

# Robert Browning, Snowfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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## Newsletter 17th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for joining your children for maths cafes this week, we hope you found them useful. Please check the calendar for the maths cafes taking place next week.



We have been asked by the Children's Commissioner to share the Big Ambition survey with you. The Big Ambition is open to children and young people aged 0-18 years. Parents are encouraged to help younger children complete the survey. Children or parents can complete the survey [here](#). This is an opportunity for children to share their views ahead of the next General Election.

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.

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

### Flu vaccine catch up clinics

Please see page 8 of the newsletter for information regarding catch up flu vaccine clinics for school aged children being held across Southwark.

### Dates For Your Diary

#### Tower Bridge

Maths Cafes next week at 9am:

Monday 20/11 - Purple Class, Tuesday 21/11 - Green Class,  
Wednesday 22/11 - Blue Class, Thursday 23/11 - Yellow Class  
Friday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Performance  
Tuesday 19th December - EYFS Winter Concert  
Thursday 21st December - School Closes at 1pm.

#### Robert Browning

Maths Cafes: at 9am: 20th Nov - Yellow Class,  
21st Nov- Purple Class, 23rd Nov-Green Class,  
24th Nov -Blue Class, 8th Dec- Butterfly Class  
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 20/11, Green class 21/11,  
Yellow class 22/11, Caterpillar class 22/11 Purple class  
23/11, Blue class 24/11 & Butterfly class 24/11.  
Wednesday 13th December 10:30am - Y1 & Y2 Christmas  
Show  
Tuesday 19th December 10am - EYFS Winter Concert  
Thursday 21st December - Christmas Jumper Day and 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/>





## Maths Cafe!

Thank you to everyone who came in for Maths Cafes this week in class.

Next week:

20/11 - Y6 Purple Class;

21/11 - Y4 Green Class;

22/11 - Y5 Blue Class;

23/11 - Y3 Yellow Class



Please make sure your child can tie their own shoes if they wear shoes with laces to school. Thank you.

Well done to Green Class this week, for taking part in their first football competition. You showed true spirit and made us all so proud!



## LANTERN MAKING

Blue Class have been working with artists this week to make their lanterns for the Lantern Parade along the river on 7th December.

PC Hazel and PC Fox visited the school this week to teach us all how to stay safe when out and about, and also when we are at home on our devices.



## Staying Safe ON INTERNET CONNECTED DEVICES

Following the visit from PC Fox and PC Hazel, here are some tips to help keep your child safe on internet connected devices at home.

1. Make a screen time plan with your child and display them clearly in the home.
2. When using the device, make sure you are in the same room as your child to ensure that they are staying safe and being kind while online.
3. Use the parent controls - ANDROID, IPHONE etc have parent controls to support being safe. Use these to set boundaries for your child.
4. Devices should be switched off and out of bedrooms overnight.







Blue Class have been very busy making lanterns for the Lantern Parade, they worked with artists organised by Team London Bridge. The Lantern Parade takes place on **December 7th**- we would love to see you there!



**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!

20th Nov - **Yellow Class**,  
21st Nov- **Purple Class**,  
23rd Nov- **Green Class**,  
24th Nov - **Blue Class**  
8th Dec- **Butterfly Class**



Photos from this week's maths cafes!





# Snowsfields Primary School

**Rainbow class** used autumnal resources from the garden to make artwork based on the work of **Andy Goldsworthy**.



Thank you so much to all the parents who have attended the **Year 2 Maths Cafe**! The children had a wonderful time!



In **Butterfly class**, the children retold the story of the **Little Red Hen**. It was so much fun!

**Purple class** are learning to read music notes. Here they are playing the Skye boat song on chime bars.



**Red class** went on a walk to learn about the local area. They recognised many landmarks and street names. Lots of the children were really excited to see their homes!



## Stone Age Topic

The children in **year 3** had a fantastic time debating whether it would be best to live in the Stone Age or modern-day time. They shared some great ideas!





Our school value this week is:  
G - Goals are Aspirational



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle  
Winners

Our value this week is:  
Independence



Reading Raffle  
Winners

Times Tables  
Rock Stars

L - Love of Learning





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	3.5	4	1100
Year 2	3	9	475
Year 3	4.5	10	400
Year 4	18.5	10	150
Year 5	3.5	8	600
Year 6	8	7	875

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 6/11/2023: 94.5%**

**1st Place Attendance: Year 2  
1st Place Punctuality: Year 1**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 6/11/2023: 96.41%**

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	4	9	98.33%
Year 2	13	0	95.81%
Year 3	1	11	99.58%
Year 4	12	7	96.25%
Year 5	16	8	94.67%
Year 6	15	15	94.83%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	8	9	400
Year 2	22	9	800
Year 3	23	11	175
Year 4	15	6	250
Year 5	10	10	600
Year 6	18	2	925

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 6/11/2023: 94.42%**

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

**1st Place Punctuality: Y6**



# What's on the menu?

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>WEEK TWO</b> w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>WEEK THREE</b> w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> 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.





**Children's & Young Peoples**

## Flu Vaccinations in Southwark

2023 presents.

**School aged children Flu vaccinations from Reception to Year 11**

Date & Time	Venue: Full Address
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm	Surrey Square Pri School (only) Surrey Square, London SE17 2JY
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT

- No appointment just turn up and wait.
- Consent on the day or via the QR code below before you arrive.



OR

Use the link provided to access the electronic consent form

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/southwark>

or call office on 0208 614 5495/5496 If you want more information in different languages

visit: [Share good times not flu | Flu leaflet in 13 languages.](#)





## **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](mailto:area.managertps@gmail.com)





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# Calling fathers and male carers!



Celebrate International  
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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!**
- + more!**

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# FAMILY



# STUDIO

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

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself; from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

## 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.



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