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Newsletter 12th January 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a restful break and enjoyed the time you were able to spend with your children and families.

We are very proud of the children and their parents who earned an **orange** wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality for autumn 2, **yellow** wristbands can be earned this term.

We are excited to announce that for spring 1 children who earn 98% attendance and above will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a hamper. We understand that children are sometimes unwell and occasionally have hospital appointments which cannot be rearranged and as a Federation we want to acknowledge this effort.

Please look out for information regarding the clubs we are running this term. At Tower Bridge and Snowfields this will be by email and at Robert Browning by letter.

Please take a look at the dates for your diary box for events happening this spring term, especially the class assemblies which we can't wait to see!

Have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm in the cold, see you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am.

Keeping Families Strong

Please see page 6 of the newsletter for information about some of the courses and drop in sessions that are being run in Southwark in January.

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



Dates For Your Diary



Tower Bridge

Thursday 18th January - Reception stay and play sessions start (every Thursday) 8.45-9.30am

Friday 19th January - The Nest Wellbeing Coffee Morning 9am

Friday 19th January - Blue Class Assembly 2.55pm

Wednesday 24th January - Green Class Assembly 2.55pm

Tuesday 30th January - Yellow Class Assembly 2.55pm

Monday 12th Feb - Friday 19th Feb - Half Term

Wednesday 28th February - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings (School Closed)

Robert Browning

Tuesday 16th January - Blue Class Assembly 2.55pm

Tuesday 23rd January - Green Class Assembly 2.55pm

Tuesday 30th January - Yellow Class Assembly 2.55pm

Friday 9th February - break up for half term

Monday 12th February - Friday 19th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - back to school

Wednesday 28th February - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings (School Closed)

Snowfields

Tuesday 16th January 2:55pm - Yellow class Assembly

Tuesday 23rd January 2:55pm - Green class Assembly

Tuesday 30th January 2:55pm - Blue class Assembly

Friday 26th January 9am - Phonics workshop aimed at

Butterfly and Red class parents (all parents are welcome)

Tuesday 6th February - Safety Day (Including online safety)

Wednesday 28th February - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings (School Closed)

Tuesday 12th March 2:55pm - Red class Assembly

Tuesday 19th March 2:55pm - Butterfly class Assembly

Tuesday 26th March 2:55pm - Orange class Assembly

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](#)



Happy
New year

It was so lovely on Tuesday to see all the children return to school, rested and ready to learn. This term is quite short and there is a lot to fit in. Please check your child's class X/Twitter to check out learning and look out for their new Topic Poster, Knowledge Organiser and Homework Project Sheets.

A reminder to ensure you speak to children about staying safe near the busy roads around school. If they are on bikes or scooters, please make sure they understand not to go too far from where you can see them, especially the younger children.



P.E Days - Spring Term

Children should wear suitable clothing on PE days
- dark tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt and trainers.
All children wear their school jumpers on PE days.

Butterfly Class - Friday

Red Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Orange Class - Wednesday and Thursday

Yellow Class - Monday and Thursday

Green Class - Friday

Blue Class - Wednesdays and Friday

Purple Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Twitter

@tbprimary

@TBCaterpillar

@Butterfly_TB

1 @TBRedClass

@TBOrangeClassY2

@TBYellowClassY3

@TBGreenClassY4

@TBBlueClassY5

@TBPurpleClassY6

Follow your child's X/Twitter
account to see what the
children are learning.

This Term

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 19th January - Year 5 -

Blue Class Assembly **2.55pm**

Wednesday 24th January - Year 4 -

Green Class Assembly **2.55pm**

Tuesday 30th January - Year 3 -

Yellow Class Assembly **2.55pm**



RESPECT
FOR ALL

AT TOWER BRIDGE



TB Orange Class Year 2 (@TBOrangeClassY2) · 22h
Year 2 have been exploring coins this week as part of our new maths topic!



