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Newsletter 16th September 2022

Dear Parents,

All our schools will be closed on Monday 19th September which is a Bank Holiday to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral. If your child has been upset by the death of Queen Elizabeth II or talking about death or loss, there are videos you can watch together here: [BBC Newsround advice](#).

The children have settled so well into their new classes and it almost feels like we have never been away! Please can you make sure that your child has their homework project information these projects support the learning in school.

Year 6 parents please add the date to your diary for your schools parent workshop for support with the year 6 to year 7 secondary school application.

We hope you have a peaceful Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 20th September. Gates open at 8:45am.

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

17th-21st October- International Week
9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

Robert Browning

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Snowsfields

11th October 9am - Parent workshop - Y6 -Y7 secondary applications.
17th-21st October- International Week
9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

Friars

17th-21st October- International Week
9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

Term Dates - 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

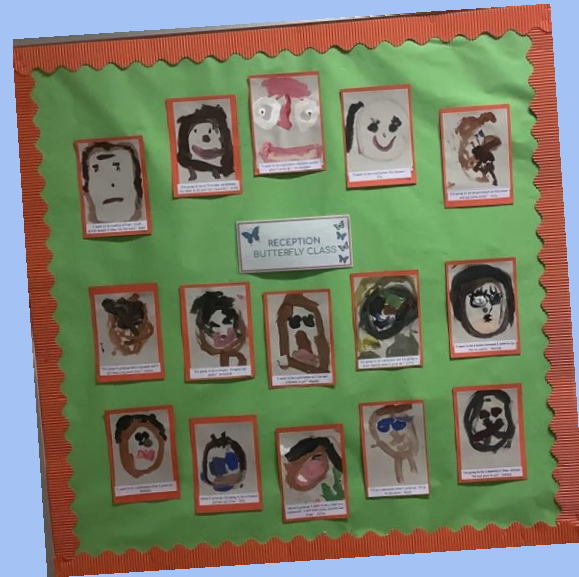
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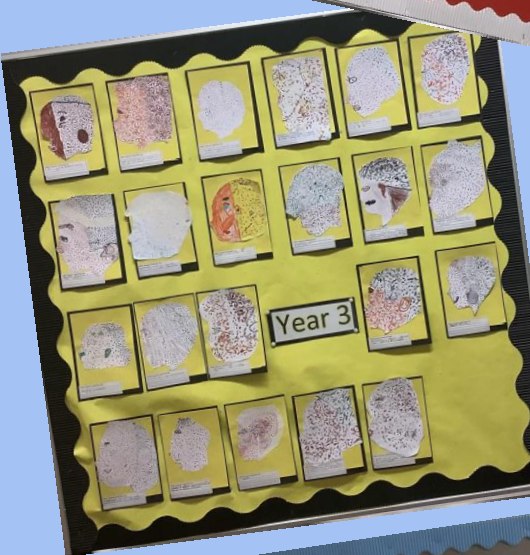
From 1st April 2022 we will only be using the App to communicate with parents, we will no longer be sending texts. When you set this up or update your phone, you will need to contact the school office for a new access code.



Tower Bridge Primary School



Our portrait boards are looking amazing!



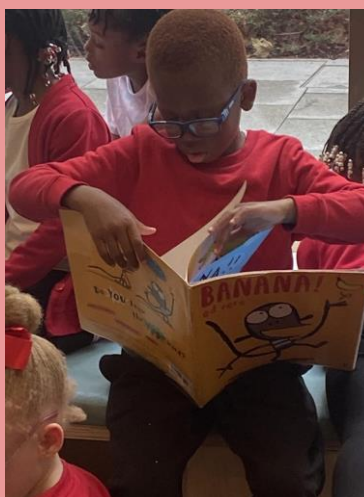
This week we started our Gymnastics sessions with the PE & School Sports Network. These are special sessions for children with additional needs. The children really enjoyed their first week.



This week classes have started visiting the Walworth Library. They love listening to stories and choosing books to bring back to school. Please make sure you are reading with your child at home too!



Butterfly Class have been busy growing tomatoes and using them to make pizza!



Reminder

School is closed on Monday 19th September for the bank holiday.



Snowsfields Primary School



Preloved Uniform Swap Shop

This was a great success on Tuesday morning. Many parents supported the swap shop, either by donating or reusing uniform. There will be another swap shop before October half term. If you need any preloved uniform before then please speak to Maureen or Jo on the gate.

Purple class have had a busy start to the term, investigating circuits in science, practising dribbling in PE and rehearsing sea shanty songs in music.



The 96-gun salute for Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

Purple class, Blue class and Green class were able to walk to the River Thames last Friday to observe the 96-gun salute, in recognition of the life of Queen Elizabeth II.



