of a fire happening. To help you we have listed some of these examples below:

- **Increased risk factors can include:**
Anyone that smokes; overloaded electrical sockets or poor wiring; unsafe use of candles or naked flames; previous fires or near misses; cooking left unattended; hoarding of any kind or someone who lives alone.
- **They are less able to react because of:**
Mental health conditions such as dementia or learning difficulties; no smoke alarms are fitted or they don't work; alcohol dependency or drug misuse (prescribed or recreational); physical health issues including sensory impairments e.g. [hearing](#) or sight.
- **They have a reduced ability to escape:**
Mobility issues due to a physical disability; age-related problems or as a result of a long-term illness; escape routes are not kept clear or are blocked due to actions such as hoarding or conditions that affect decision making.

If you know anyone who has *any combination of these risk factors*, give them our details to arrange a free home fire safety visit or simply ask them if they would like you to book a visit for them.

Remember -This is not an exhaustive list, if you are unsure please contact us for extra advice.

Save

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

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SCISSORS

FAMILY



STUDIO

First Sunday of the month
5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July
Charlotte Sharman Primary School
West Square, SE11 4SN

Drop-in
10.30 – 3.00pm
All Free!
All Welcome!

Bus Routes 12, 33, 148, 344,
360, 455, C10
Stations: Elephant & Castle,
Woolwich or Lambeth North

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DRAWING ROOM

Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format, in case the service suffers a data breach. The strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ('FourBlueShoes', for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), 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 we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

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