



Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday, 14th March 2025



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,
We have had a very busy week here at Grange. The children have enjoyed a fun filled science week with many of them visiting either the Natural History museum or the Science Museum, a big thanks to Mr Josh Crewe for organising this event. Your child still has time to enter the science poster competition so please encourage them to do this!

Covid Remembrance

This week the children looked back five years and remembered the first lockdown. This was an opportunity for most of them to discuss an event in history they were part of and remember. Many of them participated in activities of remembrance. Please look at our Instagram page to see what they have been getting up to.

Red Nose Day

We will be dressing in Red and collecting donations for comic relief next Friday 21st March. The children will be completing the "Daily Mile" with their class, and we encourage you to help them raise as much money as possible by sponsoring them. Please look at the back of the newsletter for the sponsor form and more information.

Easter of Food and Fun

This Easter, Southwark is funding free holiday clubs for children and young people aged 4 – 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals. There are 58 locations to choose from and this year's programme runs from Monday 7th April to Thursday 17th April 2025.

Each programme will provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food everyday
- fun physical activity sessions
- a wide range of other exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families.

A map of all funded holiday clubs is available at the link below:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1h31P83VEsJREtdiwBlpJfTsH625ymo&usp=sharing>

Find out more about the provision here: promotional video or by looking at the flyers at the end of the newsletter. Book your child's place here:

www.eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun or for sessions

at The Damilola Taylor centre book here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QA1v8L0x6n> .

Online Safety Tip of the Week

What age can my child use social media apps? Social media platforms have age restrictions attached to them for the children's safety. You can see below what the rules are for each platform: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

St Patricks Day

On Monday March 17th the children will be learning about St Patrick as it is St Patricks Day. Children will be reading poems and learning about this day. To find out more please look at the following site.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/st-patricks-day>



Shakespeare Week

Shakespeare Week is a national annual celebration giving primary school aged children opportunities for enriching and enjoying early experiences of Shakespeare. It is one of the pathways to Shakespeare provided by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust for people of all ages and stages of interest. Next week at Grange your children will be learning about Shakespeare and having the opportunity to take part in some Shakespearian experiences.

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

Assessment Week

Next week your children will be completing end of term assessments. The assessments will help the teachers to identify where your children need extra support and inform them of the next steps to take to support your children with their learning.

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

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality Winners of the Week



School year: Spring Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Planet Earth	96.4
Attendance KS2 Winner	Neptune	98.3
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Venus	98.3
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Pluto	98.9

Rest of School






Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Moon	95.0	100
Star	100	100
Venus	98.3	87.8
Mercury	96.1	87.8
Earth	97.9	96.4
Jupiter	96.8	94.5
Saturn	94.0	95.0
Galaxy	94.5	96.2
Neptune	96.9	98.3
Pluto	98.9	97.1
Aurora	96.5	96.5
Sky	94.6	97.5
Total Weekly Attendance:		96.6%



Dates for the Diary

17/03/25	St Patricks Day
WB 17/03/25	Assessment Week
21/03/25	Red nose Day
WB 24/03/25	Shakespeare Week
28/03/25	House winners prize trip
31/03/25	Cooking week
04/04/25	Last Day for the children
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April
22/04/25	Staff and children return to school for Summer term

House Winners

Tim PEAKE 	674
Stephanie WILSON 	583
Neil ARMSTRONG 	615
Helen SHARMAN 	680
Bernard HARRIS 	586

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 "adjacent". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

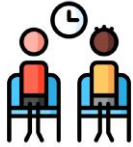
Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: adjacent **Word Class:** (adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables: (ad-ja-cent)

Definition:

If one thing is adjacent to another, the two things are next to each other.



Sam and Nila sat in **adjacent** seats during the test.

Synonym: adjoining, bordering
Antonym: divided, separate
Prefix / Suffix: non-, -ly
Rhyme: complacent
Link Word: remain, physically

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.

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent." (John Donne)



Happy Birthday to You!

