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Newsletter 20th October 2023

Dear Parents,

As we celebrate International Week this week, we also think of the unrest in the Middle East and hope that a way forward in peace can be found.

The children looked wonderful this week wearing traditional outfits. We thought the weather was not on our side, however we were all able to perform to families outside! Please see your school and class X/twitter page to see some lovely videos and photos from International Week.

Well done and thank you if your child has 100% attendance and punctuality for this half term, they will receive a **red** wristband in certificate assembly after half term. This consistent approach gives the children a brilliant start to the school day.

Thank you to all parents for supporting your children to complete their homework projects. They look amazing! Check out your child's X/twitter page for some lovely homework project photos!

After the half term holiday we will be selling **poppies** and **poppy accessories** in the school office in support of **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**.

If you change your mobile phone, then you will need to contact the school office for a new access code for the **Scholarpack App**. The app will not work and you will not receive important messages sent from your school on the app on your new phone without this new code.

Please do check the school website for our current policies. In particular our privacy notices can be found here: [Policies and Privacy Notices](#)

Have a lovely restful half term break, we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October, gates open at 8:45am.

Parents of children in year 6

A reminder to parents of children in year 6 that you must log in to <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> to apply for a secondary school place the deadline for the application to be made is 31st October 2023. Please remember that you have the opportunity to choose 6 schools in your order of preference.

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Friday 20th October - Break Up for Half Term

Monday 30th October - Back to school

Wednesday 8th November - School Closed- Parent and Pupil Review meetings

13th - 24th November - Maths Cafes take place in class

Friday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS Winter Concert

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Monday 30th October - Back to school

Wednesday 8th November - School Closed- Parent and Pupil Review meetings

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am - EYFS Winter Concert

Snowfields

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Maths Cafes at 9am:

Red Class 14/11, Orange class 15/11, Rainbow class 17/11, Green class 21/11, Yellow class 22/11, Purple class 23/11 & Blue class 24/11.

Wednesday 13th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Show

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS Winter Concert

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](#)

Pupil Review Meetings

You should have received an email regarding the forthcoming **Pupil Review Meetings which are scheduled for 8th November**. Please get in touch with the school office if you haven't received this email.

Flu Vaccine

Please see page 7 of the newsletter for information regarding flu vaccine walk in clinics.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our school Breakfast Club is always open from 8am each day at a cost of £2 per child.

You do not need to book in advance.

Children can eat, play games and are taken to class at 8.45am.

Breakfast is served until 8.30am.

Children arriving after 8.30 are offered fruit and bagels.



YEAR 6 PARENTS: [e Admissions](#)

The deadline to complete your E-Admissions form is 31/10/23. **Please ensure you submit the form once you have entered the 6 preferred schools.** Late applications may result in your child not being offered a place in one of your 6 choices.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK



Thank you to all the parents who came to watch the children's International Week performance on Tuesday. All the children's traditional and carnival outfits looked spectacular, along with their masks.

All week, the children have been learning about the history of Carnival - check out the X accounts for more!



Bikeability were back in school this week working with Blue Class. The children have made so much progress in their cycle skills and confidence.



Our school STEM leaders (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) attended a STEM Ambassadors webinar last week to hear more about the skills needed to be an Architect.





Homework Projects!
Take a look at these fantastic Homework Projects- well done to everyone who completed a project this term. Take a look at twitter for more pictures!



Bowling Superstars!
Well done to the children who went bowling this week.



Look out for photos from **International Week** in our next newsletter!



Blue Class took a trip to the British Museum as part of their work on Anglo Saxons and Vikings.





Snowsfields Primary School



In Early Years, we made some fantastic carnival masks and learnt to dance the samba!



Look at some of Green Class' beautiful artwork- inspired by the work of artist Paul Dash. They had a lot of fun recreating their own street party Carnival scenes using pastels on sugar paper.

The theme for our International Week this year is Carnival! The idea was inspired by the work of Claudia Jones, the "mother of the Notting Hill Carnival".



We learnt and performed songs from the Caribbean, Ghana and France.



We have also been celebrating Black History this month; learning about significant contributions made by black people in Britain and around the world.

CARNIVAL

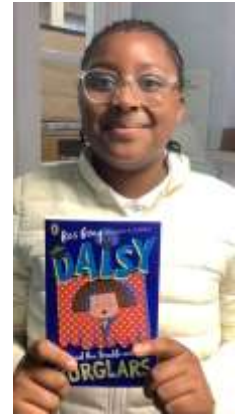


Look at our beautiful International Week outfits!



Congratulations to Yellow Class for winning the PESSN football tournament and beating 17 other teams! You are all amazing!