TBPurpleClass (@TBPurpleClassY6) · 7m
Yesterday in geography, we used six figure grid references to complete a scavenger hunt. @tbprimary



Wishing all of our families a very Happy New Year!

We hope that 2024 brings you health and happiness. As you know we want all of our children to be successful at school. Please make sure that your child arrives at school before 9am; gates open at 8.45am and the children start learning as soon as they get to class. Many children take part in small group learning or special interventions at this time, so it is really important that they do not miss this vital learning time! Thank you.

PE days :

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit on their PE day: School jumper, white t-shirt, black or grey tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Purple Class Y6- Thursday
Blue Class Y5 - Weds and Fri
Green Class Y4- Weds
Yellow Class Y3- Monday
Orange Class Y2- Tuesday
Red Class Y1- Mon and Thurs
Rainbow- Friday



Class Assemblies are coming up this term. They start promptly at 3pm. Please arrive by 2.55pm.

Blue Class Y5- 16/1,
Green Class Y4- 23/1,
Yellow Class Y3- 30/1,
Red Class Y1- 12/3,
Butterfly Class YR- 19/3,
Orange Class Y2- 26/3

We look forward to seeing you there!

Calling all Nursery parents! Will your child be starting Reception Class in September 2024? Please complete an online application by 15th January!

[Primary School applications](#)

A huge thank you to Niall Murray and Bennetts for the £200 Morrisons voucher for our Cooking Club!



During the cold weather please make sure that your child has a warm coat and hat. They will spend time outside everyday! Thank you!

Our classes enjoy regular trips to the local libraries. Did you know you can visit too and borrow books? There are two libraries nearby: Walworth Library and Una Marson Library.

Look out for the letter with information about After School Clubs for this term. Make sure you return it to the school office as soon as possible (today!).



Snowfields Primary School

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The children have settled really well and started their new learning for this term. Please check your child's Google Classroom for the new topic poster and homework project sheet. Please continue to visit your class X (Twitter) page for more photos of the fantastic learning taking place at Snowfields.



In year 6, the children had a lot of fun predicting and explaining how the shape of shadows could be varied.

STAY AND PLAY



Caterpillar class enjoyed their first Stay and Play of 2024! A big thank you to our wonderful parents who attended the session.

Follow

your child's class on X (Twitter)

Snowfields school @SNSPrimary

Caterpillar class (Nursery) @SNSFoundations

Rainbow class (Resource base) @rainbow_sns

Butterfly class (Reception) @SNSFoundations

Red class (year 1) @SNSRed1

Orange class (year 2) @SNSOrange2

Yellow class (year 3) @SNSYellow_3

Green class (year 4) @SNSgreen_4

Blue class (year 5) @SNSBlue5

Purple class (year 6) @SNSPurple6

Afterschool Clubs

You should have received a Google Form listing our after-school club provision for this term. Please discuss the clubs' options with your child before completing the form.



The children in Red class have been exploring the number 10 and the different ways they can represent it. With a partner, they searched the classroom for different, creative ways to show 10. Here are some of their ideas!



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	10	0	1925
Year 2	3.5	10	850
Year 3	8.5	9	550
Year 4	4.5	9	200
Year 5	5	6	870
Year 6	0.5	7	1120

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 18/12/2023: 91.8%
1st Place Attendance: Year 6
1st Place Punctuality: Year 1

Well done to the 46 children and their parents who earned an orange wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality in autumn 2. Well done to Year 1 for the best attendance of the term!



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 18/12/2023: 93.42%

1st Place Attendance: Y3
1st Place Punctuality: Y1 & Y6

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	17	7	91.50%
Year 2	10	9	95.97%
Year 3	8	13	96.00%
Year 4	16	14	93.75%
Year 5	26	11	89.17%
Year 6	14	7	94.17%

Well done to the 71 children and their parents who earned an orange wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality in autumn 2. Well done to Year 2 for the best attendance of the term!



