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Newsletter 15th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for coming to our meet the teacher meetings on Wednesday, it was lovely to welcome so many of you into our schools. Please support your child to choose the first homework project that they would like to complete. Children can complete as many of the homework projects as they would like to!

Your children will also have been given copies on their logins to the online platforms that their year group accesses. These include: google classroom, reading eggs, mathletics and purple mash.

We hold a weekly reading raffle for children who read regularly at home (at least three times a week) and their parents sign their reading record book/ journal to say they have read together. Please support your child to read at home so that they can be entered into the reading raffle each week to win a new book for their home library.

We are very excited that children from year 6 and year 5 are embarking on the residential to Kingswood (group residential, adventures and outdoor activity centre) next week. We know they are going to have a brilliant time. Parents please follow your school and class twitter for the latest updates.

We understand that parents are occasionally late to collect their children. However some children are regularly collected after 3:30pm. Please be aware that we may charge a late collection fee of £25.00 if your child is collected after 3:30pm. Playshelster's new late collection charge is £25.00 per child.

Have a lovely sunny weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am.

School Attendance

Your child must attend school everyday that the school is open unless they are too ill to attend, or you have asked in advance and have been given permission by the school for your child to be absent for an exceptional circumstance. Here is the link to

[The Bridges Federation Attendance Policy](#)

2023 Vitality Westminster Mile

The world's most famous mile. The 2023 Vitality Westminster Mile will take place on Saturday 23 September and will be back on its iconic central London course. For more information see page 7 of this newsletter or follow the link [here](#).

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

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Term Dates for 2023-2024 are on the school website

[Term Dates – The Bridges Federation](#)

Term time holidays will not be authorised.

Other important dates for this year can also be found on the school website here:

[Diary – The Bridges Federation](#)

Local Offer from the Autism Support Team

Please see the links below for information about the Autism Support Team in Southwark [here](#).

Also training available for parents [here](#).



Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to children's classes to Meet the Teaching Teams this week. We appreciate all the support you give us and your children. If you were not able to attend, or if you have any other questions, please use the absence tab on the school app, or let the office know. You are also able to briefly speak to staff at the end of the day.



This week Yellow Class took part in Bikeability sessions. Bikeability is a cycle training programme that teaches children practical skills and gives them the understanding and expertise they need to ride their bikes on the road.

We saw Queen Elizabeth's crown. It is very interesting because the Queen herself was interesting.

Cumar

On Wednesday Orange Class visited The Tower Of London to learn more about London's history and The Great Fire of London.



When the fire started, people went to the Tower to stay safe.

Leo



I learned that the water of the River Thames saved the Tower by spraying on it so it didn't get wet.

Patience

TBCaterpillar @CaterpillarTb · Sep 13
We have enjoyed our first full week back in Nursery and have some new friends in our class. Our topic this term is "People who help us".



TBBlueClass @TBBlueClassY5 · Sep 11
Super teamwork this afternoon constructing a timeline of the key events in Britain from the end of Roman rule to the start of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings!



Thank you to all the parents who have sent requests to follow the class X (Twitter) accounts. Next week, let us know if you have not been accepted. We do take our time to ensure we are only allowing parents to follow these accounts, and sometimes we may not recognise the account names. Thank you for your patience.



Robert Browning Primary School



Twitter/ X



Please start following your child's new class on twitter, if you are not already, please also follow Robert Browning school - @PrimaryRobert,

Rainbow Class: @RB_Rainbow1

Caterpillar class (Nursery) - @RBCaterpillarNur, Butterfly class (Reception) - @RBButterflyR,

Red class (year 1) - @RBRedClassY1, Orange class (year 2) - @RBOrangeClass,

Yellow class (year 3) - @RBYellowClassY3, Green class (year 4) - @RBGreenClassY4,

Blue class (year 5) - @RBBlueClassY5, Purple class (year 6) - @RBPurpleClassY6

PE Days

Check out the timetable below for the PE days this term. Children should wear dark tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a plain white t-shirt and trainers on their PE days. They can wear their school sweatshirt on these days.

Rainbow Class	Friday
Nursery/ Caterpillar	Wednesday
Reception/ Butterfly	Thursday
Year 1/ Red Class	Monday and Thursday
Year 2/ Orange Class	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3/ Yellow Class	Monday and Thursday
Year 4/ Green Class	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5/ Blue Class	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6/ Purple Class	Friday

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are opening our Breakfast Club from 8am-8.45am from Monday 11th September. The cost is £2.00 per day. Additional siblings cost £1.00 per day. If you are interested please speak to Shanaz, Vincent or Laurie for more information

Meet the Teacher!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meetings on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, please arrange a time to chat with your child's teacher about the upcoming term.



