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Newsletter 10th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending your child's Pupil Review meeting on Wednesday. It was lovely to see you all in school. Thank you for all the kind comments we received. Please can you complete the online parent questionnaire, which was emailed to you as we really value your feedback.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school over the next two weeks for our maths cafes. Please come and join your child to share with them a love of learning for maths. See your diary box for the date and time.

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.

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year, the children have been very proud to show their poppies and poppy accessories.

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

School Trips

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have paid the £5 trip contribution. If you haven't already contributed please do so via the school office. Please make sure to complete the trips' Google forms for Snowfields and Tower Bridge schools or the relevant paperwork at Robert Browning school. If the office staff do not receive the parents' trip consent form then the children are at risk of missing out on a great learning opportunity and will have to be left behind at school.

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Maths Cafes at 9am: 14th Nov - Red Class, 15th Nov - Orange Class, 20th Nov - Purple Class, 21st Nov - Green Class, 22nd Nov - Blue Class, 23rd Nov - Yellow Class
Friday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December - EYFS Winter Concert
Thursday 21st December - Wear Christmas Jumpers - School Closes at 1pm.

Robert Browning

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Thursday 14th December- KS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am- EYFS Winter Concert
Thursday 21st December - Wear Christmas Jumpers - School Closes at 1pm.

Snowfields

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
Thursday 21st December - Christmas Jumper Day - School Closes at 1pm.

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](#)

NURSERY PARENTS

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they are due to start in Reception class in September 2024. You must complete the online application process by midnight on 15th January 2024. **Please speak to a member of the Leadership Team if you require any support with this. Here is the link to the**

eadmissions website

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



Thank you to all the parents who came into school to discuss their children's progress this week.

Thank you for all the kind comments as you spoke to staff, they do mean a lot. Don't forget to complete your questionnaire which has been emailed to you.

If you were not able to attend, please contact the school to rearrange as soon as possible.

Health and Safety Reminders

Now we are using the gate which opens up onto the St John's Estate car park, please ensure that if you need to drive your child to school, you do not drive onto the Estate during the gate opening times of 8.45 - 9.00 and 3.30 - 3.45.

A polite reminder that mobile phones should not be in use when you drop off or collect your children. Staff may need to speak to you and your children will want to tell you about their day.

We would like to also remind you that vaping and smoking is also not permitted on school grounds.



Thank you for your continued support.



DAILY MILE



The children in Year 1 and 2 have been working hard completing their Daily Mile. The Daily Mile helps children improve their fitness and helps their concentration in class. Although they are not yet completing a whole mile, they are getting closer every day!

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NURSERY PLACES

Do you have a child or know any children who have turned 3 or about to turn 3?

We have spaces in our school nursery. Pop into the school office for an application form, or to arrange a tour.

Maths Cafes

14/11- Y1 Red Class

15/11- Y2 Orange Class

16/11 - Butterfly Class

20/11 - Y6 Purple Class

21/11 - Y4 Green Class

22/11 - Y5 Blue Class

23/11 - Y3 Yellow Class



Children have been doing lots of exciting learning this week, and some of it can be seen on the class X (Twitter) pages.

If you don't already, please request to follow these accounts. If you have requested and are still waiting, mention it to the staff so they know your account.



Have a look at some of the wonderful displays you can find around the school.



Parent and Pupil Review Meetings.

We hope you found the meetings useful on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher to rearrange.

Maths is fun!

Come and join our Maths Cafes next week and find out what your child is learning. The sessions start at **9am** and are short and fun- you don't need to be good at maths to come along!

**14th Nov-Orange Class,
16th Nov- Red Class,
17th Nov- Rainbow Class,**



Children in Butterfly and Caterpillar Class have been making firework patterns and Rangoli patterns as they celebrate autumn festivals.



Snowsfields Primary School



Green class are thoroughly enjoying their football topic this half term. Here they are practising their dribbling skills. They dribbled around cones, trying to maintain control of the ball while gaining speed.



