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Newsletter 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so excited to welcome our children parents and carers back to school on Tuesday, there were so many smiling faces.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting all parents during their meet the teacher session on Wednesday 11th September at 3:30pm.

If you followed us on Twitter/X you will have seen that our schools and classes are no longer using this social media platform in light of recent events which are incompatible with our values as a federation.

Please follow our new school accounts on Blue Sky Social and for updates on your children's learning please log into their Google Classroom account.

Please see the link below for The Bridges Federation updated policies.

The online safety policy shares information about school and national online safety risks and also children's voices '45% of 8-11s feel that their parents' screen time is too high, underlining the importance of modelling good behaviour'. The behaviour policy encourages the children to use Zones of Regulation to help develop their emotional resilience, improve their social interactions and enhance their ability to focus and

Policies & GDPR – The Bridges Federation Have a lovely weekend, our gates open at 8:45am on Monday.

MAGNA EXTENDED SCHOOLS

As you know, The Magna Groups are now running the after school club facility for Snowsfields and Tower Bridge pupils. Should you wish to register your child please follow the link below for more information.

Magna Group



🍁 Dates For Your Diary🍁



Tower Bridge

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Term Dates for 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

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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. We want to work with you to ensure that attendance for pupils at the Bridges Federation is the best it can be.

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education. This means making sure your child is in school every day except when

- Your child is too ill to go to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from your child's school for them not to attend. You should only
 ask for this in exceptional circumstances. Generally, a holiday will not be classed as an exceptional
 circumstance.
- Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance.

If my child needs to be absent from school, what do I need to do?

You should contact us as early as possible (no later than 10am) on the first day of absence to explain why. If you do not, we will contact you to find out where they are.

My child is ill. What should I do?

If your child is ill, read the NHS's 'Is my child too ill for school?' advice to help you decide whether they can go to school. Contact us as soon as possible to let us know that they will be absent.

Do I need to provide medical evidence to support my child's illness related absence?

We may ask for medical evidence when your child is absent due to illness. This may be in cases where:

- Your child is regularly absent due to illness, to assess how we can help by putting support in place.
- We have reason to believe your child was not too ill to attend and a conversation has not resolved the issue.

If you are asked to provide evidence this does not need to be a letter from your doctor or consultant, and doctors will not usually provide such letters. It can, instead, be appointment cards, prescriptions, or notes of previous consultations (including from the NHS App.)

To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible.

My child is struggling to attend school. What can I do?

The first step is to talk to your us about why your child is missing school, and what help we can give. You should still do everything you can to help your child attend as much as possible whilst waiting for help and support to be put into place. Information on who you can contact for help, including the school's senior leader responsible for attendance, can be found in our attendance policy on the website. We follow the expectations laid out in the DfE guidance 'Working together to improve school attendance.'

https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2024/07/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance-19th-Aug-version.pdf

https://thebridgesfederation.org.uk/home/attendance/



teamwork

[letter of the week] TOWERBRIDGE

Have any of your details changed over the summer? Please let us know so we can keep our records updated. Using the absence tab on the app to update any information.

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Secondary Transfer Online Application

Please be aware that the deadline for online secondary transfer application is 31/10/2024 so we advise that you submit your application before 25th October 2024 as the deadline falls within the half term holiday and we may not be able to offer support.

If you need support with your application or have any questions before this date, please come and speak with Laura.



Meet the Class Teams

Parents are invited to meet the class teams in classrooms on Wednesday 11th September from 3.30pm.

Children will need to be collected from classrooms on this day.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please use the absence tab on the school app to let us know.

We look forward to seeing you all then!



P.E Days - Autumn Term

Children should wear suitable clothing on PE days - dark tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt and trainers. All children wear their school jumpers on PE days.



