



Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday, 17th January 2025



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had a nice week at Grange, Year 2 visited the Golden Hinde near Borough Market and Aurora class have had their week with In-to University. After school clubs started this week but there are still some spaces remaining so please look at Arbor to book your child a space at a club.

Before and After School Booster Groups

Many families have been sent letters inviting their children to attend after school or before school booster sessions. While these are not compulsory, we recommend your child attends. Our leadership team and teachers run these booster sessions free of charge when tutoring groups / local services charge up to £60 per hour for tutoring. Boosters have been allocated based on children's progress and could be the difference between them passing or failing end of year exams particularly in Years 1, 2 and 6. If your child is unable to attend please speak to the booster club teacher who will advise the next steps for support.

Winter Reading Challenge

This winter, Walworth Library is running the Winter Reading Challenge. This is similar to the Summer Reading Challenge; children have to read books between now and the end of February. Children create an account on the website of The Reading Agency, which is the organisation that created the Summer Reading Challenge and fill in the details there. This is a great opportunity to visit the beautiful library situated near Elephant Park (145- 147 Walworth rd, SE17 1RW)

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Online Safety Tip of the Week

How does going online affect our children's (and our own) well-being? Being online can affect children's well-being in many ways. We can reduce this by managing the content children see, ensuring the interactions they have with others online is suitable and managing how long they are online in balance with other activities. For more advice about this and other topics, visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/how-much-time-should-i-spend-online/>

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%. The reason that attendance is so important to us is that poor attendance and punctuality has a negative effect on children's academic progress and their social and emotional wellbeing. We understand that some absence due to illness is unavoidable, but we ask that children return to school as soon as possible after an illness. When children miss days of school or miss lessons due to arriving late they fall behind in their learning, they miss out on experiences and may become reluctant to attend school as a result. We are very rarely able to authorise absence for anything other than illness or medical appointments. School starts promptly at 9am in the mornings. We open our gates at 8.50am to ensure that everyone can be in school in their classroom ready to learn by 9am. Missing just the first few minutes of the day puts children at a disadvantage as lessons start as soon as children reach their classrooms and those who arrive late miss vital information at the start. Any drop in attendance will be monitored and letters, phone calls and meetings will be arranged to speak with you. If attendance/lateness issues persist, statutory fines will be issued.

Word of the Week

Word of the Week is all about developing children's vocabularies by increasing the number of words they know and use. Making these challenging words part of their vocabulary improves children's speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. The Word of the Week next week is "blush". Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could add a suffix to make a new word, e.g. blushing. Try to use the word of the week as much as possible so that it becomes part of your child's vocabulary. Children will receive Dojo points in school for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin. The word is taught weekly and introduced in assembly on a Monday. It is always included on the newsletter for you to use at home!

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and we will see you all on Monday at 8.50am prompt.

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week








School Year	Class	%
Autumn Term		
Attendance KS1 Winner	Mercury	93.3
Attendance KS2 Winner	Galaxy	93.4
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Planet Earth	96.3
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Aurora	99.2
Rest of School		
Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
Venus	81.6	95.8
Mercury	93.3	96.1
Earth	88.1	96.3
Saturn	85.7	96.7
Jupiter	91.4	97.3
Galaxy	93.4	95.9
Neptune	91.0	97.6
Pluto	89.6	98.2
Aurora	91.2	99.2
Sky	90.4	95.2
Whole school	90	96.8



Dates for the Diary

27/1/25	Holocaust Memorial Day
29/1/25	Yr 6 SATs meeting
29/1/25	Lunar New Year
1 st - 9 th Feb	National Story Telling Week
WB 3/2/25	Children's mental health week
07/02/25	Intra School Sports competition
11/2/25	Safer Internet Day
14/2/25	Tutorial Day - school closed for children
17/2/25 - 21/2/25	HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
24/2/25	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

House Winners

Tim Peake 	476
Stephanie Wilson 	418
Neil Armstrong 	519
Helen Sharman 	492
Bernard Harris 	439

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



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Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "blush". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **blush** Word Class (verb)
Pronunciation / Syllables (blush)

Definition:

When you blush, your face becomes redder than usual because you are ashamed or embarrassed.



When Ms Miller praised Mia, she began to **blush**.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
flush	paleness	a-	rush	slightly
glow		-ing	brush	faintly

Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was "Cooperation". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"Teamwork makes the dream work." (John.C.Maxwell)



Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Aisha	Sky	11
Ricco	Aurora	11
Alice	Pluto	10
Ejatu	Jupiter	8
Anes	Pluto	10
Sophia	Galaxy	9



Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

For



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Saturn Class**
 School's total points: **50,850**



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Class Gallery

Year 2 –Earth Class

On Monday year 2 had a fantastic day. They dressed up as pirates and used our [nowpressplaycommunity](https://www.nowpressplaycommunity.com) resource to become pirates. They also learnt how pirates used a compass to navigate the seas and ate bread and drunk rum. On Tuesday they visited the Golden Hinde as part of their topic.



