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Newsletter 9th February 2024

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Laurie St Luce, Mary Nyamekye, Maureen Chance and Deborah Thorpe who were all nominated for 'Saluting Our Sisters' - honouring the achievements of Black women. We are so proud of them all.



During Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, the children read and signed AUPs (Acceptable User Policy) about how to keep safe online. Please read through the AUP with your child and talk to them about who their trusted adults are at home and school.

Have a lovely restful half term break, further through the newsletter are flyers of activities taking place during half term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February, gates open at 8:45am.

After School provision at Snowfields and Tower Bridge

As you know, Snowfields and Tower Bridge schools have chosen to go with the Magna Group as our after school club provider. You will have received an expression of interest form via email for you to complete. Please do so as soon as possible. See page 7 of the newsletter for further information. Here is the link to the Google Form:

[Expression of interest](#)

Parent and Pupil review Meetings - 28/2/2024

Please note that on Tuesday 27th February all children will bring home a healthy packed lunch, this is instead of the online vouchers that have been issued previously for pupil review day lunch. Pupil Review Day is on Wednesday 28th February and school will be closed. You should will receive your appointment time when we return after the half term break.

★ Dates For Your Diary ★

Tower Bridge

Monday 12th Feb - Friday 19th Feb- Half Term
Wednesday 28th February - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings (School Closed)
Thursday 7th March- World Book Day
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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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](#)



This Term

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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**

We have noticed an increase in the number of parents driving to the gates to drop their children to school. Please do not drive onto the St John's Estate. If you are driving, please park in the nearby streets and walk children to school. This is for the safety of all the children coming to school in the morning. Many thanks for your continuing support.



Thank you to our Head Boy and Head Girl and the STEM leaders who spoke to the whole school this week in assembly about A.I and internet safety.



Congratulations to our first Attendance Hamper winners! There will be another hamper to win just before the Spring holiday. Everyone with at least 98% attendance will be entered to win!

DIVERSITY IS CELEBRATED

AT TOWER BRIDGE

It has been a very busy week here at school. Classes have taken part in learning activities for Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week. The younger pupils have also been to the Unicorn Theatre and Year 6 were visited by a guest speaker in RE to talk about Humanism. They also met their mentors from the Shine organisation.





Safer Internet Day 2024!
We started the day with an assembly, led by our STEM leaders and School Council. This was followed up in class with lessons on the theme: *'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online'*



Fabulous Homework Projects!



The children enjoyed some storytelling sessions on Friday afternoon.



Green Class visited Southwark Cathedral as part of their learning about different Religions in our neighbourhood. They also were able to take part in a candle making workshop.



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

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



Inspiring change



During a P4C session, Green class debated whether using AI (Artificial Intelligence) would be considered cheating.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Children across the school celebrated Safer Internet Day. The event aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all; especially for young people and children.



Thank you to our STEM Leaders for their fantastic presentation during our Safer Internet Day assembly.



Homework Projects

Look at our amazing homework projects!



MENTAL HEALTH

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in many activities to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'My voice matters!'

My voice matters



The children created some beautiful art work where they included what matters to them!



Our school value this week is:
Diversity is Celebrated



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners



Our Core value this week is:
Respect



Times Tables
Rock Stars

E - Empowering
Everyone

Reading Raffle
Winners





| | Absence | Lates | Total |
|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| Year 1 | 0 | 4 | 575 |
| Year 2 | 4 | 15 | 250 |
| Year 3 | 2 | 13 | 75 |
| Year 4 | 18 ½ | 12 | 75 |
| Year 5 | 9 | 13 | 100 |
| Year 6 | 4 ½ | 2 | 375 |

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 29/1/2024: 94.2%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 29/1/2024: 93.60%

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

| | Absence | Lates | Total |
|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| Year 1 | 8 | 1 | 96.67% |
| Year 2 | 30 | 5 | 90.32% |
| Year 3 | 16 | 13 | 93.85% |
| Year 4 | 18 | 10 | 94.19% |
| Year 5 | 12 | 10 | 96.00% |
| Year 6 | 26 | 11 | 91.33% |



| | Absence | Lates | Total |
|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| Year 1 | 20 | 10 | 150 |
| Year 2 | 7 | 7 | 425 |
| Year 3 | 29 | 8 | 25 |
| Year 4 | 30 | 8 | 150 |
| Year 5 | 14 | 10 | 250 |
| Year 6 | 17 | 3 | 375 |

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 29/1/2024: 92.40%

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

Magna Groups are consulting with **The Bridges Federation** to establish whether there is a sustainable demand to introduce a **NEW** onsite OFSTED after school care provision (Monday to Friday) at **Snowfields Primary School** (Walking bus from **Tower Bridge Primary**) during term time.

To establish the existing requirements of parents for this provision we would welcome your feedback as to whether this would be a service you would require, **to ensure viability Magna require 20 children attending on average daily.** As part of our consultation we are asking those families who would use our proposed services to **confirm their set sessions for their child/ren for us to determine sustainable demand** [CLICK HERE](#).

Magna Groups is an OFSTED registered provider with experience working with Primary Schools, offering a wide range of activities tailored to children's needs. Magna services are designed to provide high quality provision to children whilst providing affordable and flexible childcare to parents.

Every day children will have the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities to **INSPIRE, CAPTIVATE** and **ENGAGE** your child whilst in our care. In addition to our daily themed activities, children will be able to participate in our **Specialist Daily Club Activities** on set days during the half term. Our commitment is to provide affordable onsite childcare for our families offering parents peace of mind that children are safe, having fun and enjoying a diverse range of activities.

