

Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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Newsletter 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all the children who earned a **green** wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality for Spring 2 and the three families who were drawn from the attendance hamper raffle for 98% attendance and above. Children are working for a **blue** wristband for summer 1. Thank you for supporting your children to come to school every day ontime. Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. You can check your child's attendance on the scholarpack app. If you need support with your child's attendance please speak to a member of the Leadership Team on the gate.

Our year 6 classes continue to work extremely hard as they prepare for their SATs which begin on Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May.

Please take a look at the dates for your diary box for events happening during this half term.

We hope you are looking forward to the long weekend, we return to school on Tuesday 7th May, gates open at 8:45am

Squirrels

The 20th Bermondsey Scout Group are looking for volunteers to start up the Squirrels group which is the Scout section for 4 and 5 year olds.

<https://join.southsoutheastlondonscouts.org.uk/map/20th-bermondsey-scout-group>

If you think you might be able to support or have any questions please email:
info@20thbermondsey.com

★ Dates For Your Diary ★

Tower Bridge

Monday 13th May - Year 6 Test Week
Friday 24th May - INSET DAY school closed
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May- HALF TERM WEEK
Friday 12th July - Summer Fair
Wednesday 24th July - Break up at 1pm

Robert Browning

Tues 7th May - Year 5 Reading Cafe 9am,
Weds 8th May - Year 3 Reading Cafe 9am,
Thurs 9th May - Year 4 Reading Cafe 9am,
Fri 10th May - Year 1 Reading Cafe 9am
Monday 13th May - Year 6 Test Week
Mon 20th May-Year 6 9am & Rainbow 3pm -Reading Cafe,
Tues 21st May - Year 2 Reading Cafe 9am,
Weds 22nd May- EYFS Reading Cafe 9am,
Friday 24th May - INSET DAY school closed
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May- HALF TERM WEEK
Wednesday 24th July- Break up

Snowsfields

Mon 13th May to Thurs 16th May-Year 6 Test Week
Wednesday 22nd May - EYFS Fundraiser
Friday 24th May - INSET Day school closed
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May- HALF TERM WEEK
Tuesday 11th June - NEST Parents' Workshop
24th - 28th June - Health Week
24th July - Break up at 1pm

Term Dates for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 are on the Federation website

[Term Dates – The Bridges Federation](#)

Please note there has been a change to our term dates for 2024-25. See our website for details.

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](#)



resilience
and
responsibility
encouraged
[value of the week]
TOWERBRIDGE

Well done to these children in Blue class who wrote stories for a writing competition. They found out this week that their writing will be published!



This Term
EVENTS

- Monday 6th May**
- Bank Holiday - school closed
- Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May**
- Year 6 SATs Week
- Friday 25th May** - INSET Day - school closed
- Friday 28th June** - Sports Day Y1 - Y6
- Friday 12th July** - Summer Fair



Some of our students took part in the LPESSN SEND Festival of Sport this week. Thank you so much to Robert Browning Primary School and their Sports Leaders for being smashing hosts and making us feel so welcome!

**RESPONSIBILITY AND
RESILIENCE ENCOURAGED**
AT TOWER BRIDGE
SUMMER TERM CLUBS



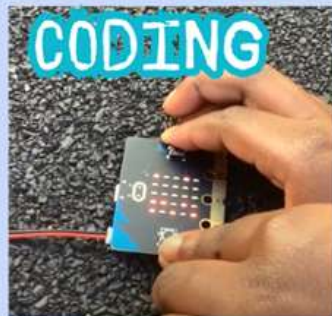
Thank you so much to the parents who were able to attend the reading cafes in Green and Purple class this week!



DRAWING



LEGO



CODING





Red Class enjoyed a walk around Faraday Gardens to identify flowers and leaves!



Yellow Class have been busy planting seeds. Over the next few weeks they will observe the changes that take place.



Orange Class created these wonderful skyline pictures, inspired by Sonia Boyce



Butterfly Class are looking after some caterpillars- they cannot wait to see them turn into butterflies.



Rainbow Class have been learning about saving the planet and have been clearing some litter in the playground!