Year 5 –Pluto and Neptune Class

Year 5 dissected and observed different flowers during their science lesson last week. 🌸





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Cooperation**
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Nkateko	For supporting his class friends with their confidence.
Mercury	Khadijah	For her co-operation when building our class number line.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Aria	For using imperative verbs in her writing.
Mercury	Francis	For his amazing improvement in his writing.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Lainey	For confidently using a rekenrek to represent numbers.
Mercury	Nasir	For his maths work and reasoning this week.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Amanatu	For showing resilience during our phonics lessons.
Mercury	Billion	For his amazing focus and work during all phonics lessons this week.



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Cooperation**
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Parker	For her brilliant team work and co-operation this week, she is always a support to her peers.
SATURN	Enzo	For great effort towards his learning in class.
GALAXY	Mica	For always working cooperatively with everyone in her class.
PLUTO	Soraya	For being a great team member.
NEPTUNE	Yusra	For collaborating well with her peers.
AURORA	Ammar	For his positive attitude and helpfulness.
SKY	Samaha	Fantastic effort supporting others during group work.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Santana	For his hard work when writing a dialogue.
SATURN	Yarran	For a good start on her diary entry.
GALAXY	Ava-Simone	For trying very hard to write independently for longer pieces of writing.
PLUTO	Jamal	For working hard to punctuate dialogue.
NEPTUNE	Madeline	For writing a brilliant dialogue and using accurate punctuation.
AURORA	Orinta	For her interesting and accurate writing this week.
SKY	Saima	Fantastic effort acting out a story and using modal verbs effectively.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Shahira	For her effort and hard work when answering her reasoning questions.
SATURN	Lake	For making an effort to show his working out for calculations.
GALAXY	Sheku	For great work in maths.
PLUTO	Jayson	For working hard to add and subtract fractions.
NEPTUNE	Mark-Aurel	For working hard on fractions this week.
AURORA	Muawiya	For solving challenge problems at IntoUniversity this week.
SKY	Hafsah	Excellent effort multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Amir	For his brilliant reading and effort when answering comprehension questions.
SATURN	Nyima	For showing excellent enthusiasm for reading.
GALAXY	Aya	For trying so hard to use her phonics when reading.
PLUTO	Ololade	For making great improvements in her reading.
NEPTUNE	Kandji	For reading with excellent expression.
AURORA	Sobhi	For his fantastic reading at the science museum.
SKY	Liya	Excellent use of expression when reading aloud.



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also. This week Miss Liddle has chosen one of her favourite books to share in assembly.

Favourite book Friday



I have chosen KENZUKE'S KINGDOM by Michael Morpurgo because:

I read this book for the first time when I was in primary school, and I still remember how exciting the story was!

I love the spirit of adventure in this book and the way that the author describes the island where the story is set.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the boroughs of
Lambeth or Southwark? Aged 4-16?**

**Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself this winter!**

**Saturday 11 January, 10:00 - 14:00
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW**

**Saturday 18 January, 10:00 - 14:00
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW**

**Saturday 25 January, 10:00 - 14:00
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW**

**Our clinics are walk-in, so no need to
book an appointment.
Call 020 8614 5495 for more
information**



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- alleviate feelings of low mood and anxiety
- be a natural stress-reliever
- help build your confidence
- connect you with other mums in your community

10 weekly sessions throughout spring 2025:

Tue 28 January – Tue 1 April 2025

11.45am to 12.45pm or 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Rye Oak Children and Family Centre,
Whorlton Road, Peckham, SE15 3PD

Thu 30 January – Thu 3 April 2025

12pm to 1pm or 1.45pm to 2.45pm

Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre,
145 Grange Road, Spa Park, SE1 3EU

Fri 31 January – Fri 4 April 2025

10.30am to 11.30am or 12.15pm to 1.15pm

Dulwich Wood Children's Centre,
Lyll Avenue, London SE21 8QS



Scan the QR code to register



For enquiries contact:

Email:

melodies@breatheahr.org

Phone:

07511 214069

020 3290 2013





Southwark Children & Family Hubs

Drop-in Sessions for Young people

11-19 years (up to 25 with SEN/D) are welcome to attend alone, with a friend or with a trusted adult

Parents/Carers

with children 11-19 years (up to 25 with SEN/D)

A chance to learn about the services in Southwark, ask questions to the Adolescent Sure Start team and access support

Get support with the following:

- School/higher education advice and support
- Mental and physical health
- Family relationships
- Finances and benefits
- Sexual health
- SEN/D
- LGBTQ+ support
- Parenting challenges
- Domestic Abuse

and much more....