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	2	4	525
Year 2	2	0	1400
Year 3	2	0	425
Year 4	5	3	350
Year 5	2	1	875
Year 6	0	0	1725

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 18/12/2023: 97.12%
1st Place Attendance: Y6
1st Place Punctuality: Y6

Well done to the 38 children and their parents who earned an orange wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality for autumn 2.

Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance and punctuality cup for the autumn term.



KEEPING *families* STRONG

Online - Empowering Parents Empowering Communities - Being a Parent Together Parenting Programme (EPEC-BAPT)

Both parents must attend this programme. This programme is specifically designed for parents where there are issues relating to conflict in the home or disagreements around parenting styles. The parents that attend this group do not have to reside in the same home, but need to both commit to attending each weekly session.

For both parents of children aged 2 to 11yrs

10 Weekly sessions

Start date: Monday 15th January 2024 Online Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

For more information, please contact Ben Campbell on (T) 07738 860 768 or (E) ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk

or earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities - Being a Parent Parenting Programme (EPEC-BAP)

Suitable for parents of children aged 2 to 11yrs

9 weekly sessions

Start date: Wednesday 17th January 2024 Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Venue: Crawford Children and Family Centre, 5 Crawford Rd, London SE5 9NF

For more information, please contact Claire Gager: (M) 07547 659 646 (E) claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

or earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk

Incredible Years Autism Support programme

To support parents and carers to interact with their children in ways that promote their language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy and positive relationships. The course will enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of their children's development

This is a 14-week programme for parents with children 2-5 years who either have or awaiting an Autism diagnosis.

Start Date: 21st February 2024. There are limited crèche facilities available on request. 10:00am – 12:00noon

Venue;- Rye Oak Children's Centre- Whorlton Rd, London SE15 3PD

Facilitator: Sue Spencer For more information, please contact Sue Spencer on: (T) 020 3848 5780 ext 2006 or 07932622572 or (E)

sspencer@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk or earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk

Saturday Father's Group, Stay & Play

Join us for a Stay and Play focusing on supporting male parents and carers.

Start date: This stay and play will begin on the 13th of January and run every fortnight thereafter.

Time: 10.30 – 12.30

Venue: 1st Place Children and Parents Centre Chumleigh Street, Burgess Park, London SE5 0RN

For more information, please contact Phil Robson (T) 020 7740 8070 (T) 07714 743 750

(E) philprobson@1stplace.uk.com or Philip.robson@southwark.gov.uk

Worrying about money?



Help and support is available if you are struggling to make ends meet.

Southwark Council Cost of Living Fund



Financial support to low-income households at risk of hardship. Apply directly from November 2023 - March 2024.

Scan the QR code for more information or visit www.southwark.gov.uk/cost-of-living-fund

More options and places to get help



Access the three step 'Worrying About Money?' leaflet via the QR code or visit www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/southwark





AUTISM PUBERTY, SEXUAL WELLBEING AND RELATIONSHIPS

For parents of a child on the autistic spectrum, coping with the onset of puberty and their child's emerging sexuality can be challenging. Knowing what to teach, how/when to teach it and what to expect can be daunting.

These three sessions have a different delivery style to the Cygnet core programme. Because of the nature of the subject matter it was felt that a far more activity-based approach would put parents at ease more quickly and therefore enhance learning and mutual support.

- **This is a course for parents – your children do not need to attend**
- **It is available to parents with children over the age of 9**
- **It is run face to face 10.00-4.00pm at 160 Tooley St, London, SE1 2QH**

The course will run on the following dates

18/12/23

15/02/24

17/05/24

10/07/24

15/08/24

[Book Here](#)

PLAYERS WANTED

A NEW Girls Football
Team is coming to
Southwark and we
are looking for
players to join our
journey.



Scan the QR code to register your interest.
We are currently looking for players to join our
U9's (current year 3) and U11's (current year 5).

NEW GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM



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STUDIO

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

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What Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE SPEECH VS HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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