Check next week's newsletter for photos from the SEND festival of sport, our intra-school athletics competition and the mini marathon in school!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 3 fundraiser by donating or buying cakes!



Stay and Read sessions!

Come at 9am (or 3pm- see below) for a short 'Stay and Read' session with your child. (see below for dates and an exception!)


- Tues 7th May - Year 5 - 9am
- Weds 8th May- Year 3-9am
- Thurs 9th May- Year 4-9am
- Fri 10th May- Year 1-9am
- Mon 20th - Rainbow- at 3pm
- Mon 20th - Y6-9am
- Tues 21st May- Year 2-9am
- Weds 22nd May - EYFS-9am




Snowsfields Primary School



Thanks to all the parents who supported the KS1 fundraiser! The fairy cakes were scrumptious!



The children in Green class love reading to their buddies in Year 1.



The children had a great day at the Sport Festival which took place at Robert Browning School.




It's Pizza time! Orange class had a fun morning at Pizza Express. The Pizzas were delicious!



Our family garden session was a success! Many families enjoyed their time in the garden. If you would like to join us, the next session is on June 1st.



Children from Rainbow had a great time during their bike workshop!



The children in Early Years are learning about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Look at all these lovely activities!

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



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading
Raffle
Winners



Our core value this week is:
Independence



S - Striving to Improve

Times Tables
Rock Stars

Reading Raffle
Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	2	4	275
Year 2	11	11	50
Year 3	7 ½	10	200
Year 4	12	15	0
Year 5	10	4	150
Year 6	8	4	200

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 22/4/2024: 93.4%

**1st Place Attendance: Year 1
1st Place Punctuality: Year 1, Year 5
and Year 6**



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 22/4/2024: 96.09%

**1st Place Attendance: Y3
1st Place Punctuality: Y1**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	16	9	93.85%
Year 2	10	14	96.67%
Year 3	4	17	98.40%
Year 4	12	12	96.00%
Year 5	8	17	97.33%
Year 6	16	10	94.29%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	15	7	50
Year 2	23	1	225
Year 3	25	6	0
Year 4	17	6	50
Year 5	14	4	175
Year 6	17	2	175

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 22/4/2024: 92.88%

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

Parent or carer



You can text a school nurse on

07520 631 130

ParentLine Number

We are here during school holidays too!

The ParentLine number is a text number only. It cannot receive phone calls.

This number is confidential and is for use by parents and carers of children and young people in Lambeth and Southwark.

A text message service is also available for young people, [find out more about ChatHealth](#).

About ParentLine

ParentLine and ChatHealth are supported by the Children and Young People's Health Partnership which brings together organisations and families in Lambeth and Southwark to improve everyday healthcare for local children and young people.

Confidentiality

We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the emergency department (A&E).

Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number.

Messages are charged at your usual rates.

  If you are 11- 19 years old
You can text your school nurse for
confidential health advice and support
The number to text is:
07507 332150



MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN

Summer Half-Term Camp



Join us at **Marlborough Sports Garden** for a week of action-packed fun. With 5-a-side football, beach volleyball, table tennis, netball, boxing, basketball, mini athletics, tennis and much more, our multi-sport holiday camps are the perfect way to **keep children aged 4-11 active all Summer Half Term!**

VENUE

Marlborough Sports Garden
Union Street, SE1 1SD



DATES (9am-3pm)

Tuesday 28th May
to Friday 31st May

COST

- £20 per day per child
- £60 for the full camp (4 days)

Funded places are available, kindly supported by Riverside and Mount Anvil. These places are allocated via local schools.



SCAN TO BOOK

bit.ly/spring-half-term
www.bost.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 1085454





FREE COACHING!

Girls' FOOTBALL

**FROM
16 APRIL
TO 16 JULY**

Are you a Lioness ready to roar?

Join our FREE afterschool girls' football sessions with **Girls United** - dedicated to empowering players through football skills sessions, fun matches and making new friends.