Monday
2.30-5.00pm: Kingswood Arts, Palm Court Room Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate SE21 8QN

Tuesday
2.30-5.00pm: 1st Place Family Hub, 12 Chumleigh St SE5 ORN

Wednesday (with DWP & Lead Nurse Specialist)
2.30-5.00pm: Brandon Library, Maddock Way SE17 3NH

Thursday
1.00-5.30pm: Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surrey Grove Peckham, SE15 6DR

Friday
2.30-5.00pm: South Bermondsey Children and Family Centre, Tenda Road, Bermondsey SE16 3PN



Please contact the team if you need more information or are unable to attend a drop in session - AdolescentSureStartTeam@southwark.gov.uk

Southwark
Council

5 WEEK WATER SAFETY COURSE




FREE

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

-  Do you live, work, or study in Southwark?
-  Do you fear water, have had a bad experience, or lack confidence around it?



CAN YOU MAKE IT?

-  Peckham Pulse Leisure Centre, 10 Melon Rd, London SE15 5QN
-  Friday 7th February - Friday 7th March
-  Every Friday, 1pm - 2pm

To find out more or to register, contact us on:

 LOCALENGAGEMENT@THEBSA.CO.UK  [@BLACKSWIMMINGASSOCIATION](https://www.instagram.com/BLACKSWIMMINGASSOCIATION)



What we've been doing in the last month.

**Your Ward
Priorities**

- * *Robbery / Weapons*
- * *Vagrancy ASB / Shoplifting*
- * *Abbey Street / St Saviours Estate
Drugs activity*

Meet the team

**Bermondsey Square
Hotel.**

Thursday 30/01/2025

Between 6pm / 7pm

**Pop in and speak to your
local SNT about local
concerns.**

Next Ward Panel

Date: Monday 24/03/2025

Time: 7pm – 9pm

**Venue: Bermondsey
Village Hall,
Leathermarket
Gardens SE1**

**Please contact us if you
would like to attend.**

Hello everyone on London Bridge and West Bermondsey ward,

Firstly; on behalf of the team let me wish you all a happy new year and all the best for 2025.

SNT targeted drugs activity on Tower Bridge Road and after spotting a potential drug dealer; a foot chase by officers led to the recovery and seizure of 76 rocks of class A drugs.

Officers from the team have proactively stopped and searched approximately 28 persons for drugs and seized cannabis from 10 of those persons who were then dealt with via community resolutions; which is a way to divert the offender from their offending behaviour, and encourage them to face up to their behaviour and take responsibility for their actions. If caught again showing behaviour unchanged, then further action will be taken.

Multiple locations have also been regularly checked in regards to drugs activity and vagrancy ASB. The Creasy Estate in particular where we have carried out stops on drug users and started the ASB action process with mainly verbal warnings given. We have targeted other reported locations such as the Kipling Estate, Hamilton Square and the Borough High Street area with ASB warnings served and a community protection notice also given to a couple of males continuing to breach prior warnings. We will continue to check these areas and any other locations reported to us.

Another joint patrol was carried out with the Southwark Council Wardens and the Drug and Alcohol Service to engage with homeless persons to try and get them accommodation and help them with any substance use. This is good partnership work which we will continue to do. If you see homeless persons of concern please contact Streetlink via an app you can get on your mobile phone or call 0300 500 0914 to alert services.

Hotspot areas of robbery incidents are being patrolled every shift; including targeting the phone snatching. High -visibility Joint patrols with multiple other Safer Neighbourhood Teams were carried out as part of an anti-robbery operation on Borough High Street, St Thomas Street, Tooley Street areas including the Christmas market around More London which we have patrolled regularly throughout the festive period.

An engagement stall in regards to violence against women and girls was carried out on Borough High Street along with the Community Safety Officer for Southwark along with the Council Wardens.

Bike marking was carried out with the Safer Transport Team was carried out on Tooley Street with 9 bikes marked up.

SNT reassurance visits were carried out for victims of residential burglary on the Old Kent Road, Grange Road, and Grange Walk; whereby forced entry was carried out to gain access to flats and apartments. Please make sure you use all available locks. You can also install an alarm or monitored CCTV. For any crime prevention, please feel free to contact us or look on the Met Police website. The other reports were in communal areas; with burglars stealing bicycles and parcels.

Police contact details: Emergency: 999 / Non-Emergency 101 / Report online: <https://www.met.police.uk>

Your Local Team

Sergeant Bartley

PC Gary Roberts - T07721526913

PC Joshua Head – T07721629905

PC Kaelon Parkes - T07442847621

PC Olivia Barwick - T07769451049

PCSO Paul Durrant - T07721640013

PCSO Ali Hizyolu – T07526569522

Always call 999 in an emergency.



Happy New Year from your SNT.



QR Code to all London Bridge and West Bermondsey SNT events.

CONTACT US Londonbridgeandwestbermondsey.snt@met.police.uk

Also you can find us on Nextdoor and X: [@MPSLondonBridge](#)