

Friars, Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools



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Newsletter 29th April 2022

Dear Parents,

We really enjoyed celebrating the Daily Mile's 10th birthday on Thursday 28th April. In some of our schools, the children were dressed in the colours of their class and ran the daily mile with great enthusiasm. It was also brilliant to see so many of our Early Years parents come to stay and play with their children this week. We look forward to welcoming you again next week.

Please take a look through the newsletter for your individual school pages for photos of certificate winners and events happening in your schools this week.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and see you on Tuesday!



Nursery and Reception Stay and Play
Weekly stay and play sessions for Nursery and Reception parents started this week.

At Friars, Robert Browning and Snowsfields it is on Wednesday mornings for nursery and on Friday mornings for reception. For Tower Bridge it is on Wednesday mornings for nursery and reception. Stay and play will run from 8:45am-9:15am, these sessions will be in the outside area.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Summer term

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term: 30th May 2022 – 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July 2022

Late collection of children from school

We understand that parents are occasionally late to collect their children.

However some children are regularly collected after 3:30pm. Please be aware that we may charge a late collection fee of £25.00 if your child is collected after 3:30pm. Playshelter's new late collection charge is £25.00 per child.

Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge SCHOLARPACK APP

Do you have access to the scholarpack App? If not, please contact your school office for an access code. From 1st April 2022 we will **only be using the App to communicate with parents, we will no longer be sending texts**. If you need help to download and access the app, please come and speak to a member of the office team who will be happy to assist.

Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge

When you are paying for clubs or nursery lunches please can this money be brought in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. We will return the usable envelopes to you to reduce paper waste.

Term Dates - Planning Ahead

2022 - 2023

Autumn term

Monday 5 September 2022 - Friday 21 October 2022

Half Term Monday 24 October 2022 - Friday 28 October 2022

Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 16 December 2022

Spring term

Wednesday 4 January 2023 - Friday 10 February 2023

Half Term Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023

Monday 20 February 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023

Summer term

Tuesday 18 April 2023 - Friday 26 May 2023

Half Term Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 5 June 2023 - Friday 21 July 2023

Free trial - Real Nappy Pack

Please click on the link below to order your free trial **Real Nappy Pack**. 8 million disposable nappies are thrown away every day in the UK. Families can save money and reduce waste by switching to real nappies.

[Use real nappies - Southwark Council](#)

You can follow [@lb_southwark](#) on twitter.

Southwark swim and gym for free

All **Southwark residents** residents are able to use the swim and gym facilities for free in six of the borough's leisure centres.

Sign up now <http://ow.ly/PPC450HnpZR>

You can follow [@ActiveSouthwark](#) on twitter.

EPEC Parent Courses

There is more information on pages 19 and 20 of the newsletter regarding two brilliant courses run in Southwark.

- Being a Parent Group
- Being a Parent Together

You will have seen from our newsletter that there are some events we do at all our schools across the federation and some that happen in individual schools. Every year each school gets to choose which charity events they wish to support.

Events happening across the Federation this term to look out for:

Reading Cafe

Sports Day and Race for Life

Summer Fair



Twitter

A reminder if you do not already, to follow your school twitter and class twitter, to see the amazing learning going on in your child's classroom, please contact the school office if you need any support with this.

[@FriarsSE1](#) [@PrimaryRobert](#) [@SNSPrimary](#)
[@TBPrimary](#)

TikTok

Please find below six safety tips from the NSPCC for the use of TikTok. Please remember that the app has an age rating of 13+.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/>

Our Super Stars of the week at Friars and children showing our values.



**Snowsfields Certificate Winners-
Strive to improve**

**Snowsfields
Reading
Raffle
winners!**



Certificate Winners at Tower Bridge

We won the Reading Raffle at Tower Bridge this week!



Certificate Winners at Robert Browning





This week Reading Buddies started again. The children enjoyed sharing and discussing books with their peers.

Reading Cafe - Dates for your diary
 Monday 16th May - Year 2
 Thursday 19th May - Year 1
 Tuesday 24th May - Year 4
 Wednesday 25th May - Year 5
 Thursday 26th May - Year 3
 Friday 27th May - Year 6



Tower Bridge Primary School

On Thursday we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Daily Mile. We wore our class colours and made rosette!



Arthur: "We really push ourselves with the daily mile, it's really important to not give up"

Aliyah: "Good pace makes good running. Not too fast not too slow."



Yellow Class began our Young Marketeers project with Borough Market this week. We will be growing our own food to sell to customers in the Autumn term.

Amirah "I learned how to plant seeds, I might plant some flowers in my garden at home"

Youcef: "I learned how to use newspaper to make a flower pot. We can use materials for other uses."

Charlie: "My favourite part of the day was when we learned how to make the beetroot and squash".



Blue Class took part in their Mosaic workshop this week, which is part of a permanent installation at London Bridge Station. We are so lucky that all KS2 classes in all 4 schools have been offered this opportunity.

In Green Class and Yellow Class we were lucky to have London Children's Ballet teach some of us. We had so much fun trying on the costumes and learning ballet steps.