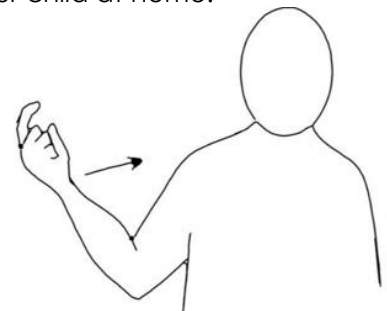
First Name	Class	Age
Issah	Star	5
Daniel	Pluto	10
Annabelle	Galaxy	9
Liam	Galaxy	9
Anabia	Star	5



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.

Come



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Sky Class**
 School's total points: **25,210**



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Class Gallery

Year 4 –Galaxy Class

Our young artists designed their own volcano stencils and brought them to life with bold colours and fiery prints. From explosive eruptions to glowing lava flows, their artwork was truly AMAZING!



Year 1 –Mercy and Venus Class

Year 1 enjoyed the Science activities set up and hosted by Year 6 during our science 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	Hunter	For co-operating in their team debates during their science lesson
Mercury	Ameila	For her fabulous partner work and talk this week.
Planet Earth	Aila	For working so well with her peers.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Lainey	For doing a good job with writing the features of animals during science.
Mercury	Mohammed	For using our actions to help him with his story.
Planet Earth	Obatide	For an amazing poem describing a bus like a dragon.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Fatima	For trying super hard using dienes this week making numbers between 30 and 50.
Mercury	Layla	For working independently and confidently in our new maths unit.
Planet Earth	Victoria	For working super hard in our division topic.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Bambi	For doing lots of reading at home and bringing in her reading record every day.
Mercury	Nasir	For great improvement in his fluency.
Planet Earth	Joey	For excellent effort in using expression.



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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	Ejatu	For showing co-operation by being a brilliant support during our trip.
SATURN	Roman	For being really supportive on our science trip.
GALAXY	Imran	Always getting on with his peers.
PLUTO	Aisha	For always being a great team member and working well with her peers.
NEPTUNE	Slwanos	For collaborating well to research a planet during science this week.
AURORA	Niyiah	For working well with her classmates.
SKY	Aaliyah	For co-operating and work well with others.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Amir	For his improved handwriting this week.
SATURN	Lake	For lovely effort on his handwriting this week.
GALAXY	Harli	For a huge improvement in her writing.
PLUTO	Yassin	For writing a great speech about kindness and respect.
NEPTUNE	Deannah	For using descriptive vocabulary in her writing this week.
AURORA	Kimaya	For writing a brilliant non-chronological report on plants.
SKY	Erick	For excellent effort trying to improve his presentation and using descriptive vocabulary effectively.
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Zane	For his brilliant mental maths when finding the average in our science lesson.
SATURN	Yarran	For showing excellent fraction knowledge this week.
GALAXY	Kamil	For an improvement when working out reasoning problems.
PLUTO	Jamaldeen	For working hard with fractions this week.
NEPTUNE	Mikaeel	For a great tart to our new decimals topic.
AURORA	Isata	For her excellent work calculating the area of 2D shapes.
SKY	Zion	Excellent effort when learning about area and perimeter.
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Sheriffdeen	For his improvement in his reading.
SATURN	Luciana	For good use of projection when reading this week.
GALAXY	Amal	For being a confident reader in class.
PLUTO	Ibrahim	For great work in his reading lessons this week.
NEPTUNE	Ayaat	For confidently reading aloud during guided reading this week.
AURORA	Kerry	For answering questions with greater confidence.
SKY	Kiera	For excellent effort making inferences.



