

Friars, Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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Newsletter 1st July 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed our sports day events across the federation this week, we are looking forward to sharing lots of photos in next week's newsletter.

The children enjoyed researching and celebrating neurodiversity and you can find out more about this on your school page below.

Year 6 and EYFS are busily practising for their end of year events, we can't wait for you to see them!

Have a lovely weekend.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Summer Fair - **12th July 2022**



The **Summer Fair** will take place after school on 12th July 2022, stalls will be set up in the school playgrounds if the weather is kind to us! There will be a range of stalls including food and games. All profits will go towards fun resources for the class. We can't wait for you to join us.

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

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. When you update your phone, you will need to contact the school office for a new access code.**

Dates For Your Diary - Tower Bridge

EYFS Graduation - **5th July at 9.30am**

Y6 Leavers Assembly- **20th July 9.15am**

Year 6 Show - **8th July 2pm**

Dates For Your Diary - Robert Browning

EYFS Graduation - **7th July 2:45pm**

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - **20th July 9.15am**

Year 6 Production - **14th July 2pm**

Dates For Your Diary - Snowsfields

EYFS Graduation - **5th July, 1.30pm**

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - **20th July, 9.15am**

Year 6 Production - **13th July, 2pm**

Dates For Your Diary - Friars

Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Year 6 Production - **19th July 6.00pm**

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



RACE FOR LIFE



Snowsfields and Tower Bridge staff and children took part in our annual 'Race For Life' event on 1st July 2022. You will have seen your children completing their laps during our Sports Day events.

This charity event is close to our hearts as we remember our dear colleagues Lisa Rowland and Katie Robinson who sadly passed away last year.

Race For Life is the largest charitable funder of cancer research in the world, funding 50% of all publicly funded cancer research here in the UK. Please follow our school's fundraising page to donate here:

[Donate Here](#) - Snowsfields Link

[DONATE HERE](#) - Tower Bridge Link



NEURO *diversity* DAY

"I learned that everybody's brains work differently and so everyone learns in different ways. It's important to be understanding and have tolerance for everyone."
Courtney

"It was really beneficial to understand how we are all different."
Ratwan

"I really enjoyed watching the clouds move slowly in the sky during our mindfulness session."
Chiara

"Neurodiversity is important because we all have a different way of thinking and understanding the world. We learned about Will I Am and Emma Watson. We saw how ADHD was both a challenge and a benefit to them. ADHD means that you struggle to focus but can also mean that you're creative, energetic and think outside the box." - Abubakai, Sumaya and Khaled

"It's important to respect everyone's differences and include everyone. Our differences can be our superpower."
Kai W and Willem



Last week, Year 1 Trip went to the Horniman Museum as part of their learning about Africa.



Summer Fair will be held on 12th July after school. If parents would like to run a stall, please let us know by 8th July. It will cost £10 to rent a table. All profits go to parents.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the Sports Day events this week. Look out for the highlights in next week's newsletter.

Green Class visited the Natural History Museum this week and had a great time.



Year 1, Red Class had a lovely trip to the Horniman Museum. They visited the Aquarium, explored the African artefacts and played the musical instruments.



Please remember hats and sunscreen during the hot weather!



Trip to the Unicorn Theatre

On Tuesday, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 went to watch Marvin's Binoculars at The Unicorn theatre. They had a brilliant time!

Butterfly Class (Reception) developed their motor skills and balance with a trip to the park.



After their trip to the Theatre, Orange Class popped over to Potters Fields to carry out some History and Geography work!

Sports Day at Robert Browning

Look out for photos from KS1 and KS2 at Sports Day in next week's newsletter.

Still to come:

Nursery- 12th July, Reception- 15th July

Celebrating Neurodiversity at Robert Browning!



We wore odd socks to represent how unique and special we all are!



Sensory activities took place in many year groups.



We ended the day with a wonderful celebration assembly, led by the children, where each class presented their research into a focus area such as ADHD, autism, dyspraxia and dyslexia. It was fascinating to find out that many so successful people are neurodivergent!

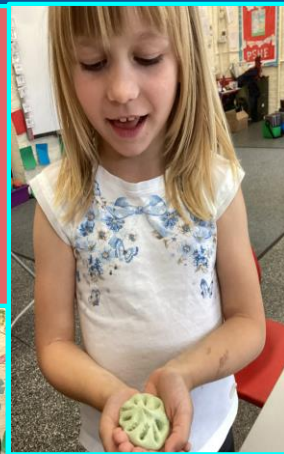




Snowsfields Primary School



Red Class learnt about Jamie Oliver who has dyslexia and his campaign to make school dinners healthier. Red class made food that they like from salt dough - a favourite sensory activity.