Time and dates:

Tuesdays: 3:45pm-5:15pm



**Scan to register, or visit
[www.bost.org.uk/
afterschoolsports](http://www.bost.org.uk/afterschoolsports)**



020 7403 3393



www.bost.org.uk



Marlborough Sports Garden
11 - 25 Union St, London SE1 1SD

How can you help yourself?

The BLUE zone



How might you feel?

sad
tired
bored
moving slowly

What might help you?

Talk to someone
Stretch
Take a brain break
Stand
Take a walk
Close my eyes

The GREEN zone



How might you feel?

happy
okay
focussed
ready to learn

What might help you?

The goal of this exercise is to get to the GREEN zone.
What can you do to be happy, calm and ready to learn?

The YELLOW zone



How might you feel?

nervous
confused
silly
not ready to learn

What might help you?

Talk to someone
Count to 20
Take deep breaths
Squeeze something
Draw a picture
Take a brain break

The RED zone



How might you feel?

angry
frustrated
scared
out of control

What might help you?

Stop what I'm doing
Make sensible choices
Take deep breaths
Ask for a break
Find a safe space
Ask for help



What Zone Are You In?



Blue

Green

Yellow

Red

Sick

Happy

Frustrated

Mad/Angry

Sad

Calm

Worried

Mean

Tired

Feeling Okay

Silly/Wiggly

Yelling/

Bored

Focused

Excited

Hitting

Moving Slowly

Ready to Learn

Loss of Some

Disgusted

Control

Out of Control

HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE THEIR FEARS AND WORRIES

MAY-JUNE 2024



5 WEEK ONLINE GROUP FOR
PARENTS/CARERS AIMED AT HELPING YOU
SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN OVERCOMING
ANXIETY WHILST DEVELOPING THEIR
INDEPENDENCE AND BRAVE BEHAVIOURS.

THIS COURSE IS BASED ON CBT
EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDED SELF-HELP
TECHNIQUES.

TUESDAY 1-2PM

7TH MAY, 14TH MAY, 21ST MAY, 4TH JUNE,
11TH JUNE

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CONTACT ROSA OR REBECCA :

ROSA.KORNFEIN@GROUNDWORK.ORG.UK
07999 402 360

REBECCA.SKINNER@GROUNDWORK.ORG.UK
07872 400882

Parent / Carer Workshops Online

Thursdays 1pm - 2pm

MARCH

7

Talking to
Teens

APRIL

18

Dealing with
Difference

MAY

9

Online Safety &
Social Media

JUNE

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Sleep Hygiene
for Teens

JULY

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Transitions to
Secondary
school

SEPTEMBER

12

CBT & Anxiety

OCTOBER

3

CBT & Low Mood

NOVEMBER

7

Self Esteem

For more
information, please
contact
rebecca.skinner@
groundwork.org.uk
or rosa.kornfein@
groundwork.org.uk

These sessions will be held ONLINE

Run by Southwark MHST - Groundwork London



Parent / Carer Workshops at The Nest

Thursdays 6pm - 7:30pm

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groundwork.org.uk](mailto:rosa.kornfein@groundwork.org.uk)

The Nest, Unit 4, Co-Operative House, Rye Lane,
London SE15 4UP

Run by Southwark MHST - Groundwork London





Father's Stay & Play Saturdays

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Upcoming dates:

April 6th 20th

May 11th 18th

June 1st 15th 29th

July 13th 27th



1st Place Family Hub
12 Chumleigh St, SE5 0RN

Download our full timetable

www.1stplace.uk.com



1st Place



Southwark Family Hubs



@1stPlaceCentre



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 13th May 2024

Venue: 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

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: May 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

Autism Support

A range of support services are offered for children who have been diagnosed with autism. Names are being taken for Cygnet (5-18) and Next Steps (Under 5s) parenting courses.

Contact: AutismSupportTeam@southwark.gov.uk directly with the family details to put their names down.

Wellbeing for All

Looking after your mental and physical wellbeing and that of your family is really important. Here are some links and resources that you may find useful.



<https://www.together-uk.org/southwark-wellbeing-hub/>



Southwark Parenting Circle: Unite, Support, Thrive. Bringing together parents of Southwark to support each other.

