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Newsletter 19th January 2024

Dear Parents,

It's been a chilly week, with wonderful class assemblies warming us up! Thank you for supporting your children by attending and thank you to your children and our staff teams for amazing performances.

Please look out for this term's topic poster and homework project sheet, with lots of exciting projects to complete at home. You can always find a copy on Google classroom. A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) question has been included: Why can we see our breath when it is cold?

The enrichment after school clubs started this week, there are still spaces available in some clubs. Please speak to the school office if your child would like to attend a club, these are £20 for 10 weeks from 3:30-4:30pm and children who are entitled to pupil premium receive one free club per term.

Wednesday 28th February is our Parent and Pupil Review Meetings date, please check your emails on Monday for a Google form to choose an appointment time slot.

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, see you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am.

Keeping Families Strong

Please see page 7 of the newsletter for information about some of the courses and drop in sessions that are being run in Southwark in January.

Attendance Hamper Raffle

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.

★ Dates For Your Diary ★

Tower Bridge

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)

Wednesday 13th March - Red Class Assembly 2.55pm

Tuesday 19th March - Butterfly Class Assembly 2.55pm

Tuesday 26th March - Orange Class Assembly 2.55pm

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Tuesday 23rd January- Green Class Assembly 2.55pm

Tuesday 30th January- Yellow Class Assembly 2.55pm

Tuesday 6th Feb- Safety Day (including online safety)

Friday 9th February- break up for half term

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

Monday 19th February- back to school

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

Snowfields

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](#)

Wednesday 24th January - Year 4

- Green Class Assembly **2.55pm**

Tuesday 30th January - Year 3 -

Yellow Class Assembly **2.55pm**

Wednesday 13th March - Year 1 -

Red Class Assembly **2.55pm**

Tuesday 19th March - Year R -

Butterfly Class Assembly **2.55pm**

Tuesday 26th March - Year 2 -

Orange Class Assembly **2.55pm**



be the best
we can be -
believe

[value of the week]
TOWERBRIDGE

Welcome to
Stay and Play



"I loved having my mummy here. We did reading together and I showed her my favourite toys."

stay + play

IN BUTTERFLY CLASS

"I like to see what my child is learning. It makes me feel more involved."



"It's been really lovely to see what she does at school and she's been so excited to show me all her learning."



**BE THE BEST WE
CAN BE - BELIEVE!**
AT TOWER BRIDGE

This week our clubs started for the term and the children have been enjoying many new skills.



TB Orange Class Year 2 @TBOrangeClassY2 - 16h
Year 2 were learning about habitats today in Science! They sorted the animals into their different habitats 🌿🐾🐊🐅



TBPurpleClass @TBPurpleClassY6 - 15h
In history today, we looked at a number of primary and secondary sources to learn about the life and achievements of Charles Darwin @tbprimary



TBBlueClass @TBBlueClassY5 - Jan 15
Today in Science we've been exploring gravity by measuring the weight (Newtons) and mass (grams) of different classroom items. We're exploring whether there's a link... @tbprimary



Twitter/ X

Please start following your child's new class on twitter, if you are not already, please also follow Robert Browning school - @PrimaryRobert, Rainbow Class: @RB_Rainbow1



Caterpillar class (Nursery) - @RBCaterpillarNur, Butterfly class (Reception) - @RBButterflyR,



Red class (year 1) - @RBRedClassY1, **Orange class** (year 2) - @RBOrangeClass, **Yellow class** (year 3) - @RBYellowClassY3, **Green class** (year 4) - @RBGreenClassY4, **Blue class** (year 5) - @RBBlueClassY5, **Purple class** (year 6) - @RBPurpleClassY6



Well done to Blue Class for your fantastic assembly! We loved hearing about your learning.



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

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!



A huge thank you to the ABC Book Club for our new books! The children love them.



Stay and Play in Butterfly Class will now take place on a Wednesday morning. We look forward to seeing you there!



BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder about Breakfast Club! It is open from 8am-8.45am every day. The cost is £2.00 per day. Additional siblings cost £1.00 per day. If you are interested please speak to Shanaz, Vincent or Laurie for more information

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

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POLICE VISIT



A BIG thank you to PC Hazel and PC Fox for visiting the school this week. They talked to the children about how to stay safe in different situations.



PIZZA



Purple class had a great time this week tasting fresh ingredients and cooking an authentic Italian pizza at Pizza Express!

FOOTBALL



We are extremely grateful to Mathew and Daniel's dad for the time and effort he's put in setting up and leading weekly football sessions for Butterfly class and a football club for Orange and Yellow classes.

LEGO DONATIONS

If you have any unwanted Lego bricks, please donate them to the school. They are a useful resource that helps the children to problem solve, collaborate, and think creatively.

ASSEMBLY



Well done to Yellow class for a brilliant assembly! The children's performance was full of confidence and talent! Thank you to the teaching team for such a creative assembly and to all the parents who have attended.

Our school value this week is:
B - Be the best we can be - Believe



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners

These children demonstrated
all our core values this week:



Times Tables
Rock Stars

S - Striving to Improve

Reading Raffle
Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	9	4	125
Year 2	7	13	75
Year 3	13	17	0
Year 4	11	19	0
Year 5	10.5	7	50
Year 6	2	7	150

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 9/1/2024: 91.3%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 9/1/2024: 95.30%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	6	6	97.00%
Year 2	4	9	98.39%
Year 3	10	8	95.00%
Year 4	13	9	94.92%
Year 5	10	19	95.83%
Year 6	22	15	90.83%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	8	8	50
Year 2	3	2	125
Year 3	18	6	0
Year 4	9	3	50
Year 5	3	9	75
Year 6	9	1	100

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 9/1/2024: 95.92%

**1st Place Attendance: Y5 & Y2
1st Place Punctuality: Y6**

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



Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



With Groundwork's Mental Health Support Team

We offer non-judgemental and confidential support for parents/carers of children with anxiety and challenging behaviour

Drop in to ask questions about your child's wellbeing and find out more about the service

Dates:

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Tuesday 27th February 2024

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Tuesday 26th March 2024

9:00 - 10:30

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For more information email:
MHST@groundwork.org.uk



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

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

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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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