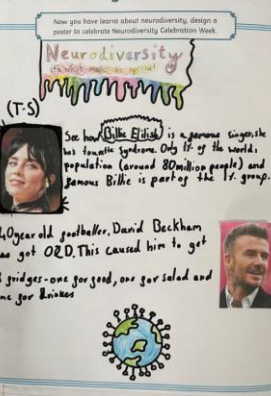


Blue Class Laila-Jay, "we learnt that neurodiversity refers to the brain and how the brain looks at the world around us. David Beckham has OCD and likes things to come in pairs and be straight like cans in his fridge. Billie Eilish has Tourette Syndrome (tics) - everyone is different and that is what makes the school and world a better place".

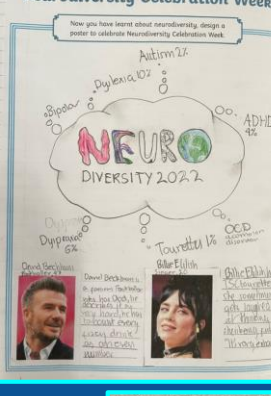


Green Class wore odd socks and learnt about the creator of Pokemon who has autism, Satoshi Tajiri, who loved bugs as a child and created his characters based on real life bugs.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week



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CREATE YOUR OWN POKEMON



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Orange Class talked about the Harry Potter actors: Daniel Radcliffe who has dyspraxia and Emma Watson who has ADHD. They shared strategies that help them to be calm.



At Snowsfields we researched and celebrated neurodiversity on Tuesday and we wore odd socks.

Reception to Year 6 took part in their final session of yoga and mindfulness. It has been such a relaxing and calming experience for the children. Thank you @LPSSN



The @Unicorn_Theatre invited Orange, Green, Blue & Purple class to see their amazing show 'Marvin's Binoculars'. They loved it! Thank you.





Friars Primary School



On Tuesday the whole school went to GMH park to take part in our Sports Day. We all had a great time and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support us and joined in with the races.



On Wednesday we all took part in a mindfulness workshop. We learnt different ways of managing our feelings.



In Nursery we talked about our feelings and made some rainbow mobiles.



Friday was Wellbeing and Neurodiversity day. We took part in lots of great events including yoga, face painting, bouncy castle and dance. We also wore odd socks. We had such a fun day.



On Thursday we took part in a sponsored event. We voted for the event and which charity we wanted to support. The winners were a sponsored silence for Water Aid





D - Diversity is celebrated

Reading Raffle Winners!



Our Value this week is: resilience

Reading Raffle Winners!



N- Nurturing

Reading Raffle Winners!



Our Super Stars at Friars!



Our value this week is endeavour.



	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	2 1/2	28	100
Year 2	14 1/2	28	325
Year 3	10	16	500
Year 4	1	6	975
Year 5	1	18	475
Year 6	14 1/2	26	750

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/06/2022: 93.09%

**1st Place Attendance: Y4, Y5
1st Place Punctuality: Y4**



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/06/2022: 94.86%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	14	4	97.65%
Year 2	4	28	89.23%
Year 3	9	12	95.38%
Year 4	4	2	99.31%
Year 5	7	13	95.36%
Year 6	5	17	92.27%



	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	35	11	150
Year 2	8	5	650
Year 3	34	9	325
Year 4	26	10	350
Year 5	24	5	500
Year 6	16	4	775

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/06/2022: 88.42%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/06/2022: 94.84 %

**1st Place Attendance: Y5
1st Place Punctuality: Y6**

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	8	21	300
Year 2	24	8	425
Year 3	24	13	100
Year 4	8	7	975
Year 5	7	15	675
Year 6	8	1	975

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year from Southwark's Autism Support Team (AST).

As is usual at this point in the year, our attention in the team shifts towards transition planning for children moving from nursery to reception as well as all children moving up into a new academic year. Much of our advice to schools at the present time highlights this and encourages that transition planning begins now.

We encourage this to be a collaborative conversation between all those supporting the child.

As well as transition planning, we are also mindful of the long holiday period, which can be a daunting time for many families.

In this newsletter we have tried to compile some information of what is available locally to access over the holidays.

Transition Supports

A visual calendar can be used to support children knowing when they will be in school. [here](#) is a guide for parents. [Here](#) is an editable calendar for July and August, [here](#) is one for September. [Here](#) are instructions and symbols for the calendar.