In **Caterpillar class**, our youngest children have been making friends, enjoying stories, music and dressing up.



Rainbow class have been drawing these beautiful pictures of Buckingham palace.



Twitter

Please start following your child's new class on twitter, if you are not already, please also follow @SNSPrimary

Snowsfields school - @SNSPrimary
Caterpillar class (Nursery) - @SNSFoundationS
Butterfly class (Reception) - @SNSFoundationS
Rainbow class (Resource base) - @rainbow_sns
Red class (year 1) - @SNSRed1
Orange class (year 2) - @SNSOrange2
Yellow class (year 3) - @SNSYellow_3
Green class (year 4) - @SNSgreen_4
Blue class (year 5) - @SNSBlue5
Purple class (year 6) - @SNSPurple6

PE Days

Children can wear their PE kit to school on their PE days.

Rainbow class (Resource base) - Monday
Red class (year 1) - Tuesday & Thursday
Orange class (year 2) - Monday & Friday
Yellow class (year 3) - Tuesday & Wednesday
Green class (year 4) - Monday & Wednesday
Blue class (year 5) - Friday (extended session)
Purple class (year 6) - Wednesday & Friday





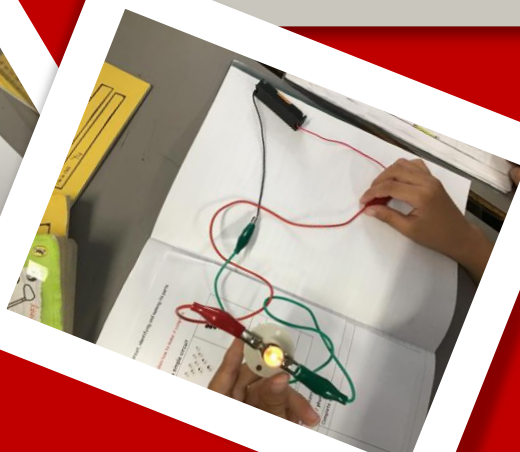
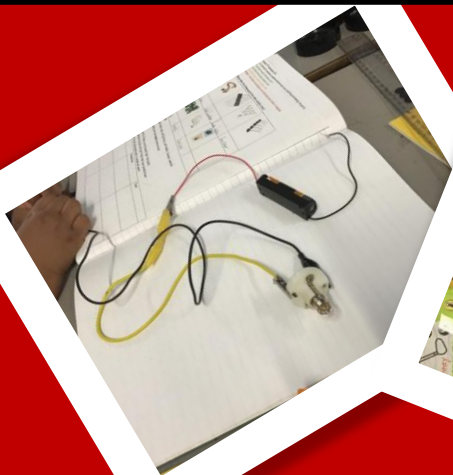
Friars Primary School



Year 4 and Year 1 classes had a fantastic time during their Reading Buddies session!

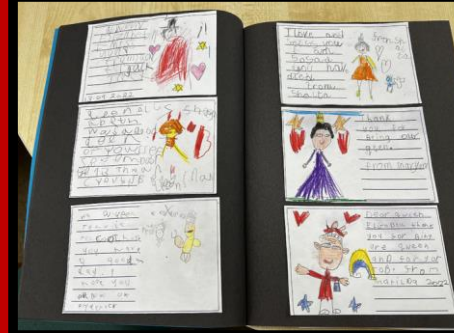
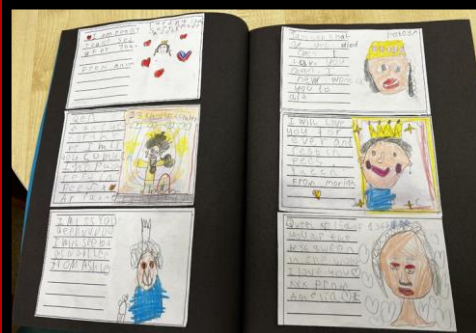
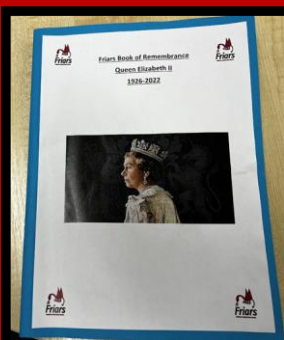


We have been constructing different types of circuits and predicting whether each of them would or would not light up a bulb.



In year 1, we have been identifying and naming different parts of our body. As part of our focus on outdoor learning in science, Here we are in the playground labelling our friends' different body parts.

Thank you to all the year 6 parents who have attended our secondary transfer workshop this week. Should you need any support completing your online application form please make an appointment to see Zohra or Susannah. Please remember that the deadline for submitting the application is 31st October.



To celebrate the Queen's life and legacy, children at Friars wrote some heartfelt messages in our own remembrance book.