Reception - Friday

Red Class - Tuesday

Orange Class - Tuesday and Friday

Yellow Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Green Class - Tuesday and Wednesday

Blue Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Purple Class - Monday and Wednesday







You may have noticed this week that our playground has become a lot brighter. Thanks to a grant from Southwark to improve our playground, we wanted a bright mural in memory of Lisa, a staff member who died in 2021. Lisa loved reading and always encouraged pupils and adults to read. The mural was designed with this in mind - a giant book with Lisa's passions: flowers, pinks and butterflies representing her, the staff and pupils of Tower Bridge School. On the lunch club door is Pablo, Lisa's dog. Thank you to Frankie Strand, the artist who created this so thoughtfully to include all the elements we asked for. The children have been delighted with the mural and it will continue to brighten up all our days.





came in to decorate parts of the school. They also worked in the EYFS garden and created lovely bird boxes for the fence on Tower Bridge Road. Thank you so much to them and all their hard work.



Robert Browning Primary School



Welcome Back!

It has been fantastic to welcome all the children back to school and to see them so settled in their new classes.

You will have met your child's teacher in the playground after school each day, but there is a formal **meet the teacher** session, after school on **Wednesday 11th September**. Please go to your child's class at 3.30pm. If you have more than one child in the school, don't worry! The teachers will stay in their classes to meet you, so you can visit each class in turn.

PE Sessions

As usual, your child can wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. PE kit includes plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and trainers. The children should wear their usual red school sweatshirt.

Red Class (Y1) Wednesday & Thursday
Orange Class (Y2)- Thursday
Yellow Class (Y3) Wednesday & Thursday
Green Class (Y4)- Tuesday
Blue Class (Y5) Monday & Thursday
Purple Class (Y6)- Friday

There will be additional PE sessions when the children take part in tournaments and special events. We will let you know about these!

Attendance

Arriving at school on time and attending school regularly is essential for children's well being and progress. Every school day counts.

Leave during term time is not authorised and must only be taken during exceptional circumstances. Concerns about persistent absence or lateness <u>will</u> be referred to the Education Inclusion Team or Family Early Help Service. Fines <u>will</u> be issued for term time leave.

We reward children who have good attendance with wristbands for 100% attendance and whole class awards for attendance and punctuality. To be entered into our attendance hamper your child must have over 98% attendance for that half term and be on time every day.

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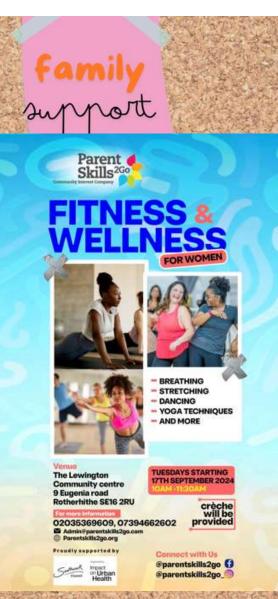
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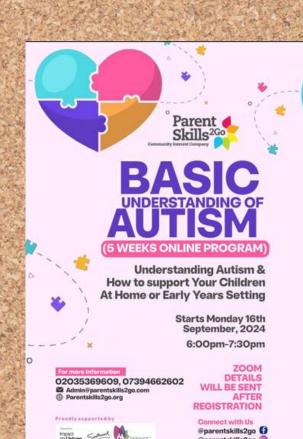
The Nest - Wellbeing Hub

The Nest operates a drop-in service every
Saturday between 10:30 and 14:30.
Therapeutic practitioners and support
workers can offer 1:1 emotional support,
information & advice and signpost you to the
appropriate services.

Drop-In Service | The Nest







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Southwark Council



Applying for a secondary school place -

Information for parents:
Reception baseline assessment

Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK

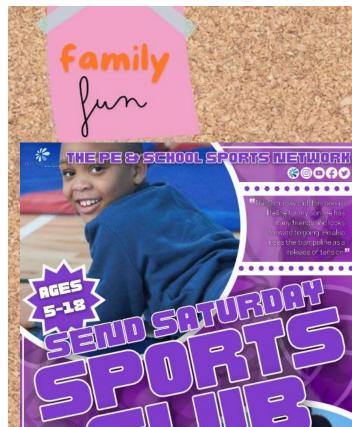
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