We have been so pleased to see all the children hard at work in their new classes! Have a look at what they have been up to:





Snowsfields Primary School



Children are enjoying the flavoursome menu Harrison, our new catering company, has been serving. We are delight with the range of options the children have to choose from. Please ask your child about their lunchtime experience.



The children have started practising their running skills. This year, they are following a running plan that will enable them to confidently run a mile within 4 weeks.



Look at the children's amazing self-portraits!





Our school value this week is: O - Overcoming Challenges



Our Value this week is:
independence



S - Supporting Children
to Succeed



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	0	0	200
Year 2	3	2	50
Year 3	5	2	75
Year 4	6	1	50
Year 5	4 ½	0	100
Year 6	2 ½	1	100

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 04/09/2023: 95.01%

**1st Place Attendance: Year 1
1st Place Punctuality: Year 1 and Year 5**



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 4/9/2023: 93.6%

**1st Place Attendance: Y2
1st Place Punctuality: Y1 & Y3**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	12	2	91.55%
Year 2	7	4	96.24%
Year 3	6	2	95.65%
Year 4	10	5	94.79%
Year 5	22	3	87.78%
Year 6	8	3	95.40%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	15	0	75
Year 2	4	0	125
Year 3	11	1	50
Year 4	14	2	25
Year 5	9	1	75
Year 6	1	1	125

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 4/09/2023: 93.75%

**1st Place Attendance: Y6
1st Place Punctuality: Y1&Y2**



2023 Vitality Westminster Mile

Sat 23rd Sep 2023

London, UK



ENTER THE 2023 VITALITY WESTMINSTER MILE!

The Vitality Westminster Mile will return to central London on Saturday 23 September 2023 – and entries are now open! Whether you wish to walk, jog or run by yourself or as part of a group, everyone is welcome to take part in this family-friendly mile to make you smile.

FAMILY/GROUP ENTRY

- If you're planning to take part in the Vitality Westminster Mile as a family or with a group of friends, choose the Family/Group entry button on the [entry form](#) and fill out your details.

ADULT ENTRY

- If you'd like to enter the Vitality Westminster Mile as an individual, and you're 18 or over, simply choose the adult entry button near the bottom of the [entry form](#) and fill out your details.

2023 ENTRY FEES

- Adult (aged 18 and over): £10*
- Ages 11 to 17: £7*
- Under 11: free!



[Click here for the entry form](#)



STEM, Coding & Robotics

FREE
LIMITED
SPACES

Fun activities and projects to develop your child's STEM and coding skills, like building games, robots and websites.

Walworth Library - Tuesdays 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Peckham Library - Wednesdays 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Camberwell Library - Thursdays 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Autumn term: 19th September to 30th November 2023

For ages 7 to 18 years old

Visit our website or email us to find out more and book:



www.ignitehubs.org.uk



STEMHub@ignitehubs.org.uk

Interested in volunteering with us? We would love to hear from you.

UK Registered Charity 1186658

Email:
admin@parentskills2go.com

WHAT'S ON PARENTSKILLS2GO

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2023



MY CHILD & ME

A 6-week programme looking at supporting parents' understanding and prevention of Mental health and behaviour issues in young children. **(Creche will be provided)**
Lewington Community centre, 9 Eugenia Road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU
Date Tuesday 19th September - 7th November
10am-12:30am



FAMILY YOGA FOR MUMS

Supporting mums' wellbeing through gentle exercise and mindfulness **(Creche will be provided)**
Lewington Community centre, 9 Eugenia Road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU
Every Tuesday 10:30-11:30am



SEWINGSKILLS2GO

- Free sewing mending station (support on how to mend your clothes)
- 10 weeks dressmaking course for beginners and intermediate learners **(costs may apply)**

Lewington Community centre, 9 Eugenia Road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU
Fridays 10am-2:00pm
Starts Friday 15th September



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Multi sports, games and arts and crafts
Lewington Community Centre Rotherhithe
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays



'PARENT SPACE' COFFEE MORNING

A drop-in session for families with children who have special needs to get tips, advice, and support
Lewington Community Centre Rotherhithe
First Wednesday morning of every month
9:30-11:30am



P A R E N T S K I L L S 2 G O

WHAT'S ON PARENTSKILLS2GO

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2023



EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR LEVEL 3 1 YEAR PROGRAMME

Learners must be working in an early year setting or doing placement

Lewington Community centre, 9 Eugenia Road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

Start date 9th September



INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Understanding autism and how to support your children at home or early years setting)

Online
(Details provided on enrolment)

Thursday evenings
6-8pm
Starts 21st September



MONEY MATTERS FOR PARENTS -BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT

Looking at the impact of inflation on business, work, housing, and the cost of living, etc

Lewington Community centre, 9 Eugenia Road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

Thursday 19th October
10am-12pm



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROGRAMME

6 weeks intense online Bootcamp

14 weeks part time (3 days a week) face to face programme

Enrolment- Lewington Community centre, Rotherhithe

Enrolment 13th & 14th September
Course start date: 18th September



OCTOBER HALF TERM/BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES

Fun creative activities including poetry, music, etc.