Friars Eco Council visit to Borough Market

We are very excited to be taking part in the Young Marketeers project. This involves growing our own produce to sell at Borough Market later on in the year.



Today we visited Borough Market to learn all about how to plant our seeds from expert gardeners, and also how to set up the ultimate stall with help from the Borough Market team.

Friars Primary School Celebrating the Daily mile 10th birthday



Snowsfields



We enjoyed running the Daily Mile on Thursday for their 10th birthday and wore our class colours to celebrate. There are lots more photos on our class twitter.



Snowsfields

We are pleased to announce that Snowsfields 'Team A' won their competition and are now through to compete for the Bobby Abel Trophy in June.

Congratulations Y5 Snowsfields!

This week, **Year 5** took part in a cricket competition at Burgess Park with other schools from Southwark. We played very well and won many of our matches. We will find out over the next few days if we have got through to the next round for a chance to win the cup - Izzy.

Donations of Book

Thank you to Ali McCulloch our parent governor for securing two boxes of books from Riverside Bookshop for the children at Snowsfields Primary. Thank you for always thinking of ways to support the school.

Borough Market

On Tuesday 26th April some of our pupils were privileged to get an opportunity to be a Young Marketeer for the day. They planted squash seeds in preparation for Harvest



Robert Browning



Congratulations to Ana-Maria who was awarded *Teaching Assistant of the Term* by Career Teachers!



The Elephant Park Project



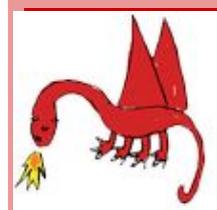
Our year 4 children have been taking part in an exciting art project!

The project is a new commission by the artist Ryan Gander which will build up to a sculpture being created and installed at Elephant Park.

Through workshops, children have been exploring their 'imagined futures' and have each been given a 'future sketchbook' to use.

Some of the children will work with Ryan to develop models for the final sculpture which will be installed in 2023.





Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/04/2022 : **92.40%**

1st Place Attendance: Y1,Y2,Y3,Y5,Y6 1st Place Punctuality: Y4

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1	0	3	125
Year 2	0	4	350
Year 3	0	2	100
Year 4	10	0	525
Year 5	0	6	300
Year 6	0	2	625



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 20/04/2022: **94.87%**

1st Place Attendance: Y4 1st Place Punctuality: Y2

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	2 1/2	21	50
Year 2—Orange Class	2	13	75
Year 3—Yellow Class	6	10	25
Year 4 - Green Class	4 1/2	3	100
Year 5—Blue Class	2 1/2	11	50
Year 6—Purple Class	2 1/2	9	100



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/04/2022: **92.62%**

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

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	21	6	0
Year 2—Orange Class	16	1	75
Year 3—Yellow Class	14	7	25
Year 4 - Green Class	15	5	0
Year 5—Blue Class	8	2	100
Year 6—Purple Class	6	3	100

Attendance and Punctuality



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/04/2022 : **95.06%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 2 1st Place Punctuality: Year 5, Year 6

Classes	Absences	Lates	Total Attendance
Year 1—Red Class	10	2	89.58%
Year 2—Orange Class	0	3	100.00%
Year 3—Yellow Class	8	4	92.52%
Year 4 - Green Class	4	2	96.63%
Year 5—Blue Class	4	1	97.44%
Year 6—Purple Class	14	1	91.67%

Nature Mix



A free two day course for families living in Southwark in the May Half Term to discover edible and medicinal plants, make potions and lotions in our lovely wildlife garden. Suitable for families with children of any age.

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May
10 am till 3pm
Centre for Wildlife Gardening,
28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE



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Further information and booking visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events

Sunday 15th May 10am till 3pm

At the Centre for Wildlife Gardening
28 Marsden Road SE15 4EE

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

A fun, family day to explore ways to reduce your footprint on the earth with composting, recycling, planting, crafts and cooking in our lovely wildlife garden and classroom. Suitable for families with children of any age. Places are limited so book by visiting www.wildlondon.org.uk/events



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To find out more and for booking visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or contact Diana.dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



Let's Walk & Talk. Share your thoughts on women's safety.

Come and chat to our friendly local officers on a 'walk and talk' of the local area. We're inviting you to tell us your experiences and concerns. If you feel unsafe in a particular area, let us know so we can work with partners to improve safety on our streets.

If you live or work in Southwark and wish to register for a walk and talk please find us on Eventbrite! Search 'Metropolitan Police – Southwark'.



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Techniques**



**Work
Experience**



**One-to-one
Advice**

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To be eligible for the Positive TurnAround project, you need to be:

- an ex-offender with one or more criminal convictions or cautions who has completed all supervisions and license requirements

AND

- 18+ living in London and not on any other employment programmes

AND

- from one of the following groups:

Unemployed

Long-term unemployed

OR

Economically inactive, which includes looking after family/home or be retired.

Interested?

