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Newsletter 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents,

Our children from year 6 and year 5 have had a fantastic time at Kingswood (group residential, adventures and outdoor activity centre) this week, they took part in archery, team building activities, zip wire and go karting to name a few.

Please support your child to come to school everyday unless they are too unwell to attend school. Routine appointments such as the dental check ups should be booked outside of the school day. We have lots of children on track to earn a red wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality for this half term.

It is always important to talk about keeping safe online whether that is on a laptop, tablet or mobile phone. You will always find online safety information on the last page of the newsletter each week from National Online Safety, you can follow them on X/twitter @natonlinesafety or you can find more information at [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#).

Thank you, many of the children are wearing their PE kit on PE days, please remember that ALL pupils should wear their school jumpers on PE days. It is not a non uniform day.

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.

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

Scholarpack App

Please check that you are using the Scholarpack App to receive messages and information from school. You can message school through the app and check your child's attendance. Please speak to the school office if you need a new code to access Scholarpack.

Late Collection from School

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. Playshelter's new late collection charge is £25.00 per child.

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Monday 16th - 20th October - International Week
Friday 20th October - Break Up for Half Term
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

Robert Browning

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Thursday 5th October - Secondary Transfer Meeting
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Snowfields

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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](#)

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](#).



SCHOOL JOURNEY

This week some pupils from Blue and Purple Classes went to Kingswood Activity Centre for 3 days of fun and teambuilding. As you can see they had such a good time. Thank you to all the staff who took them and encouraged them to take risks, problem-solve and challenge themselves.



Year 5 and 6 headed off on our residential School Journey. They had an amazing time. Check out twitter / X for some fantastic action videos! Please also look at the pages from the other schools for more photos.



Orange Class (Y2) had a fantastic time on their trip to the Tower of London! They were learning about the Tower itself and the Great Fire of London. What a great start to their London topic!



Yellow Class travelled to Burgess park to take part in a cross country competition. They ran brilliantly and came second overall! Congratulations



Early Years had a visit from PC Arthur and PC Trevor as part of their 'People who Help Us' topic. They loved learning about what they do and exploring their special equipment.





Snowsfields Primary School

Shelter Building



Aeroball fun



Refuelling station



Blindfolded assault course



FUN

Problem Solving



Orienteering



Zip Line



Scrapheap Challenge



On the road!



Obstacle course



Kingswood

The year 5 and 6 classes had an amazing time at Kingswood adventure centre where they developed their problem solving and team building skills.

Most of all, they had lots and lots of fun!

2023



Our school value this week is:
W - Welcoming Everyone



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners



Our value this week is:
independence



N - Nurturing





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	1	4	325
Year 2	5	8	50
Year 3	2	11	125
Year 4	8	13	50
Year 5	4	7	150
Year 6	1	2	250

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 11/09/2023: 95.01%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 11/9/2023: 95.11%

1st Place Attendance: Y1
1st Place Punctuality: Y5 & Y3

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	8	4	96.67%
Year 2	14	7	95.48%
Year 3	12	3	94.78%
Year 4	13	12	95.94%
Year 5	19	3	93.67%
Year 6	17	9	94.26%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	9	3	125
Year 2	3	0	275
Year 3	13	7	50
Year 4	12	4	25
Year 5	12	3	100
Year 6	8	2	225

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 11/09/2023: 96.21%

1st Place Attendance: Y2

1st Place Punctuality: Y2

EPEC Being a Parent Together:

This 10 week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

Starting Thursday 5th October 2023

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience
- Work together as a team to support your children

For more information please contact Claire Gager at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

07547 659 646

Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

"It's been such a beneficial course for both of us, not just as parents but as individuals"

EPEC Being a Parent:

For parents of children aged 2 – 11 years

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

<p>Tuesdays 10am-12pm At 1st Place Children's Centre, 12 Chumleigh St, London SE5 0RN (Burgess Park) (Starting 3rd October 2023)</p>	<p>Wednesdays 10am-12pm At Crawford Children & Family Centre, 5 Crawford Rd, London SE5 9NF (Starting 4th October 2023)</p>
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For more information, please contact

Claire Gager at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

07547 659 646 Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

"I found the EPEC parenting course amazing. I learnt new things and I feel more relaxed when I come to a challenge with my child."



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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AS SEEN ON...



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!

WWW.SOUTHLONDONGIRLSFOOTBALLACADEMY.CO.UK





STREETS FOR PEOPLE

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.



BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST

Growing Communities Together

Bankside Open Spaces Trust, Red Cross Garden, 50 Redcross Way, London SE1 1HA | Registered Charity No: 1085454

020 7403 3393 | sports@bost.org.uk | www.bost.org.uk



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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

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.



...HEY OSCAR...



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday

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