Different hub sites

Monday 23rd – Saturday 28th October
10am-2pm

Winter and Christmas Activity
Father christmas and entertainment for families
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd December
Different hub sites

P A R E N T S K I L L S 2 G O

Parent Coffee Mornings

With Groundwork's Mental Health Support Team

We offer non-judgemental and
confidential support for
parents/carers of children with
anxiety and challenging behaviours

Drop in to ask questions about your
child's wellbeing and find out more
about the service

Dates:

Tuesday 12th September
Tuesday 10th October
Tuesday 7th November
Tuesday 5th December

From 9-10:30am
At Robert Browning Primary School

For more information email: MHST@groundwork.org.uk

ANYONE CAN PLAY RUGBY
BE A SOUTHWARK TIGER
GIRLS AND BOYS 4-17 YEARS OLD

TRIALS BEGIN FROM SUNDAY
AUGUST 6TH - 10AM START



For more info:
chris@southwarktigers.com
WE TRAIN AT BEST RUGBY FACILITIES
IN LONDON
BURGESS PARK SE5 0JB

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AGE GROUPS

- Under 6 (9-10am)
- Under 8 (10-11am)
- Under 10 (11-12pm)
- Under 11 (12-1pm)
- Under 12 (1-2pm)
- Under 14 (2-3pm)



REGISTER NOW!

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LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

FREE

Family Cycle Sessions for all abilities

1 July – 29 October
weekdays and weekends

Please visit www.joyriders.org.uk

Join our free after school sports sessions – from Tuesday to Thursday for ages 4-11.

From beach tennis to samba soccer, from touch rugby to cricket, there's something for everyone!

PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

All activities require pre-booking. To register please visit: www.bost.org.uk/afterschoolsports and follow the booking link.



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BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST

MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN

STARTING **SEPT 2023**

FREE WEEKLY SPORTS SESSIONS!
AT MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN



BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST

WEEKLY SPORTS SESSIONS

ALL ACTIVITIES FREE! | MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Please note, we're closed on Wednesday 13th & 27th September due to an all-day event.

BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST | **MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN**

	– MONDAY –	– TUESDAY –	– WEDNESDAY –	– THURSDAY –	– FRIDAY –
<p>BEACH</p>	<p>FREE PLAY MONDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>	<p>TOUCH RUGBY</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 6-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: LBSU</p>	<p>BEACH TENNIS</p> <p>3.45pm – 4.30pm (ages 4-8) 4.30pm – 5.15pm (ages 8-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: Decca Beach Tennis</p>	<p>BEACH VOLLEYBALL</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 4-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: Deep Dish</p>	<p>FREE PLAY FRIDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>
<p>NETBALL COURT</p>	<p>FREE PLAY MONDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>	<p>ROLLER-SKATING TO MUSIC</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 4-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: Enigma CIC</p>	<p>BOXING</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 7-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: Peckham B.S.C</p>	<p>STREET DANCE</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 4-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: USDD Kids</p>	<p>FREE PLAY FRIDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>
<p>FOOTBALL PITCH</p>	<p>FREE PLAY MONDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>	<p>WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.00pm (ages 4-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: LBSU</p>	<p>SAMBA SOCCER SCHOOL</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 4-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: Samba Soccer Schools</p>	<p>CRICKET</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 8-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: Surrey Cricket Foundation</p>	<p>FREE PLAY FRIDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>
<p>BALL COURT AREA</p>	<p>FREE PLAY MONDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>	<p>PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL!</p> <p>All activities require pre-booking. To register please visit: www.bost.org.uk/afterschoolsports and follow the booking link.</p>	<p>DODGEBALL</p> <p>3.45pm – 5.15pm (ages 4-11)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: LBSU</p>	<p>WALL BALL</p> <p>3.45pm – 4.30pm (ages 8-11) 4.30pm – 5.30pm (ages 11+)</p> <p>PROVIDED BY: UK Wall Ball</p>	<p>FREE PLAY FRIDAYS</p> <p>No pre-booking required</p>

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

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