For more information, please contact:

Pecan

Tel: 0207 732 0007

Email: employment.support@pecan.org.uk



**DO YOU HAVE
CHILDREN
UNDER THE AGE OF 11?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE SUPPORT
AND ADVICE ON FINDING
PAID EMPLOYMENT?**

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH
YOUR CV AND GETTING
INTO EMPLOYMENT?**

WELCOME TO *STEPS TO SUCCESS*

We offer an employment programme to help parents of children under 11 years to get back into paid employment. A dedicated advisor will support you with matters around childcare and work and help you to build your confidence and grow your skills to get you work-ready in a way that suits you!

Get in touch with Georgina on 0207 732 0007 or 07939 033 538
Or email us at employment.support@pecan.org.uk

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Southwark Parenting Service

EPEC Being a Parent Group:

This 9-week course helps parents with children aged 2-11 years learn practical skills for everyday life

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

Tuesday mornings 10am-12pm
Starting 3rd May 2022

at 1st Place Children's Centre, 12
Chumleigh St, London SE5 0RN

Thursday mornings 10am-12pm
Starting 5th May 2022

at Rye Oak Children's Centre,
Whorlton Rd, London SE15 3PD

For more information/ to book a place,
please contact: Claire Gager

Southwark Family Early Help Parenting
Team

07547 659 646

Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

"I found the EPEC parenting course amazing. I learnt new things and I feel more relaxed when I come to a challenge with my child."

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Southwark Parenting Service

EPEC Being a Parent Together:

This 10-week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

Wednesday mornings, 10am to 12pm

Starting Wednesday 4th May 2022 for 10 weeks (excluding school holidays)

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience
- Work together as a team to support your children

For more information, please contact Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team:

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OR

Claire Gager 07547 659 646
Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

"It's been such a beneficial course for both of us, not just as parents but as individuals"

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Kids Cricket in Southwark Park

Southwark Park Cricket Club is your local community cricket club, dedicated to bringing the nation's summer sport back to the historic Southwark Park Oval

This year we will be running the ECB's fun introduction to cricket, the **All Stars** programme for girls and boys 5-8, and the **matchplay Dynamos** programme for 8-11s

Sessions will be held on the cricket pitch every Saturday morning from 28 May until 23 July. The children receive their own kitbag and other goodies. There are **Free Places** for those on low income.

For more information, visit our website

https://southwarkpark.play-cricket.com/web_pages/kids_cricket
or email southwarkparkcc@gmail.com

Youth Coaching

Free cricket coaching for Boys and Girls 12-18 years.

Led by a professional coach, we are running hardball coaching on Friday evenings 5.30 – 7.00pm from May at the cricket pitch.

Equipment is provided, but you must be willing to play with a hard ball in full kit.



<https://southwarkpark.play-cricket.com>

southwarkparkcc@gmail.com

Dear Parents,

Bankside Open Spaces after-school sports activities kick off again soon on 25 April - join our partners for free, fun and active sessions Tue-Thur at Marlborough Sports Garden.

Sessions run weekly from **25 April to 22 July**, with a week break for half term.

This year we prepared many attractions so everyone can find something for themselves!

For registration please follow the link below:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4972851?msgprogramme=a1R4J000004MSVB>

And here is the list of upcoming activities:

Tuesdays:

- Touch Rugby with [London Irish](#), 3.45-5.15pm for ages 8-11
- [Wildcats Girls' Football with the FA](#), 3.45-5pm for ages 5-11

Wednesdays:

- Beach Tennis with [Deuce Beach Tennis](#), 3.45-4.30pm (ages 5-7) and 4.30-5.30pm (ages 8-11)
- Netball with [Netball Coach UK](#), 3.45-4.30pm (ages 5-7) and 4.30-5.30pm (ages 8-11)
- [Samba Soccer School](#), 3.45-4.30pm (ages 4-7) and 4.30-5.30pm (ages 8-11)
- Street Dance/Gymnastics with [SuperArts Academy](#), 3.45-4.30pm and 4.30-5.30pm, both sessions for ages 8-11

Thursdays:

- Beach volleyball with [SideOut](#), 3.45-5pm for ages 8-11
- Rollerskating to music with [School of Skater Hockey](#), 3.45-5pm for ages 5-11
- Cricket with [Surrey Cricket Club](#), 3.45-4.30pm for ages 8-11
- Wall Ball with [Wall Ball UK](#), 3.45-4.30pm for ages 8-11

For more details you can check our website:

<https://www.bost.org.uk/news/2022/3/23/free-after-school-sports-at-marlborough-sports-garden>

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Grouping through messaging apps, on social media and in online gaming group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. For all the benefits, however, these groups also have risks. For example, messages, images and videos in everyone in the group. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and linked.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and even encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers, especially a larger group, it works to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

The common usage with group chats can happen in several ways: inviting a new group, for instance, but not readily excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which the child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone was at but them.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Even innocuous group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and other adult images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing messages feature, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – they may share with family, friends & message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot posts before being deleted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily trustworthy beyond your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them in the chat.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's phone will be 'pinged' with an alert. Potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day, not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an avenue for young people to gain social status. This social status can be lost or set things in motion, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does want a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Helped your child that they can withdraw if you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of whispering to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you can also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being judged on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the user sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. This means to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or phone that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to lure them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

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