Our school value this week is:
R - Resilience and Responsibility
Encouraged



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners

Our value this week is:
kindness



Times Tables
Rock Stars

Reading Raffle
Winners

F - Fun and Friendly





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	15	1	750
Year 2	9 ½	12	250
Year 3	7 ½	11	275
Year 4	5 ½	15	125
Year 5	2	9	450
Year 6	9	1	600

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 9/10/2023: 93.88%

**1st Place Attendance: Year 5
1st Place Punctuality: Year 1 and Year 6**



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 9/10/2023: 95.70%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	10	4	95.83%
Year 2	5	11	98.39%
Year 3	9	9	96.22%
Year 4	20	5	93.75%
Year 5	22	5	92.67%
Year 6	7	7	97.59%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	15	7	225
Year 2	7	3	650
Year 3	24	10	175
Year 4	30	5	100
Year 5	3	1	375
Year 6	12	1	600

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 9/10/2023: 94.66%

1st Place Attendance: Y5

1st Place Punctuality: Y5 & Y6

What's on the menu?

HARRISON
food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE w/c 4 th Sept w/c 25 th Sept w/c 16 th Oct w/c 13 th Nov w/c 4 th Dec w/c 8 th Jan w/c 29 th Jan	Pasta Bolognese Linguine with Pesto and Parmesan Citrus Carrots / Fine Green Beans Fruit Flapjack	Chicken Balti Chickpea and Vegetable Tagine Steamed Basmati Rice Braised Savoy Cabbage / Sweetcorn Spanish Style Orange Cake	Beef Casserole Pasta Neapolitan Roast Potatoes Fresh Cauliflower / Garden Peas Chocolate and Pear Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Teriyaki Chicken Mixed Bean Ratatouille Sweet Chilli Noodles Roasted Butternut Squash / Parsnips Citrus Shortbread	Breaded Fish Fillet Sweetcorn and Squash Fritter Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit
WEEK TWO w/c 11 th Sept w/c 2 nd Oct w/c 30 th Oct w/c 20 th Nov w/c 11 th Dec w/c 15 th Feb	Mexican Style Chilli Beef Penne Arrabiata New Potatoes in Garlic and Herbs Braised Savoy Cabbage / Swede Carrot and Orange Cake	Spanish Style Chicken Mild Black-Eyed Bean and Vegetable Chilli Steamed Basmati Rice Citrus Carrots / Sweetcorn Chocolate Shortbread	Steak Pie with Gravy Macaroni Cheese Roast Potatoes Roasted Parsnips / Fine Green Beans Dorset Style Apple Cake with Custard Sauce	Chicken Kabsa Spaghetti in Herb and Tomato Sauce with Cheddar Roasted Butternut Squash / Seasoned Carrots Pineapple Flapjack	Margherita Pizza Falafel Patty Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Ice Cream with Fruit
WEEK THREE w/c 18 th Sept w/c 9 th Oct w/c 6 th Nov w/c 27 th Nov w/c 18 th Dec w/c 22 nd Jan w/c 19 th Feb	Baked Chicken Sausages with Braised Onion Gravy Vegetable Lasagne Creamed Potatoes Braised Savoy Cabbage / Carrots Wholemeal Apple Crumble with Custard Sauce	Meatballs in Herb and Tomato Sauce Chickpea with Spinach and Butternut Squash Pasta Fine Green Beans / Fresh Cauliflower Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Jerk Chicken Sauté Sweet Potato with Mixed Beans Jollof Rice Roasted Carrots / Parsnips Canadian Gingerbread with Vanilla Sauce	Beef Lasagne Linguine in Herb and Tomato with Fresh Salmon Garlic Bread Fresh Broccoli / Butternut Squash American Style Cookie	Battered Fish Fillet Cheese and Potato Pinwheel Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Frozen Yoghurt with Peaches
Available daily: Halal Choice. Salad Selection. Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings. Seasonal Vegetables. Organic Milk. Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread. Fresh Fruit Platter. Fruit Yoghurt or Smoothie					



Look out for monthly featured ingredients.



If your child missed the flu vaccine and you would them to receive it.

Please find below the location and list of dates for community clinics for all year groups in Southwark schools who might have missed the session.

Venue- Rye Oak children and Family centre SE15 3PD.

- Monday 23 October 2023 between 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Tuesday 24 October 2023 between 10.00am to 2.30pm
- Wednesday 25 October 2023 between 10.00am to 2.30pm

There is no need to book an appointment for the clinic, parent and child can just walk-in directly.

Half Term Family Courses

At The Centre for Wildlife Gardening

28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

For Southwark residents / free (refundable booking deposit required)

Bushcraft with Diana

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October

10am till 3pm

A two day family workshop helping you to improve your survival skills. It can be booked as a single day or both days. On Monday you will try out shelter building and water filtering and on Tuesday you will be foraging for food and fire lighting. Crafts and stories too.

Aimed at primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your older and younger ones too.



Tremendous Trees with Dhush

Thursday 26th October

10am till 3pm

Discover the trees in our wildlife garden, how they benefit wildlife and how to identify them. Games, nature art and fun activities. Suitable parents and their children of any age but particularly primary aged children.



