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Newsletter 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to school on **Wednesday 8th November** for the Parent and Pupil Review meetings! You will have been sent a time to attend the meeting. While you are in school you will be able to look at your child's work, speak to the class teacher and other staff and complete the parent questionnaire. We would like your child to attend the meeting with you so that they can hear what is going well and what they need to work on. These meetings are really important for us to work with you to help your child to progress.

We are selling **poppies** and **poppy accessories** in the school offices 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.

It was brilliant to see how many children earned a **red wristband** for 100% attendance and punctuality for Autumn 1, the children were so proud of themselves. Please continue to support your child to come to school every day on time to earn an **orange wristband** for Autumn 2. If you need any support with this please speak to a member of the Leadership Team on the gate.

Please see the dates for your diary for upcoming events in your school, including maths cafes.

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday, the 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 in by the due time 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

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

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
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](#)

Pupil Review Meetings

You should have received a letter 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 information



From **Monday 6th November** we will start using the gate on the St John's Estate car park at the back of the school again. Children in Caterpillar and Butterfly class can enter school through the side gate in the back playground. All other pupils can walk up America stairs to their classrooms. Staff will be on hand to help and guide from 8.45 on Monday.

CHANGE OF GATE!



[value of the week]
TOWERBRIDGE



PUPIL REVIEW MEETINGS

We are looking forward to seeing the parents in school next **Wednesday 8th November**, to meet the teaching teams and to discuss the progress of your children so far this year. Every meeting is 15 minutes long - so it is important you arrive in plenty of time at school to get to your child's classroom. Your child's books will be outside the classroom for you to look through and you can also complete your questionnaire on the chromebook outside too. You must bring your child with you to the meeting. We can only meet with parents.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



**POPPY
APPEAL**

We are selling poppies and poppy accessories in the school office in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



New Displays!



Homework



Thank you to all the children (and parents) for all the wonderful and creative homework projects which were completed last half term. Look out for the new homework sheets for this half term in your children's book bags!



International Week
For International Week we were learning all about Carnivals around the World- inspired by the work of Claudia Jones, who was instrumental in setting up the Notting Hill Carnival.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to watch our carnival in the playground. We were so lucky that the rain stayed away!

Our school, along with several others, has agreed to participate in an important Health Behaviour Survey amongst young people which is intended to benefit the education provided to our young people. The survey method that we are using has been developed by the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter and has been in use now for over 40 years. The questions concern a wide range of health behaviours, for example:

Home and family, bullying, emotional health and well-being, tobacco, alcohol (Y5/6), healthy eating, exercise, drugs (Y5/6) and being online.

Should you wish to see the survey for yourself Kylie will be available after school on Tuesday November 7th to do so. Please meet her in the school office to express your interest.



Snowsfields Primary School

Well done to all the children for their fantastic homework projects. As ever, we were really impressed with the thought and effort that has gone into producing such brilliant models. Thank you to all the parents for their support!

HOMEWORK PROJECTS



Look at this term's displays!



Orange class had a wonderful time at the Tower of London.

Green class visited London Mithraeum, the ruins of a Roman Temple in the heart of the city! The Temple of Mithras (a Roman god) was originally built around 240 AD and the ruins were discovered in 1954 during the excavation of a WWII bomb site.



Our school value this week is:
I - Independent Learners Shine



Reading and Homework
Project Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners

Our value this week is:
Creativity



Times Tables
Rock Stars

Reading Raffle
Winners

I - Inclusive and
inspirational





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	12	4	800
Year 2	4 ½	14	325
Year 3	7	17	325
Year 4	12	13	125
Year 5	7 ½	5	500
Year 6	4 ½	1	725

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 16/10/2023: 93.8%

1st Place Attendance: Year 2 and Year 6

1st Place Punctuality: Year 6



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 16/10/2023: 96.18%

**1st Place Attendance: Y3
1st Place Punctuality: Y1 & Y2**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	4	7	98.33%
Year 2	12	7	96.13%
Year 3	0	17	100%
Year 4	25	16	92.19%
Year 5	6	13	98.00%
Year 6	18	10	93.79%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	22	12	225
Year 2	14	2	725
Year 3	24	11	175
Year 4	16	3	125
Year 5	7	1	500
Year 6	5	3	700

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 16/10/2023: 94.21%

1st Place Attendance: Y6

1st Place Punctuality: Y5

Well done to the 76 children who earned a red wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality for Autumn 1.



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.



A space for families to
meet an artist and
get drawing!

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FAMILY



STUDIO

With artists Anna Paterson, Dunya Kalanter, Habiba Nabisubi, Olivia Twist and Rhys Coren.

5th November, 3rd December, 14th January,
4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May,
2nd June, 7th July, 4th August

Drawing Room, New Tannery Way, Bermondsey
London, SE1 5WS. Enter from Grange Road

Box Office:
1, 78, 130, 40
Bermondsey, London Bridge

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DRAWING ROOM

WINDRUSH 75TH CELEBRATION



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EVENT @ THE NEST
NOVEMBER 4TH - 11:00 TO 14:00**

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**UNIT 4, CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE, RYE LANE,
PECKHAM, SE15 4UP**



**TO MARK THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HMT EMPIRE WINDRUSH'S ARRIVAL IN THE
UK, WE'RE INVITING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO UNITE AND CELEBRATE**

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AND ADMISSION IS FREE!

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED FROM MIDDAY AND THERE WILL BE INFORMATIVE
RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS**

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE



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



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who 'promote denial and hatred'.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

BLUE TICK SALE

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

CENSORSHIP

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRacon 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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