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Find us at: www.thebridgesfederation.org.uk

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 learn.

[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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Weds 18th - Fri 20th September- School Journey

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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 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/>



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.



Over the summer a team of volunteers from FORA 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.



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!

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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 will be referred to the Education Inclusion Team or Family Early Help Service. Fines will 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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Snowsfields Primary School

★ BACK TO ★ SCHOOL

A huge welcome back to all our families! We hope you all had a wonderful summer. It has been lovely to see all the children return to school and settle so quickly into their new routines.

Meet the Teacher

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teaching team on **Wednesday 11th September at 3:30**. Children will be collected from their classrooms.

Bluesky

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PE Days

On their PE days, your child can wear their PE kit to school. We encourage the children to wear plain black/grey/navy shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt, and trainers.

The children must wear their usual blue school sweatshirt.

Rainbow class (Resource base) - Tuesday

Red class (year 1) - Tuesday & Friday

Orange class (year 2) - Monday & Thursday

Yellow class (year 3) - Tuesday (extended session)

Green class (year 4) - Thursday (extended session)

Blue class (year 5) - Wednesday & Thursday


Purple class (year 6) - Monday & Friday

School Uniform


Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the appropriate uniform (see photo above).

Our **Uniform Swap Shop** will take place on **Friday 13th September** before and after school. Please donate any uniform that your child has outgrown.

Family support



FITNESS & WELLNESS FOR WOMEN



- BREATHING
- STRETCHING
- DANCING
- YOGA TECHNIQUES
- AND MORE

Venue
The Lewington Community centre
9 Eugenia road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

TUESDAYS STARTING 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 10AM-1130AM

crèche will be provided

For more information
02035369609, 07394662602
Admin@parentskills2go.com
Parentskills2go.org

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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



To get involved, you can refer via our website www.imago.community or scan the QR Code.



For further information, please contact our Hub:
youngcarers@imago.community
0300 111 1110

Southwark Young Carers is a service of Imago Community Registered charity number 1109388



We support young people living in Southwark aged 6-24, who provide unpaid care or support to a family member with a long-term illness, disability, mental health condition or a substance misuse issue.

Southwark **IMAGO** Help Southwark's Young Carers Build Resilience, Facilitating Change Since 1987



MY CHILD & ME

A 10 WEEK INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

for parents and carers providing understanding, supporting and prevention of behaviour & mental health issues in children through cultural lenses

crèche will be provided


Date:
Thursday 19th September -
Thursday 21st November 2024
10am -12pm

Venue
The Lewington Community centre
9 Eugenia road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

For details and to register:
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BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF AUTISM

(5 WEEKS ONLINE PROGRAM)

Understanding Autism & How to support Your Children At Home or Early Years Setting

Starts Monday 16th September, 2024 6:00pm-7:30pm

For more information
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ZOOM DETAILS WILL BE SENT AFTER REGISTRATION

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family info



Starting secondary school in Southwark 2025/26

Applications close 31 October 2024

Apply online at www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions



[Applying for a secondary school place - Southwark Council](#)

Information for parents: Reception baseline assessment



[Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

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SEWING SKILLS

10 WEEKS DRESSMAKING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS

FREE SEWING MENDING STATION
(SUPPORT ON HOW TO MEND CLOTHES)

DATE:
FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
10AM - 12PM
(EVERY FRIDAY)

Venue
The Lewington Community centre
9 Eugenia road
Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

For details and to register:
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COST MAY APPLY

Southwark Council
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Enjoy FREE access to classes

Sign in or **download the Southwark Leisure App** and click on the 'free online classes' button.

Over 20 adult class programs, Kids Born To Move classes, 2000 plus workouts, plans and challenges. Stream from the web, your mobile and TV.

Family
fun

THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

“The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son, he has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension.”

AGES 5-18

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY (TERM TIME ONLY)

OPEN TO SEND PUPILS IN SOUTHWARK

For more information please contact Glyn and George via the emails below:
Glyn Davies: glyn@lpesn.org.uk
George Richards: george@lpesn.org.uk

Telephone: 0207 237 9328 Ext: 4088 Website: www.lpesn.org.uk



FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR EVERY GIRL



FOR GIRLS AGED 5 - 11



FOR GIRLS AGED 12 - 14

TIME AND DATE
Every Monday 10:00 - 11:00am

COST
FREE

LOCATION
BUDGESS PARK ASHLEY COURT DOCKING ROAD SEEBURN

WHO WEARS
LIFE BY S.SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

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Every Monday 10:00 - 11:00am

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NEXT STEPS

Head to www.analysfootball.com/participate/women-and-girls/Play to book your first session or contact us to find out more:

george@lpesn.org.uk

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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ARTS AND CRAFTS, STAY & PLAY, MUSIC AND DANCE, SKATING, FUN WITH MATHS ETC

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
Starting Tuesday 10th September
3:30pm-5pm

For more information
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GO JAGS

SOUTHWARK JAGGERS GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls in Year 3, 4 and 5

SOUTHWARK JAGGERS PLAYERS WANTED

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST OR CONTACT WILSON@LPESN.ORG.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION

SCAN ME

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as ‘sexting’. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Notably, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Victims of the increased sharing of intimate images may experience emotional distress, including anxiety, depression, and self-harm. The threat of having these photos or videos shared can also lead to a sense of helplessness. This emotional distress can affect daily life, including performance and personal relationships.

DAMAGE TO REPUTATION

Intimate images being shared publicly can damage a person's reputation. This can lead to bullying, social exclusion, and professional setbacks. Victims may also face public scrutiny and harassment, which can have long-term effects on their mental health and well-being.

PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to control who sees them. This loss of privacy can have lasting consequences, including potential harassment and blackmail attempts.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

The pressure of unwanted sharing of intimate images can lead to financial exploitation. Victims may be coerced into providing sensitive information or performing tasks that can be used for financial gain.

LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

It is a criminal offence to distribute intimate images without consent. Offenders may face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine, or both. Additionally, victims may have the right to sue for damages.

TRUST ISSUES

Sharing intimate images without consent can lead to a loss of trust in the person who shared them. This can affect future relationships and the ability to form healthy, trusting connections. The emotional and legal consequences can be long-lasting.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION

It is important to have open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities without worrying they may face disapproval or judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying behaviour with an attitude of support and understanding.

EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS

Children and young people often want to understand why certain behaviours are risky. Educate them about the risks of sharing intimate images online, including the potential for blackmail, harassment, and other security measures. Highlight the potential consequences, including emotional distress and reputational damage.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital literacy is essential for children and young people to understand how to protect their online safety. Teach them how to use online platforms, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settings, and recognizing suspicious behaviour. Encourage them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.

PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES

Ensure that children and young people know where to go for help if they become victims of online abuse or if they have concerns. Provide them with information about trusted resources, helplines, and support services that they can access if they need help.

Meet Our Expert

Barbara Lewis is a cybersecurity and technology consultant with over 20 years' experience working with education, services and public sector clients. She is a frequent speaker at industry events and has been featured in the media.



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