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Newsletter 15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure Red class parents are as proud as we are of the fantastic learning they shared with us during their assembly this week. They were so confident and put on an amazing performance.

We are very much looking forward to watching Butterfly class assembly next week.

NSPCC

Talking regularly with your child can help keep them safe online. Making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. Here is a link to the NSPCC website with some helpful resources and tips on how to keep your child safe when accessing the internet. [Online Safety](#)

All three schools are currently fundraising, if you are able to donate an Easter Egg, please bring it along to the school office. Thank you!

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

Ofsted The Big Listen Ofsted have launched a survey:

The Big Listen is an opportunity for us to hear from the professionals we work with, like teachers and other educators, carers, employers and social workers, and the people we work for: parents, carers, children and learners.

Our consultation asks about:

- how we report inspection findings
- how we carry out inspections
- how we can have a positive impact on the sectors we inspect
- what we need to do to be a world-class inspectorate and regulator, trusted by parents, children and the sectors we work with
- We want to hear your views on the priorities for Ofsted that are important to you.

Our questions highlight the areas that we want to hear from you about and will inform our thinking going forward. We want to know your views on the future direction of Ofsted.

Please click on the link below to share your views:
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ofstedbiglisten/>

★ Dates For Your Diary ★

Tower Bridge

Tuesday 19th March - Butterfly Class Assembly 2.55pm
Tuesday 26th March - Orange Class Assembly 2.55pm
Thursday 28th March - Break Up 1pm
Tuesday 16th April - Summer Term begins
Monday 15th May - Year 6 Test Week

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Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - HALF TERM WEEK
Wednesday 24th July - Break up

Snowsfields

Reading Cafes/ Stay & Learn at 9am - 19/3 year 5, 20/3 Nursery, 21/3 Reception, 22/3 year 6, 22/3 Rainbow, 27/3 year 1.
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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

Tuesday 19th March - Year R -
Butterfly Class Assembly **2.55pm**
Tuesday 26th March - Year 2 -
Orange Class Assembly **2.55pm**

We are selling tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle on the gate each day - don't forget yours. Tickets cost £1 a strip and the raffle will be drawn at the end of term.

**PE
KITS**

Please ensure all children wear their school jumpers on PE days. PE days are not non-uniform days. Many thanks for your support.

HEROES 



Thank you to Red Class for their fantastic class assembly this week. They taught us exactly who heroes are.



**OVERCOMING
CHALLENGES**

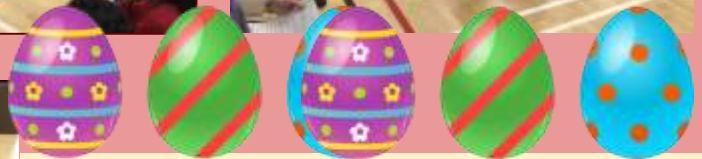
AT TOWER BRIDGE





Let Girls Play!
Congratulations to our fantastic girls who took part in the tournament last Friday- for some of them it was the first time they had participated in a tournament and they reached the Quarter Finals! Well done!

A huge thank you to Red Class for your wonderful assembly! You have made so much progress this year- Superheroes!



An Easter & Eid al-Fitr celebration & fundraiser will be held on Tuesday March 26th after school. Donations needed of Easter eggs (in advance) & cakes (closer to the date). All funds raised will go to year 6 end of year celebrations. If you would like to volunteer to help needed please let us know!

Blue Class have been creating vector drawings in computing. They have learnt how to make shapes, change colour and how to copy and paste. They also learnt the shortcuts for copying and pasting.



Rainbow Class have been working hard to develop their fine motor skills.

Class Assemblies are coming up this term. They start promptly at 3pm. Please arrive by 2.55pm.
Butterfly Class YR- 19/3,
Orange Class Y2- 26/3
We look forward to seeing you there!

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International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day the Early Years learnt about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. The children's artwork was amazing!



Down House Charles Darwin

As part of their topic work on Evolution, Purple class visited Down House. It was in this house and garden that the naturalist Charles Darwin worked on his theory of evolution by natural selection. The children had a fantastic time!



Holi Celebration

The children in Yellow class have been learning about the Hindu Festival of Holi, also known as the festival of colours. Here they are creating some amazing banners for their own celebrations.



Geography in Rainbow

In Rainbow class, the children used maps and globes to locate capital cities and towns around Europe where their favourite authors were born.



Red Class Assembly

Well done to Red class for a fantastic assembly! We now know that heroes don't always have special powers yet they are superheroes to those they help!



Reading Cafe

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 2 Reading Cafe! The children loved modelling the 'Echo Reading' strategy which they have been using in class to help develop their fluency.



Willy Wonka

This week, the Year 4 children have been writing newspaper reports! They interviewed eyewitnesses to gather different perspectives on the boy who found the last golden ticket!