SAMPLE ACTIVITY TIMETABLE

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 15:15-15:30 | COLLECTION OF CHILDREN & REGISTRATION | | | | |
| 15:30 | FRUIT SNACK | | | | |
| | ACTIVITY 1 | | | | |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | TEAM GAMES PEST CRAFTS | AUTUMN CRAFTS BOWTIEBALL | MOVING GAMES CAPTURE THE FLAG | CLIMB / YOGA HOCKEY | SURVIVAL SKILLS TEAM RELAYS |
| | ACTIVITY 2 | | | | |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | AUTUMN CRAFTS TENSIS / BOWTIEBALL | VELLIEBALL CORE GAMES | CLIMB / DRAMA SUMMER CRAFTS | CLIMB GAMES TEAM SPORTS | VELLIEBALL SUMMER CRAFTS |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | MAIN HEALTHY SNACK | | | | |
| | ACTIVITY 3 - SPECIALIST | | | | |
| 17:00 - 17:45 | SOFTBALL | BOUDOIR | BOUDOIR | CLIMB / HOCKEY | AUTUMN CRAFTS |
| 18:00 | COLLECTION - TIME TO GO HOME | | | | |

PROPOSED COSTS:

After School Club 15:30 - 18:00
£13.00 Includes Healthy Snacks

After School Club 15:30 - 18:00
£55.00 Weekly Booking

SURVEY LINK

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR PARENT INTEREST FOR THE NEW PROPOSED MAGNA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT SNOWFIELD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We welcome your feedback and kindly request you complete the attached parent interest question on the link above before **FRIDAY 09TH FEBRUARY 2024** to establish parent interest and confirm next steps for potential start dates for Extended Schools and Holiday provisions shortly.

Team **Magna**

BOOK YOUR MAGNA EXTENDED SCHOOL TODAY!



www.magnagroups.com



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info@magnagroups.com





OPEN DAY



Dockhead Fire Station

Saturday 24th February 2024 12pm–3pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get fire safety advice
- See our latest fire and rescue service equipment
- Special reunion for the cast members from the famous London's Burning, which was film at Dockhead fire station

8 Wolseley Street Dockhead London SE1 2BP

For more info contact Dockhead Fire Station Green Watch:

T 020 8555 1200 Ext 84534

E dockheadg@london-fire.gov.uk





SENsational Stay & Play



Free February Half Term Fun for Autistic Children aged 5-11

Delivered in partnership with Southwark Autism Support Team

- **Have fun with your child through a range of activities, including arts and craft, games, food play**
- **Capoeira sessions [More Info](#)**
- **Meet other families**
- **Get advice and support on a range of topics including; communication, behaviour, and toileting**



Thursday 15th February 2024 10-3pm

Dulwich Wood Children's Centre

Lyall Avenue , London SE21 8QS

Places are limited, please register
your interest via :

<https://forms.office.com/e/1uHcNtR8mh>

Or scan QR code





Half Term Fun at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

For Southwark residents only. Booking is required. Free, but £3 refundable deposit (please contact dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk if this is too much for you). Visit our website www.wildlondon.org.uk to find these and other activities. Suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger ones too. These are not drop-in activities. Only one course per adult each academic year 23/24.

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February 10am till 3pm Nature Detectives

Two family activity days exploring the tracks and signs that animals leave behind. Can be booked as a single day or for two days. On Monday there will be sensory games, making footprint traps and track printing. On Tuesday you will make your own plaster cast footprint, watch camera trap footage and make your own trails. Stories, crafts and games in our wildlife garden and indoor space.



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www.wildlondon.org.uk/events



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2024

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Ages 3-16

Location

Charter School East
Dulwich - 117 East Dulwich
Grove - SE22 8PU



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MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR



ONLINE GROUP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

Advice, support and strategies to encourage
positive behaviour and improved relationships

TUESDAYS 1 - 2PM

20TH FEBRUARY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 5TH MARCH,
12TH MARCH, 19TH MARCH, 26TH MARCH

SIGN UP

CONTACT ROSA OR REBECCA TO FIND OUT MORE
AND COMPLETE YOUR SIGN UP:

rosa.kornfein@groundwork.org.uk

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

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REGISTRATION

We now use a central booking system called Eeqi introduced by Southwark Council for all our Activity Club bookings. This gives you the option of booking for all or some of the dates that you want to attend.



Scan QR Code to
register your
child/children.

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LOCATIONS

- St Giles - St Giles Parish Hall, 161 Benhill Road, SE5 7LL
- St Paul's Church Hall, Lorrimore Square, SE17 3QU
- Dawson's Heights Estate Ladlands, Overhill Road, SE22 0PW
- St George's C of E Primary School, Coleman Road, SE5 7TF
- The Clubroom, Samuel Lewis Trust Estate, SE5 9NE
- The Goose Green Centre, 62A East Dulwich Road, SE22 9AT
- United Reformed Church, Love Walk, SE5 8AE (TEENS)
- SEND provision 86 - 88 Vestry Road, SE5 8PQ
- South London Mission, SE1 3UJ
- Poet Corner T&RA Hall, Elimington Estate, SE5 7JE
- Livesey Exchange 2, 567 Old Kent Road, SE1 5EW

Feb 12th & 13th @ Goose Green
10am-2pm
ALL OTHER SITES:
Feb 13th-14th
10am-2pm

Please contact Cassie or Clare if you have any challenges completing your registration: 02931637189 holidayclubs@springcommunityhub.org.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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

(although the lack of age verification means that someone younger could easily log in with a false date of birth)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

UNDER 18

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.

IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.

INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.

CENSORED

RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.

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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