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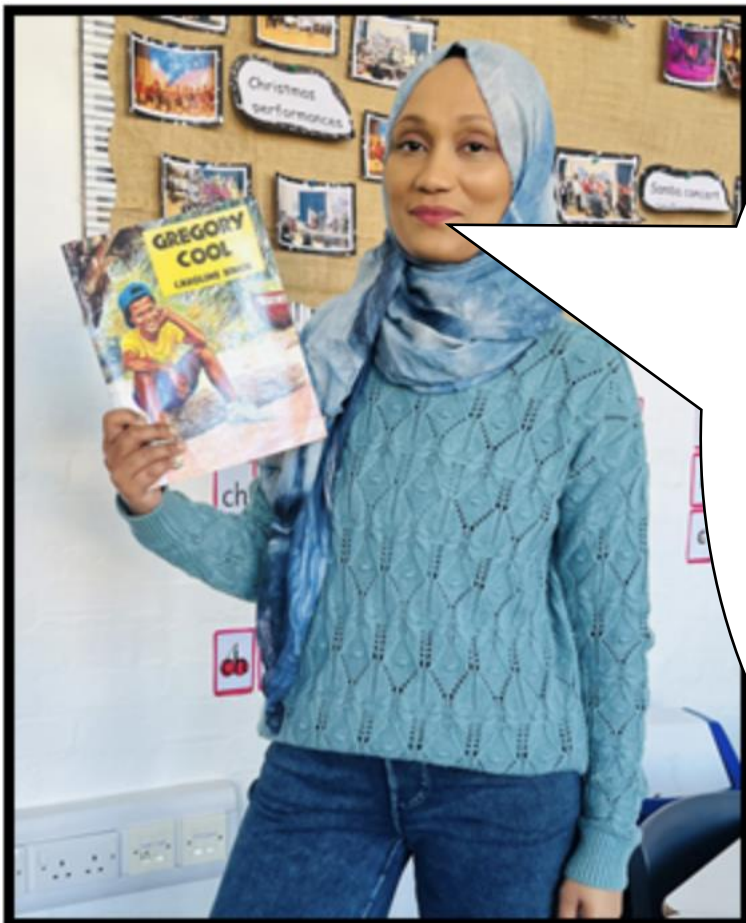
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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

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 Rahman has chosen one of her favourite books to share in assembly.

Favourite book Friday



I really enjoyed reading *Gregory Cool* when I was younger because it beautifully captures the experience of a young boy, Gregory, who travels from London to visit his grandparents in the Caribbean. The way the author, Caroline Binch, describes Gregory's initial discomfort with the new environment and how he gradually learns to appreciate the warmth, vibrancy, and simplicity of island life resonates with me when I went to visit my grandparents in Bangladesh. The story touches on themes of family, cultural differences, and personal growth in such an engaging and relatable way.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

CHAPTER

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AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like *The Walking Dead* to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as *Street Fighter*. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from *Alien* or who Geralt from *The Witcher* is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore; the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different overarching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRace and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iXON and TechRadar.



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RED NOSE DAY

Who: You!

What: Friday 21st March 2025, Grange Primary School will be raising money for Red Nose Day in two ways:

- ⇒ We will be turning **RED** to celebrate Red Nose Day and asking everyone to wear an item of red.
- ⇒ Every pupil will also complete a 'Sponsored Mile' with their class. So, dust off your lobster suit and walking shoes and let's raise some money!

On the back of this leaflet is a sponsored form. Ask your friends and family to sponsor you/donate for your mile.

Where: Grange Primary School

When: Friday 21st March 2025

RED NOSES

Don't Forget to pick up
your red noses from the
office for **£2.50 each!**



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Council



Activity programme for children and young people aged 4-16 years who get benefits-related free school meals

7 April to 17 April 2025

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

Funded by



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for Education

Contact our providers to sign up

North East Southwark





AUTISM VOICE

-  Ages: 5 to 15
-  Neckinger Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) Hall, 87 Spa Road, SE16 3SG
-  07460 399 290
-  autismvoice1@gmail.com
www.autismvoice.org.uk

BALLERS ACADEMY - TEENS ONLY

-  Ages: 13 to 15
-  Peter Hills Primary School, Salter Road entrance, SE16 5ED
-  07400 543 210
-  info@ballersacademy.co.uk
www.ballersacademy.co.uk

CITY HOPE CHURCH

-  Ages: 12 to 16
-  City Hope Church, 121 Drummond Road, SE16 2JY
-  07305 163 038
-  kwame@cityhope.london
www.cityhope.london

MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST

-  Ages: 6 to 13
-  St Pauls Sports Ground, Salter Road, SE16 5EF
-  07903 245 058
-  tsells@millwallcommunity.org.uk
www.millwallcommunity.org.uk

PARENT SKILLS2GO

-  Ages: 4 to 10
-  Lewington Community Centre, 9 Eugenia Road, SE16 2RU
-  07725 818 283
07394 662 602
-  admin@parentskills2go.com
www.parentskills2go.com

