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Newsletter 6th October 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week across the federation with the school photographer visiting and classes enjoying outings linked to the curriculum.

CARNIVAL is our theme for International Week, October is Black History Month, we will be learning and celebrating many significant people who have shaped and made a significant impact on our lives.

October is walk to school month, please see the QR code on page 7 of the newsletter for ways to get involved with the Natural History Museum. As the weather changes and it starts to get darker on the way to and from school, please take this opportunity to talk to your children about road safety. There is a useful guide for parents [here](#). This guide looks at how to talk toddlers, children aged 5 to 7, 7 to 11 and young people aged 11-15.

Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so parental support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. Children are expected to read at home every day. Reading journals must be signed three times a week for children to be entered in our weekly reading raffle. If you require any further guidance regarding reading, please ask your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you on Monday, 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.

Parents of children with SEND

Please see pages 8, 9 and 10 of our newsletter for information about activities taking place for children with SEND.

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Monday 16th - 20th October - International Week
Wednesday 18th October - International Week Performance for Parents - 3pm
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

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Tuesday 10th October, 9am - Groundwork Coffee Morning
Monday 16th - 20th October - International Week
Thursday 19th October 3.15pm - International Week Performance for Parents
Friday 20th October - Break Up for Half Term
Monday 30th October - Back to school
Wednesday 8th November - School Closed- Parent and Pupil Review meetings

Snowfields

Monday 16th - 20th October - International Week
Thursday 19th October 3.15pm - International week performance
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
Wednesday 13th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Show
Thursday 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](#)



INTERNATIONAL WEEK



International Week will be taking place the week beginning 16th October – our theme this year is CARNIVAL!
Children will be performing for parents on Wednesday 18th October at 3pm in the playground. You are welcome to arrive at 3pm for this special performance which will include singing and drumming.



It's great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. Please remind your children not to scoot or cycle in the playground at the beginning and end of day for the safety of others. Scooters should be stored behind the bike shelter until the back playground is reopened.

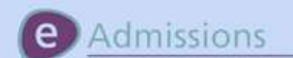


Young Marketeers – this week pupils from Blue Class went with Tony to sell produce at Borough Market as part of the Young Marketeers Project.



YEAR 6 PARENTS:

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. If you need help to do this, please let Laura know ASAP.



Some of Purple Class had travel training this week, so that they know how to stay safe when travelling on Transport for London.



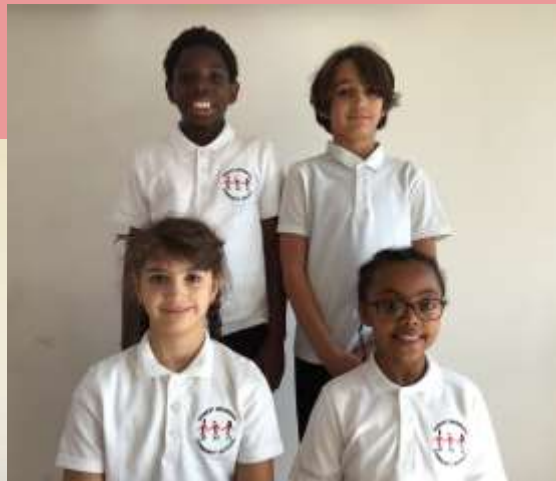
Meet School Council!

Our School Councillors are chosen by their classmates to represent their views and ideas. They meet regularly with school leaders and help to organise special events and projects. Our Year 6 councillors are our Head Girl and Head Boy. You can read their statements on the website.

Our STEM leaders have a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They work with the curriculum leaders on events such as 'online safety day'. They also help to look after relevant equipment and resources. They love problem solving and investigating.

Sports leaders are ambassadors for physical activity! They promote the importance of PE and sports for mental and physical health. They can be found supporting playtime, the daily mile, PE events and of course Sports Day!

The Creative Arts leaders enjoy different forms of the arts, including music, drama, drawing, sculpting and painting. They are role models for their friends and help to make sure that resources are looked after. They also contribute to special events in school.



Our leaders applied for their roles by submitting an application form. They went through an interview process before being offered the job!



Our Librarians work hard to promote a love of reading. They also make sure that the library is kept tidy and can help classes choose books!

Snowsfields Primary School



Green, Blue and Purple classes attended a performance of *King Arthur*, an opera written by Henry Purcell and John Dryden and performed by The Early Opera Company.



Yellow class children were invited to help redesign the foyer at the Unicorn Theatre. They had a wonderful time!



Garden school was so much fun! We found some feathers and spotted a few nests high in the branches!



Our school value this week is:
R - Respect For All



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners



Our value this week is:
independence



Times Tables
Rock Stars

W - Working Together

Reading Raffle
Winners





	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 18/09/2023: 95.01%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 25/9/2023: 97.57%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	4	9	98.33%
Year 2	10	15	96.77%
Year 3	4	10	98.26%
Year 4	7	10	97.81%
Year 5	10	8	96.67%
Year 6	6	10	97.93%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	10	5	225
Year 2	12	0	425
Year 3	22	3	125
Year 4	30	4	25
Year 5	5	6	175
Year 6	16	2	425

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 25/09/2023: 93.06%

1st Place Attendance: Y5

1st Place Punctuality: Y2



Walk to School Month

Street Safari

This October, to celebrate International Walk to School month, we are inviting families to snap photos of wildlife they see on the way to and from school.



Animal, plant, or fungus- simply see it, snap it, and record it for a chance to win some amazing prizes. Scan the QR code for more information as part of the NHM 'Nature Overheard Project'.



**Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare**
NHS Trust

Flu Immunisation Consent Form 2023

Would you like your child to have the flu immunisation at school?

Please scan the QR code below using your smartphone camera to direct you to the consent form website

Please do not fill out another form if you have already

Southwark Schools



This form should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete.

If you have any queries, please contact the Southwark and Lambeth
Immunisation Team 0208 614 5496 / 5495

Hrch.ImmunisationTeamMailboxSouthwark@nhs.net

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Southwark and Lambeth School Age Immunisation Team

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

Supported by:



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATting

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

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