THE YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CLASSES HAD A GREAT TIME DURING THE MULTI-SKILLS WORKSHOP RUN BY PESSN.



The Early Years made a poppy wreath to help them remember fallen soldiers.



As part of their learning about different faiths, customs and festivals, Rainbow class made some Diwali salt dough lanterns or diyas.

Blue class had a fantastic first workshop with the Unicorn Theatre as part of their new project based around Odd and the Frost Giants. They used freeze frames to act out the story.



OUR STEM LEADERS AND ECO COUNCILLORS TOOK PART IN A WEBINAR WHERE THEY LEARNT ABOUT DIFFERENT GREEN AND STEM JOB PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

We are immensely grateful to Richmond Pharmacology for their generous donation of 50 STEM books. These books will most certainly enhance our children's learning and instill a love of STEM subjects. A special thank you goes to Teddy and Barnaby's dad who made this possible.

Our school value this week is:
D - Diversity is Celebrated



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners

Our value this week is:
Creativity



Reading Raffle
Winners

Times Tables
Rock Stars

E - Empowering
Everyone





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	6.5	6	950
Year 2	11	6	375
Year 3	7.5	14	375
Year 4	8	13	150
Year 5	9	10	525
Year 6	11.5	4	825

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 30/10/2023: 93%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 30/10/2023: 96.15%

1st Place Attendance: Y4
1st Place Punctuality: Y1

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	12	6	94.98%
Year 2	5	7	98.38%
Year 3	11	10	95.40%
Year 4	1	8	99.69%
Year 5	18	7	92.56%
Year 6	16	9	94.48%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	6	9	300
Year 2	14	3	775
Year 3	26	8	175
Year 4	8	9	175
Year 5	11	7	550
Year 6	12	3	775

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 30/10/2023: 94.93%

1st Place Attendance: Y1

1st Place Punctuality: 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 Jan w/c 5 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.





After School Club Play Leaders

Required to work term time.

Starting Salary £10.42 per hour – 15 hours week

Applicants must have experience of working in an After School Club, Holiday Play Scheme or a similar play or educational environment, preferably with children aged 4 – 12 years. A commitment to quality and equality is vital. Applicants must have confident skills and abilities in providing play opportunities through a wide range of activities i.e. creative arts and Crafts, cookery, music/drama and indoor/outdoor sports. It is important that the post holder has a cheerful personality, teamwork skills, communicates and works well with groups of junior children, infant children and parents.

Applicants will be expected to have NVQ II Play work / Childcare or an equivalent qualification.

Career progression into senior roles is encouraged and supported.

For an application form contact Gemma Hinton quoting **ASCPL**
on 07981 931 408 email: area.managertps@gmail.com

Calling fathers and male carers!



Celebrate International
Men's Day with 1st Place

Saturday 18th Nov
10:30am - 1:30pm

12 Chumleigh Street,
Burgess Park, SE5 0RN

INTERNATIONAL
MENSDAY
November 19

Find out about services available to support fathers
and male carers in the Borough of Southwark.

Enjoy snacks and refreshments while you and your
child socialise with other parents and children.

You are invited to the
**COMMUNITY STUDIO
OPENING PARTY!**

**THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER
4-8pm**

All free. All welcome.
Bring your friend, sister,
brother, teacher, aunty,
uncle or neighbour!

The Community
Studio is a place for
artists, children, schools,
families, young people,
students and local residents
to come together for
creative activity!

We will be
collecting ideas
about how artists and
our wider community
would like to benefit from
the space, so come
along to hear more
and share ideas...

- *Drawing Activities!**
- * Food!**
- * DJ! Teenage Jeans**
- * Film Screening! 'Whole Other Planet' made with Charlotte Sharman Primary School**
- * Books!**
- * Badge Making!**
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STUDIO

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4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May,
2nd June, 7th July, 4th August

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- 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 MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and still not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour. Irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday