

Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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Newsletter 26th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting your children by attending the fabulous Green class assemblies this week and thank you to your children and our staff teams for amazing performances.

Safer Internet Day 2024

This is taking place across the world and at the Bridges Federation on Tuesday 6th February and this year's theme is "Inspiring Change". There will be more information to follow. Please see the following link for some useful parent information:

[Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

We have breakfast club running at our schools from 8-8:45am daily. It costs £2 per day per child and £1 per day for additional siblings. The children will receive a healthy breakfast and have time to play games with their friends. This can be used regularly or for one off days as required. Please speak to your school office if you require further information.

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! The 2024-2025 term dates are now on our Federation website,

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am.

Measles

The UK Health Security declared a national health incident over the weekend due to rising cases of measles, including in London. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, and is a nasty illness and in some children can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases tragically can cause death. People in certain at-risk groups including babies and young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles.

[Information on the symptoms of measles and what to do if you or your child has them is available from the NHS.](#) The measles rash can sometimes look different on darker skin – an example is available [here](#). There is no specific cure for measles, but the MMR vaccine is very effective at preventing you from getting it.

Measles was eliminated in the UK in 2017, due to the success of the MMR vaccination programme, but falling vaccination uptake since then has meant that it has come back. [MMR vaccination](#) is very effective at preventing measles, and is extremely safe. It is given in two doses, one at 12 months, and one at 18 months. A version of the MMR vaccine that does not contain pork gelatine is available on request from all GPs. It is recommended that if you or your child have not had all your MMR vaccines please contact your GP today to book an appointment.



Dates For Your Diary



Tower Bridge

Tuesday 30th January - Yellow Class Assembly 2.55pm

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

Wednesday 7th Feb - EYFS Stay and Play 8.45-9.30am

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

Robert Browning

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)

Snowsfields

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

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

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

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

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

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 and 2024-2025 are on the Federation 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](#)

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**

Thank you to all the parents who have attended class assemblies so far this term. We have already been treated to assemblies from Year 5 and Year 4. Next week it is the Year 3 assembly on Tuesday 30th January at 2.55pm.

resilience
and
responsibility
encouraged

[value of the week]
TOWER BRIDGE



**RESILIENCE AND
RESPONSIBILITY**
ENCOURAGED

From investigating materials used by the 3 Little Pigs, to investigating air resistant materials for parachutes, this week has tested our pupils' resilience in learning.





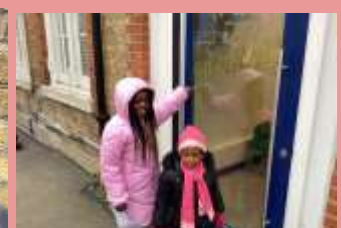
A huge thank you to Green Class for your wonderful assembly. You have learnt so much about The Maya already- thank you for sharing your knowledge with us.



Rainbow Class have been exploring materials in our school playground!



Well done to the children in Yellow Class and Green Class who took part in the Athletics event organised by PESSN this week. The children tried really hard and supported each other! Brilliant teamwork!



So much Science!

Green Class were making models of different teeth and Yellow Class have been exploring translucent and transparent materials.



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

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!

Snowsfields Primary School

THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF



Red class had a great time at the Unicorn Theatre. The Three Billy Goat Gruff show was fantastic. The children enjoyed the songs, dances and the funny troll!

UNICORN THEATRE



VISIT FROM VEOLIA

Representatives from the Veolia team came in to talk to the whole school about sustainability and how we can reduce, reuse, and recycle in school and at home. We then made some posters to show what we have learnt.



BETT UK

The STEM Leaders visited the Bett Exhibition. They had a great time and came back with some excellent resources and some fabulous ideas!

Education brings opportunity to life

Every student celebrates

Green Class Assembly



Well done to Green class

for a fantastic assembly! The children taught us so many interesting facts about the Maya civilisation! Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children and enjoy the wonderful performance!



Our school value this week is:
R - Resilience and responsibility
encouraged



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners



Our Core value this week is:
Resilience



Times Tables
Rock Stars

F - Fun and Friendly

Reading Raffle
Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	4	4	325
Year 2	7.5	10	100
Year 3	7.5	13	25
Year 4	15.5	9	25
Year 5	5.5	17	100
Year 6	9	5	200

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 15/1/2024: 93.5%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 15/1/2024: 94.86%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	4	6	98.40%
Year 2	34	9	89.03%
Year 3	12	17	95.38%
Year 4	14	13	95.48%
Year 5	10	16	96.67%
Year 6	15	12	95.00%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	23	10	75
Year 2	16	7	200
Year 3	37	14	0
Year 4	7	12	125
Year 5	9	13	125
Year 6	19	3	175

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 15/1/2024: 92.79%

**1st Place Attendance: Y4
1st Place Punctuality: Y6**

PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL

EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)

@BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF



OPEN TO ALL
GIRLS AGED 5-11
YEARS OLD

OPEN TO ALL
GIRLS AGED 12-14
YEARS OLD



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Father's Stay & Play

Saturdays

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

January 13th & 27th

February 10th & 24th

March 9th & 23rd

April 6th & 20th



There's no need to
book, just come
along!




Join us for a play session where you and your little ones can meet other children and male carers.

Grandads, uncles and brothers are also welcome!

Location

1st Place Family Hub

12 Chumleigh St, SE5 0RN 

Download our timetable

Visit Our Website 

www.1stplace.uk.com



@1stPlaceCentre

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

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

Drop-in
10.30 – 3.00pm
All Free!
All Welcome!

Bus Routes:
1, 78, C10, 42
Stations: Bermondsey,
London Bridge

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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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