A one page profile is a simple summary of what is important to a child and how best to support them, it allows information to be shared quickly.

How to write a one page profile guide is [here](#) with examples [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Twinkl also have guides and proformas. A parent information gathering sheet is [here](#).

Book to support in year transitions [here](#)

Secondary Transition Guide and [workbook](#)

Passport to support transition from nursery to school [here](#)



Training & parent support

Contact family courses [more info](#)

Autism Voice support groups [more info](#)

Spring community club [more info](#)

Cygnets parent course (over 5) [flyer](#)

Next Steps parent course (under 5) [flyer](#)

Primary transition course from SIAS [flyer](#)

Secondary transition course from SIAS [flyer](#)

Transitions

Transition activities to try at home:

- Practice your journey to school (make a map, take pictures along the way).
- Look at pictures/school website to familiarise the child with the new school setting.
- Meet up with/video chat with friends from school.
- Make a list of things they are looking forward to at school.
- Write a letter/draw a picture to share with your teacher.
- Take some photos of your child with favourite things to show the teacher.
- Practice putting on school uniform.

What's On

SPRING HOLIDAY CLUB/ SPRING COMMUNITY HUB

A summer programme specifically for children with SEND.

Ages: 4-16

Location: 64 Wilson Rd, SE5 8PE

Email: office@cschub.co.uk

Website: www.cschub.co.uk

BETHWIN ROAD PLAYGROUND

Free Adventure Playground, they also run activities that require registering for.

Ages: 6-16

Location: 4 Bethwin Rd, Camberwell, SE5 0HF

Email: B.R.A.P.G@hotmail.com

Website: click [here](#)

AUTISM FRIENDLY/ RELAXED CINEMA

Cinema's throughout London and the U.K. offer special screening of films in a more relaxed and autism friendly environment. For the most up to date information on cinemas, films and times click [here](#)

Southwark Summer Food and Fun school holiday activity and food programme for children aged 5 to 16 on benefits related free school meals [here](#)

PECKHAM PULSE LEISURE CENTRE

Swimming for the whole family. Under 16's cost £1.75 and one carers can go for free. Your child must be registered at Peckham Pulse and swimming spots need to be booked.

Location: 10 Melon Rd, London, SE15 5QN

Website: click [here](#)

SPLASH PAD/ SPRINKLER PARKS

List of free parks near Southwark Council with Splash Pads/Sprinkler Parks:

- Northwood Park
- Myatts Field Park
- Ruskin Park
- Sydenham Wells Park

Autism Friendly outdoor activities around London [here](#)

AUTISM IN MUSEUMS Relaxed museum events throughout London. Information [here](#)

Performing visual art and music clubs [more info](#) Sports clubs [here](#)

Short breaks available in Southwark [list](#)

For more suggestions check the local offer, click [here](#)

A club for young people with learning disabilities and young autistic people aged 10-25 and their family and friends [poster](#) and [letter](#)

Super Seven

DIY sensory fun! [here](#)

Back to school bingo [here](#)

Fun games to get ready for starting school [here](#)

BBC Bitesize online game about starting school [here](#)

Practice playing playground games [here](#)

Practice Fine Motor skills and continue/get ready for sensory circuits at school [here](#)

Make a calm down box and practice using it [here](#)

MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR



ONLINE COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

WEDNESDAYS 1-2PM
27TH JULY, 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH & 31ST AUG

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Summer Timetable 6th June-22nd July 2022

Speech and Language support

Babbling Babies

Wednesday mornings 10-11am. An online advice session for parents with babies from 0-18 months run by a qualified Speech and Language Therapists.

Contact gsl-tr.contacts@nhs.net to book.

Website:

www.evelina.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage

Facebook: @EvelinaSLT



Free Vitamin D

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.



HENRY Programme

This programme aims to help you feel more confident as a parent, physical activities for the little ones, what children and the whole family eats, family lifestyle habits and enjoying life as a family.

To book please email: Henry@gstf.nhs.uk

For more information, please visit

<https://www.henry.org.uk/>



Rose Vouchers

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in SE1, SE5 or SE17. If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Our registration form is now available to complete on our website

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>

Please complete this if you are new to attending our Children and Family and Centres.

We have gone paperless to help save the environment.

Please scan QR Code to visit the website and download the timetable



50 Things To Do Before Five!

Download the app or visit the website for free fun activities to do with your child and have fun, play and learn.