ZENOCH COMMUNITY HUB

-  Ages: 5 to 16
-  City of London Academy (COLA), 240 Lynton Road, SE16 5LA
-  zenochservices@gmail.com
www.zenoch.co.uk

North West Southwark

FAST 58

-  Ages: 5 to 15
-  Roundhouse Hall, 2 Cardinal Bourne Street, SE1 4EJ
-  07973 311 684
-  dwalsh1503@gmail.com
www.fast58.org.uk

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP - ELEPHANT & CASTLE

-  Ages: 5 to 11
-  The Castle Centre, 2 St Gabriel Walk, SE1 6FG
-  0800 640 9516
-  hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk
www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

East Central Southwark

ANGELS BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

- 👤 Ages: 8 to 16
- 📍 Parish Church of St Luke's, Chandler Way, SE15 6DT
- ☎ 07957 472 504
- ✉ angelsbreakfastafterschoolclub@gmail.com

BIRD IN BUSH CHAMPS

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 11
- 📍 Bird in Bush Primary School, Bird in Bush Road, SE15 1QP
- ☎ 07512 514 833
- ✉ iali@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk
<https://birdinbushprimary.co.uk>

DAMILOLA TAYLOR CENTRE

- 👤 Ages: 11 to 16
- 📍 Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surrey Grove, SE15 6DR
- ✉ youthservicesinfo@southwark.gov.uk

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP - PECKHAM

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 11
- 📍 Peckham Pulse Leisure Centre, 10 Melon Road, SE15 5QN
- ☎ 0800 640 9516
- ✉ hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk
www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk



See the listings to choose the best club for your child. Please book a place with your chosen provider as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you have any queries, please contact the Holiday Activities and Food Team at haf@southwark.gov.uk.

West Central Southwark

BURGESS SPORTS

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 12
- 📍 Surrey Square Primary School, Surrey Square, SE17 2JY
- ☎ 07384 336 925
- ✉ afuja@burgesssports.org
www.burgesssports.org

South Southwark

DYNAMIC COACHING

- 👤 Ages: 4 to 16
- 📍 Dulwich Hamlet Football Club, Champion Hill, Edgar Way, SE22 8BD
- ☎ 07756 826 105
- ✉ admin@dynamicmail.co.uk
www.dynamiccoachinguk.com

EXCEL BEYOND BARRIERS

- 👤 Ages: 4 to 16
- 📍 Ketra Community Hall, Telfer House, Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, SE21 8QW
- ☎ 07958 064 597
020 8079 7290
- ✉ info@excelbeyondbarriers.com
www.excelbeyondbarriers.com

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP - CAMBERWELL

- 👤 Ages: 5 to 11
- 📍 Camberwell Leisure Centre, Artichoke Place, Camberwell Church Street, SE5 8TS
- ☎ 0800 640 9516
- ✉ hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk
www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

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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@lpessn.org.uk

George Richards: george@lpessn.org.uk

Telephone: 0207 237 1928 Ext: 4086 - Website: www.lpessn.org.uk





THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



The Saturday sports club runs through the year at Bacon's College. The club caters for SEND students of all disabilities between the ages of 5 - 18 years old. Each session lasts for 60 minutes.

There is a highly skilled and motivated team of 14 working at the club ranging from teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, and special needs specialists.

As well as improving fitness levels and health and wellbeing the club works on social skills such as listening skills, waiting, sharing, teamwork, individual work and focus.

Sports and activities change weekly - trampolining, nature trail and the gym for the older clients, volleyball, football, basketball, multi skills, tennis, cricket, badminton, boccia, new age curling, dance, parachute games, athletics, capoeira, etc.

The club currently run in **4** different sessions:

Session 1: 10:30 - 11:30

Session 2: 11:30 - 12:30

Session 3: 12:30 - 13:30

Session 4: 14:00 - 15:00

Venue:

Bacon's College, Timber Pond Road
Rotherhithe, London
SE16 6AT

" The Network and Saturday Sports Club at Bacon's College has offered myself and family much-needed respite. Glyn, George and the team are very understanding and aware of my son's SEN needs: autism and ADHD. "

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

Telephone: 0207 237 1928 Ext: 4086 - Website: www.ipsn.org.uk