Strengthening Families Programme - offers families a safe space to strengthen bonds.

<https://thenestsouthwark.org.uk/for-parent-carers/>



Stop.Breathe.Think gives eligible young people aged 8-21 access to free 1-1 counselling sessions. No wait times and available nationally, we provide vital support to those who need it right now.



the hub project



<https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure/>

A warm and welcoming space to relax with free tea, activities and wi-fi; all day every Wednesday

<https://www.thebridge-uk.org/hub>

Welcome to Southwark Leisure.
Swimming, gym, fitness classes and more in your local leisure centre run by Southwark Council.

Good Thinking is a free digital resource that supports Londoners looking for help with stress, sleep, anxiety and low mood

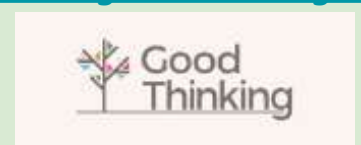
Get active with Southwark Leisure!

<https://southwarkleisure.co.uk/>

You can get free swim and gym including free swimming lessons at certain times at Southwark leisure centres

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/leisure-and-sport/free-swim-and-gym>

<https://www.good-thinking.uk/>





Good to Grow! Tuesday After School Family Fun

from 30th April - 21st May 3.45 till 5pm
at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening,
28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE



Have fun growing plants for yourself and for wildlife. Composting, sowing seeds, making plant food, exploring our wildlife garden and discovering plants and animals on this 4 week after school course for families living in Southwark. One adult may bring up to 3 children.

Aimed at primary school aged children but you are welcome to bring your little ones or older ones too. To book visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events



Protecting
London's
wildlife for
the future

To find out more about the London Wildlife Trust and for other events visit www.wildlondon.org.uk
Or email dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk

Parents of 11-18 year olds



A free inclusive course to help parents and carers to raise healthy and happy young people

FREE

strengthening
families
strengthening
communities

Strengthening families,
strengthening communities

Parents of 11-18 year olds

Programme Details

Location: Get Rid of and Donate CIC, Green Space Works Studio 1 LJ Works, 7 Gastineau Yard, London SW9 7FA

Date: Every Tuesday, from 16th April 2024 to 17th July 2024

Time: 6pm -9pm

Facilities: Evening meal provided and some help with childcare available (speak to Joy)

Contact: Joy Ohen 07701048479

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/SFSCSLambeth>



Scan here to book a place

"I found it very supportive being part of a group and sharing ideas with other parents."





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



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



Help for parents/carers of children with behaviour problems



Is your child aged between 4-9 years old?

Have you tried parenting groups, but not found them helpful? OR decided they were not right for you?

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For more information email PPC@tavi-port.nhs.uk
OR contact Jackie Briskman on 07743 991957

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

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London, SE1 5WS. Enter from Grange Road

Drop-in
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Bus Routes:
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Stations: Bermondsey,
London Bridge

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genevieve@drawingroom.org.uk
www.drawingroom.org.uk
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Applications close Wed 15th May 2024

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES

99%

of 8-17s had regular access to the internet

65%

of 13-17s prefer short videos to films and TV

34%

experienced harassment or bullying online

11-18s

felt more confident communicating online (71%) than in person (53%)

87%

of 8-17s felt pressure to be popular on social media

SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s

YouTube **89%**

YouTube **88%**

WhatsApp **37%**

WhatsApp **82%**

TikTok **35%**

TikTok **78%**

Snapchat **27%**

Snapchat **73%**

Instagram **22%**

Instagram **69%**

ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

74% played with someone they know

32% played with strangers

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

93% 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety

93% of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online

91% children found these lessons useful

78% of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps

40% admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

77% seeing age-inappropriate content

70% being harassed or bullied

68% seeing pro-self-harm content

62% having their data gathered by companies

59% being influenced by extreme views

55% having their reputation damaged

51% being pressured to spend money

DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

Age Group	Percentage	Device
3-4s	67%	use tablets
5-7s	77%	use tablets
8-10s	73%	use tablets
11-15s	95%	use phones
15-17s	97%	use phones

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College