Website: <https://50thingstodo.org/>



Dolly Parton Imagination Library

If you live in Southwark and have a child under 5, you can register to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Contact us!

Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

145 Grange Road (Spa Park) SE1 3EU

Pilgrims Way Children and Family Centre

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove, SE15 1EF

Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Southwark Park (Hawkstone Road entrance) SE16 2PF

South Bermondsey Children and Family Centre

Tenda Road, SE16 3PN

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our websites for further information

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>



Summer Timetable 6th June-22nd July 2022

We are now operating a system on first come, first served basis with a limited capacity in each centre. A few sessions still require a booking so please check our timetable and email us to book on

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Monday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10am-11:30am

Learning through play and stimulating activities whilst meeting other families with our team on hand to support you with any queries.

Leas, Bums, and Tums (birth-pre-crawlers) 1:00pm-1:45pm Booking Required

Designed to support post-natal fitness with your babies focus on toning, tightening, and keeping active.

Venue: Pilgrims Way

Baby Massage (8 weeks-pre-crawlers) 10:00am-11:00am From 20th June- 18th July Booking Required

Baby massage promotes bonding and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.

Venue: Canada Water Library

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only 10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

Tuesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

SENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10:00am-11:30am

A session that encourages the development of early attention and social communication skills for children with additional and educational needs

WellComm Session 1:30pm-3:00pm Booking Required

Are you concerned about your child's communication skills? Book an appointment to receive one to one support and advice on next steps.

Venue: Salmon Centre

Soft Play (0-5) 10:30am-12:15pm Term Time Only

Session delivered by Riverside Team

Transition Stay and Play Sessions

Is your child starting nursery/reception in September 2022?

The Children and Family Centre would like to offer you support with this process.

For more information, please contact us on 02073582878 or email ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Wednesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Toddler Time (2 years+) Including Early Words Together at Two 10am-11:30am

An opportunity for toddlers to learn and develop through fun by exploring, being active and creative, supporting next steps into nursery education.

Chattertime (18 months-5 years) 1:30pm-3:00pm Booking Required

A session that encourages the development of early communication skills through play with a top tip every week and support from a Speech and Language Therapist.

Venue: Pilgrims Way

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only 10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Baby Group (0-12 months) 10am-11:30am Term Time Only

Session delivered by Riverside Team

Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby and Me (0-12 months) 10:00am-11:30am

Bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Breastfeeding Café (Invitation Only) 10am-12:00pm

A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

Wild-Life Project (2 years - 5 years) 10am-11:15am Outdoors From 16th June-7th July Booking Required

Sessions to explore nature through sensory activities, stories & crafts to discover the plants and animals in the park with the London Wildlife Trust.

Venue: Pilgrims Way

Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only) 11:30am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-2:30pm

10 weeks from 12th May-14th July

Contact the centre for more details

Venue: Salmon Centre

Soft Play (0-5) 10:30am-12:15pm Term Time Only

Session delivered by Riverside Team

Friday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months) 10:00am-11:30am

An opportunity for you and your child to play together and actively explore the environment through stimulating learning opportunities

Venue: Rotherhithe

Zumba Kids Jr (0-5 years) 10:00am-10:45am

Get active! Twist, jump and move to the beat. A fun way to increase your fitness for all the family.

Family Music (0-5 years) 11:15am-11:45am

You and your child can have fun singing together, be inspired and develop confidence in talking and building vocabulary.

Speech and Language Drop in dates and venues

27th June at Canada Water 10:00am-11:30am

9th June and 19th July at Salmon Centre

Closure dates for staff training:

Wednesday 6th July

Thursday 21st July

Southwark's
SUMMER
OF FOOD AND FUN

25th July
12th Aug
2022

FREE FOR AGES 0-10

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Arts & crafts, music, drama workshop, storytelling, healthy cooking, games, dance, sports and so much more.