T - Teamwork



Our Value this week is:
Independence



S - Supporting
other children to
succeed!

Reading
Raffle
Winners!



Our value this
week is
responsibility.





	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	11	12	25
Year 2	16	15	0
Year 3	7	8	50
Year 4	3	7	100
Year 5	3	0	175
Year 6	18 ½	5	50

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 05/09/2022: 90.99%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 05/09/2022: 95.61%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	10	4	89.7%
Year 2	4	6	95.3%
Year 3	10	5	91.8%
Year 4	15	5	88.0%
Year 5	11	2	90.0%
Year 6	1	6	99.3%



	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	37	5	25
Year 2	27	7	50
Year 3	20	2	125
Year 4	36	8	0
Year 5	33	1	75
Year 6	28	5	50

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 05/09/2022: 88.29%

**1st Place Attendance: Y3
1st Place Punctuality: Y5**



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 05/09/2022: 92.47%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	14	6	25
Year 2	29	5	0
Year 3	23	16	0
Year 4	26	6	0
Year 5	3	2	75
Year 6	14	0	50

The extraordinary life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II



1926

Princess Elizabeth is born in London.



1945

Towards the end of World War II, 18-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.



1947

Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.



1948

The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.



1966

Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.



1957

Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.



1953

The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.



1977

Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of beacons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.



2015

Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.



2022

The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.

Did you know?...

Rest well, Your Majesty – and thank you.

The Queen received her first Corgi, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. She loved that breed of dog throughout her life, going on to own another 30 of them.



As Britain was still recovering from the effects of the war, the young Princess Elizabeth had to save ration coupons to buy the material for her wedding dress!

The Queen took the unusual step of inviting a TV documentary crew into Buckingham Palace in 1969. This let people see the Royal Family in a way they'd never been able to before.



In 1982, a mentally ill man broke into the palace and reached the Queen's bedroom! Reports suggest Her Majesty calmly kept him talking for 10 minutes until the security team arrived.



It was Queen Elizabeth who, in 1993, decided to open up Buckingham Palace to visitors from the public for the first time.

To help launch the 2012 Olympics in London, Her Majesty featured in a short film where she meets super-spy James Bond, as played by Daniel Craig.



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Tips for Supporting Children in DEALING WITH GRIEF

It's important that trusted adults feel able to help children and young people cope with grief – particularly at the moment, when we are a nation mourning the loss of a public figure who was treasured by so many. Children are seeing bereavement and sadness being featured heavily the national news and in their favourite online spaces, and hearing it being talked about extensively among families and in the community. How can we help them in processing this healthily?

1 UNDERSTAND WHAT GRIEF IS

Grief is emotional distress which is a normal response to the death of someone close, well known or admired. It may feel overwhelming – especially for young people – and is often accompanied by feelings of shock, disbelief, anger or fear. These emotions may also mean that sleep, eating and our relationships with others could be affected.

2 MEET THE CHILD 'WHERE THEY ARE'

This could be a child's first experience of grief and loss – or conversely, they may have already encountered it several times. Make sure that any conversations you have with them, and the support that you give, are led by their experiences and their understanding of death – and in the context of their religious or community beliefs.

3 EXPLAIN CLEARLY WHAT DEATH IS

It may often feel uncomfortable, but it's healthier to actually use the words "dead", "death" or "died". Abstract explanations of death can frequently create even more confusion – particularly for younger children, who are still trying to grasp this complex (and possibly unfamiliar) concept.

4 BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS

On subjects such as this – especially when it involves a person who's well known to them – children and young people often have lots of questions, all at once. Sometimes, new queries about the issue will occur to them weeks after the event. Be ready to answer their questions as honestly as you can, using language that's appropriate for their age.

5 FIND WAYS TO REMEMBER THEM

It can help to talk to about the person who's died, even if that individual wasn't personally involved in the child's own life – such as a significant public figure, for instance. You and your child can discuss what that person meant to you, celebrate the things they achieved or go to a place where they can be remembered.

6 ENCOURAGE COPING STRATEGIES

You can help a child or young person to identify what their usual positive ways of coping are when they have overwhelming feelings. For example, do they find that talking with someone, drawing, going for a walk or listening to music help when they're feeling upset? These same activities could form an important part of the grieving process.

7 REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

If a child or young person is struggling with grief to the extent that it's impacting on their everyday life, there are lots of expert organisations that you could reach out to for further help. Samaritans provides a listening ear for anyone in emotional distress; The Mix offers specialist support to people under 25; and Winston's Wish deals specifically with helping young people who are grieving.

SAMARITANS:

116 123

WWW.THEMIX.ORG.UK/GET-SUPPORT

0808 808 4994

WINSTON'S WISH:

08088 020 021

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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