Our school value this week is:
Overcoming Challenges



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners



Our Core value this week is:
Creativity



Times Tables
Rock Stars

S - Supporting Children
to Succeed



Reading Raffle
Winners



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	0	4	1150
Year 2	34	14	400
Year 3	7	13	175
Year 4	4	20	175
Year 5	11	7	300
Year 6	14 ½	4	600

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 4/3/2024: 94.03%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 4/3/2024: 95.71%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	20	7	92.00%
Year 2	17	5	94.52%
Year 3	6	11	97.60%
Year 4	13	9	95.67%
Year 5	4	11	98.67%
Year 6	13	13	95.52%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	30	5	350
Year 2	6	3	725
Year 3	40	14	50
Year 4	7	6	250
Year 5	12	6	575
Year 6	14	0	850

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 4/3/2024: 92.88%

**1st Place Attendance: Y2
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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2 - 4 April, 11am - 3pm

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**BOROUGH
MARKET**

[WHAT'S ON](#) ▾

[OUR STORY](#)

For three days during the Easter holidays, we'll be hosting a series of inspiring educational activities designed to get children thinking about the food they eat. Located in a dedicated space within the Market, there will be three fun stations for primary-age children to explore. All activities are free of charge and no bookings are required, but kids must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Get your hands on a range of fresh produce items hidden in a series of boxes, with the aim of identifying them through touch and smell alone. The difficulty of the challenge will vary with age, ranging from everyday produce to some of the Market's more unusual offerings.

SEED PLANTING

Discover the joys and challenges of growing food by taking home and caring for a seed planted in a compostable pot. Children will be able to pick from three seed options – vegetable, fruit or herb – and will be given expert instruction on how to nurture them.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Get creative by decorating a wooden lollipop stick to embed in the soil of your new plant pot, using stickers, pens and other crafting materials.

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:

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

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FAMILY



STUDIO

With artists Anna Paterson, Dunya Kalantery,
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!

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1, 78, C10, 42
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DRAWING ROOM

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

DEVELOPING HEALTHY SLEEP PATTERNS

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping – potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system. Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthily.

1 MINDFUL TECH USE



Encourage a balanced approach to screen time. While phones, laptops, tablets and so on can serve as a helpful means of stress relief, it's advisable to minimise their use right before bed. These devices can keep the mind racing long after they're switched off, impacting how easily and how well a person can sleep.

2 EFFECTIVE SLEEP PRACTICES



Offer practical advice on reinforcing certain habits that have a positive influence on sleeping patterns. Children could start keeping a diary which they add to each evening, for example – or they could use up excess energy by exercising during the day.

3 HYDRATION HABITS



Underline the importance of drinking plenty of water throughout the day, while limiting drinks close to bedtime to prevent disruptions during the night: it's a lot harder to switch off if you keep needing to get out of bed for the toilet. Avoiding caffeinated drinks later in the day also allows the body and brain to slow down naturally, without any chemicals firing them back up.

4 CONSISTENT BEDTIME SCHEDULE



Assist children in developing consistent bedtime routines that tell the body it's time to wind down, promoting a more relaxed state. Establish specific activities for young ones right before going to bed – such as brushing their teeth – to set up an association between that action and falling asleep.

5 OPTIMAL SLEEP ENVIRONMENT



Ensure that the bedroom is comfortable, dark and free from distractions, fostering an ideal space for quality rest. The room's temperature should also be suitable for sleeping – that is, not too hot and not too cold – while rooms should be kept as tidy and free of clutter as possible.

6 RELAXING EVENING ACTIVITIES



Recommend activities that have a calming effect on the mind – such as reading or gentle stretching – in the lead up to bedtime, to prepare the mind for a peaceful night's sleep. Doing something quiet, relaxing and low intensity signals to the brain that it's time to rest and makes falling asleep much easier.

7 PRIORITISING ADEQUATE SLEEP



Emphasise the crucial role of sleep in maintaining physical and emotional wellbeing. It's especially important to sustain a healthy sleep pattern during challenging and intensive periods in our lives: during the exam season for children and young people, for instance.

8 NUTRITIONAL BALANCE



Highlight the significance of a healthy, balanced diet – and its role in establishing a more consistent sleep pattern. Try to lean towards preparing meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables, served in reasonable portion sizes: not only is this a lot healthier, but it also reduces the chances of feeling too full to be comfortable in bed.

9 PARENTAL SUPPORT



Parents and carers, of course, are uniquely situated to support their children in establishing and maintaining healthy sleeping habits. Parents can review their own sleep habits (incorporating anything from this list that they don't do already) to model a balanced bedtime routine and reinforce the importance of self-care.

10 MILITARY SLEEP METHOD



Look up 'the military sleep method': it's a technique for falling asleep quickly, which incorporates deep breathing exercises. You could encourage children to try it or even use it yourself. While it can take a good deal of practice to perfect, eventually it will start to feel natural – and the results are often extremely impressive!

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of the Social Enterprise UK: 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at a large secondary school.