Day Trips
15th to 18th August
(Refundable deposit applies)
Sea Side
Dragon Manor
Thomas the Tank Engine

- St Paul's Church Hall
Lorimore Sq, SE17 3QU
- St Giles
St Giles Parish Hall,
161 Benhill Road, SE5 7LL
- Dawson Heights Estate
Community centre
Overhill Road,
SE22 0PW
- St George's Cafe Primary School
Coleman Road, SE5 7TF
- Samuel Lewis Trust Estate,
Clubroom, Warner Road,
SE5 9NE
- Special education needs &
disabilities (SEND) programme,
UAL Foundation,
Modular Building, 1 Wilson Road,
SE5 8LU
- Amott Road,
47 Amott road
SE15 4HU

Time	Be Active Monday	Try Something Tuesday	Win on Wednesday	Trip Thursday
10am - 11am	ONLINE ACTIVITIES (Fitness, Salsa, Zumba)	ONLINE ACTIVITIES (Fitness, Salsa, Zumba)	ONLINE ACTIVITIES (Fitness, Salsa, Zumba)	Tower of London Tower Bridge Horniman Museum Crystal Palace Park Surrey Dock Farm Picnic in the Park
11:15am - 12:15pm	VARIOUS CENTRE BASED ACTIVITIES (Arts & Crafts, Nutrition, Music, Drama)	VARIOUS CENTRE BASED ACTIVITIES (Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama, Cooking)	VARIOUS CENTRE BASED ACTIVITIES (Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama, Competition)	
12:15pm - 1pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1pm - 2pm	VARIOUS CENTRE BASED ACTIVITIES (Arts & Crafts, Nutrition, Music, Drama)	VARIOUS CENTRE BASED ACTIVITIES (Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama, Cooking)	VARIOUS CENTRE BASED ACTIVITIES (Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama, Competition)	ALL DAY

Funded by parent/career must stay with their Children during the activities.

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 WhatsApp/call/text
07988138997

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09:30 - 15:30
25TH JUL - 29TH JUL
£20.00 PER DAY
OR BOOK FIVE DAYS FOR £80.00

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TEL: 0207 237 1300 EXT: 4000
WEBSITE: WWW.PESSSOUTHWARK.CO.UK

HOW TO PAY:
BANK TRANSFER OR CHEQUE
(PAYMENT DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU ONCE EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED)

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. ADVANCED BOOKING IS ADVISED.

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HELPING PARENTS AND CARERS
TEACH CHILDREN TO LOOK AFTER
THEIR BRAINS AND BODIES

Helping children learn new skills to manage overwhelming emotions

Importance of self-care and looking after ourselves

Join us online:
Fri 24th June
Fri 1st July
Friday 8th July
Friday 15th July
10.30am - 11.30am.

Work together to improve emotional wellbeing and communication

Sign up via QR Code or email
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SCHOOL FINDER

- Step 1:** Use your phone's camera* or QR scanner app to scan the QR code
- Step 2:** Search for your school's name in the School Finder
- Step 3:** Select : or in your web browser
- Step 4:** Select "Add to home screen"

Your school's online shop will now appear on your phone's home screen for easy future access.

*Compatible with most smart phones



The students and staff at HAB welcome you to join us for one of our **Year 5 open mornings this Summer**, to find out about how we can help your child:

- Make a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.
- Set high expectations for themselves as they develop into a confident young person.
- Achieve their full potential and the greatest levels of academic success.

Our permanent specialist teachers challenge each student to stretch themselves, both in lessons and when planning for their future, so that they achieve their personal best.

Our care, guidance and support for each student ensures that they feel safe, make friends and receive expert guidance throughout their time with us.



**OUTSTANDING
IN EVERY CATEGORY**
Ofsted, 2019

At HAB we have an uncompromising and caring approach

Our students thrive in an environment that celebrates ambition and creativity, with an unrivalled range of opportunities beyond the classroom.

Spend time at HAB with your child on one of the open mornings below to see for yourselves the difference that we could make to their future.

Year 5 Open Mornings 2022

Tuesday 14th June
Tuesday 28th June

Tuesday 21st June
Tuesday 5th July

10.00am arrival for a tour with the welcome presentation at 11.00am. Your visit will include a tour with HAB students, a chance to experience our lessons and the opportunity to ask the staff and our students anything you wish. Please register in advance by contacting admissions@harrisbermondsey.org.uk

Gizlé Landman, Principal



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Harris Federation



Harris Academy
Bermondsey

Year 6 Induction

Wednesday 6th July 2022

A fantastic opportunity to meet teachers, classmates and to experience taster lessons before the **free HAB Summer School**; Monday 22nd August – Friday 26th August

Pupils

- ✓ Arrive at 9 am in casual clothes & trainers
- ✓ Bring a water bottle, school lunch will be provided
- ✓ Finish at 3.15 pm to attend Stevenson's Uniform event onsite

Parents and carers are welcome to stay to speak with our **SENCo and Safeguarding team** at the **coffee morning** which starts at 9.30 am.

We look forward to welcoming you to Harris Academy Bermondsey.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

AGE RATING

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Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

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