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To find out more about these events and
book your space please visit
www.wildlondon.org.uk/events



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**MONDAY 23RD – SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2023.
10AM-2PM**

**THE LEWINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 9 EUGENIA ROAD,
ROTHERHITHE SE16 2RU**

**GRAND FINALE:
SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
COMIC BOOK LAUNCH**



Dear Sir/Madam,

Peckham Library and Authors Abroad are delighted to welcome your Year 5 & 6 children to an A.I.M. High Writing Day. We are confident they will have an enjoyable and rewarding day working with one of the UK's leading performance poets, Neal Zetter.

Date, Venue and Timings:

Date: Monday 27th November 2023

Where: 122 Peckham Hill Street, London, SE15 5J

Start time: 9.30 a.m. Please report to reception on arrival (Please aim to arrive at 9.20 a.m.)

Finish: 2.45 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Equipment needed: nut free packed lunch per participant, pens, pencils and name labels

Contact prior to the event/bookings: Authors Abroad, details below

Please ensure the children are accompanied by an adult (either a teacher, T/A or Governor).

Books may be on sale on the day that children can purchase – details to follow. This is optional but many children do like to buy books from the author they have been working with.

Fees payable to: (*£35 per child attending)

Authors Abroad
Riversdale
8 Rivock Avenue
Steeton
BD20 6SA

We will invoice each participating school prior to the event, please make any cheques payable to Authors Abroad.

Kind Regards

The A.I.M. High Team

Authors Abroad

www.authorsabroad.com

Should any school wish to invite Neal or any of our other authors to their school in the future to work with more students then please contact Authors Abroad on 01535 279844 or contact Trish on the email address below. (*) + VAT at the current rate. **Places cancelled within 7 working (term time) days of the event will be charged at the full amount. Please make all bookings/cancellations with Authors Abroad – trish@caboodlebooks.co.uk**

SENsational Stay & Play

Fun FREE groups for children with additional needs or disabilities and their parents/ carers



- Have fun with your child
- Meet other families
- Get advice and support from a range of specialists on topics such as Speech & Language, Behaviour and Autism



Multiple locations across Southwark
Midweek sessions for under 5s
Saturday sessions for up to age 8
See timetable on back of this leaflet

For more info visit www.pprncfc.com/sensational-stay-and-play



Southwark Children and Family Centres



Sessions provided by Southwark CFC centres in collaboration with Cherry Gardens School

Location	Day/ time	Age group	More info
The Grove Children & Family Centre, Tower Mill Road Camberwell, SE15 6BP	Mondays, 10am - 11.30am	0-5	Drop in session For more info contact: cdcfcoffices@dulwichwood.com
1st Place Children & Parents Centre, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0BN	Mondays 2pm - 3.30pm	0-5	Drop in session For more info contact: BBWCFC@1stplace.uk.com
Ivydale Children & Family Centre Bellwood Road, Nunhead, SE15 3DE	Tuesdays 1pm - 2.30pm (starting 19 September)	0-5	Drop in session For more info contact: childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk
Ellen Brown 145 Grange Road, Spa Park, SE13 5EU	Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm	0-5	Booking required For more info contact: ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk
Cherry Garden School, 41 Bellenden Road, Peckham, SE15 5BB	Thursdays 10am - 11.30am (term time only)	0-5	Booking and drop in For more info contact: admin@cherrygardenschool.co.uk
Coin Street Children & Family Centre, 108 Stamford Street, Borough, SE19 9NH	Fridays 1pm - 2.30pm	0-5	Drop in session For more info contact: BBWCFC@1stplace.uk.com
The Grove Children & Family Centre, Tower Mill Road Camberwell, SE15 6BP	Fridays 10am - 11.30pm	0-5	Drop in session For more info contact: cdcfcoffices@dulwichwood.com
Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, 29 Chandler Way, Peckham, SE15 6DT	Saturdays, 10am - 12noon	0-8	Drop in session For more info contact: childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk
Ivydale Children & Family Centre Bellwood Road, Nunhead, SE15 3DE	Saturdays, 10am - 12noon Starting 23 rd Sept	0-8	Drop in session For more info contact: childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk
1st Place Children & Parents Centre, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0BN	Some Saturdays, 1pm - 3pm (30 Sept, 28 Oct, 25 Nov)	0-8	Drop in session For more info contact: BBWCFC@1stplace.uk.com

SEND Multi Sports Sessions

Tennis, dodgeball, football, basketball, cricket and more!

- Inclusive multi sports sessions for D/deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent children young people and their families
- All disabilities/ abilities welcome!
- Sessions adapted to the needs of the group
- All genders welcome!

- Where: Marlborough Sports Gardens, Union Street, SE1 1NJ
- When: Saturdays (term time)
- Time: 3 - 4 pm
- Ages: 6 - 16 years old
- Cost: First session free, £4 thereafter - booked each week on Coacha




Register here:


<https://bit.ly/RegansSEND-MultiSports>

Or scan the QR code



For more information, please contact:

 020 7993 9883

 Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name (and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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