

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. It has been lovely to see you all and to see our wonderful children return enthusiastic and ready for learning.

**Science:** Alex Montgomery is our new Science Lead at RPS and we are very excited to be using a new curriculum this year called Developing Experts. This is a sequential and cumulative program that supports the teaching and learning of science in class. This resource has fantastic visual materials and video links to help teachers bring science into the classroom. Alex was so keen for the children to get started, that she has organized for the year 1 to 6 children to attend a school trip at Creekside Discovery Centre. This will definitely whet their scientific appetites through field work. The children in year 5 & 6 have ventured to the Centre this week and had a fantastic time - even though it has been extremely hot! See pictures below for snap shots of the activities they got up to.

**Academy update:** There has been a further delay in transferring to Nexus Trust. We have now been informed the conversion date is the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Positive Wellbeing:** I am really pleased to inform parents that we have been selected to receive some charitable support from Groundwork. This is a mental health charity. They provided training for staff, during our inset day, and will be working on a weekly basis with all classes in years 5 & 6. They will also provide some support for selected parents. This work will focus on promoting good mental health and emotional well being. We are very excited to be working with Folu from Groundwork.

**Punctuality:** Children should be in the school playground for 8:55 am ready to line up and be in class by 9 am. We had 25 children who were late this morning. It is really important to teach and model good punctuality to children as this is a life skill moving forward. We will be emailing parents to inform you that your child was late and to tell you the logged time.

## School Uniform

The children looked very smart in their new school uniform. Can I please remind parents to keep up the good work and ensure they are in full school uniform every day. We will remind children regularly about school uniform expectations in assemblies and teachers will contact parents if children's uniform is not following the school policy.

**Black Shoes:** All black shoes are part of the school uniform. These should not have any flashing lights or other colours. Trainers are permitted as long as these are **all** black. Our uniform expectations are set out clearly in our school policy which you can find on the website. Please click [here](#).



**Purchasing School Uniform:** School uniform is ordered on Parent Pay. You can then collect school uniform every **Friday** from next week from the school office. If you have any questions about uniform please speak to Sharon.

Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa HoS

# Creekside Discovery Centre



Using the stick and wading in the creek was difficult at first but I enjoyed the day particularly when we were sketching the creek.

-Leandro

It was quite fun and interesting to explore the creek.

- Su'riah



Along the walk, we saw a Grey Heron.

-Tierra-Lee



We were river dipping and Adela found a European Eel which is more endangered than Pandas!

-Alexander and Elizabeth



We sketched the Creek and we included features of the river such as the meander, which means the bend in the river.



# Dates for your Diary

<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 secondary school transition meeting 3:45 pm  Year 5/6 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:30pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 1 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45 Creekside Discovery Centre trip
<b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 2 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45  Year 1 (Whale) trip to Creekside Discovery Centre  <b>Groundwork Buddies starts</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45  Year 1 (Octopus) trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 2 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre  <b>Year 6 Secondary school transfer /Residential School Trip Information Meeting</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School Council presentations
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School Council Elections  Year 3/4 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3/4 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	TA/Thank a teacher Day
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	National Poetry Day
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Hello Yellow Day!
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for half term

Don't judge each day  
by the harvest you  
reap but by the seeds  
that you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

## Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear School Community

On behalf of the Governing Body of the River Hill Federation I hope you and the students had a good summer break.

In the summer term, I was elected as Chair of the Governing Body, replacing Dr Mary Henley who has served as Chairperson since the Federation began. Many thanks to Mary for her hard-work and dedication. In addition to my role, Julia LePla has been elected vice Chair of Governors.

The process to transfer into Nexus Education Schools Trust has been ongoing over the summer. We are hopeful that this process will soon be complete and both Dog Kennel Hill and Rotherhithe Primary Schools will become NEST schools. The process has taken longer than anticipated, but the Governing Body is confident the transfer provides the best support to both our schools going forward.

Julia and I are both looking forward to working with the school leadership, staff, students and community to continue to see both school's flourish and have a successful academic year.

Take care

Liam Wardley  
Chair of Governors  
River Hill Federation

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.



**Brent Class** 98.5%

**Whale Class** 97.4%

Well done and keep it up!

**Please do not book holidays during term time!**



## Autumn Timetable 14th September-20th October 2023

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](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



### Monday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

From 18th September

#### Stay and Play (1 year and above)

10:00am-11:30am

Learning and developing through play and fun stimulating activities by exploring, being creative and active.

From 18th September

#### Boogie Mites (0-12 months)

1:30pm-2:15pm

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical, social development.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

#### Next Steps- Autism Parenting Training (Invitation Only)

For families with children under 5, diagnosed with Autism.

Dates: 18th September-30th October

Times: 10am-12:00pm

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

#### Baby Massage (8 weeks old-Pre-crawlers)

Booking Required

Dates: 25th September-23rd October  
Times: 10am-11:00am

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

#### Bookstart Sessions

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only  
10:00am-11:30am

#### Canada Water Library

21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

#### Blue Anchor Library

Market Place, London, SE16 3UQ

### Tuesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

From 19th September

#### Baby and Us (From birth up to 12 months)

10:00am-11:30am

Join this relaxed session and have an opportunity to bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

From 19th September

#### SENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years)

1:30pm-3:00pm

A fun and playful session that encourages the development of early attention and social communication skills for children with additional, special educational or medical needs.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

#### Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only)

Dates: 19th Sept-21st Nov 2023

Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm

Connect with your baby in a supportive space, unwind and de-stress through the joy of singing and music-making.

For more information and to register, email: [m4m@breatheahr.org](mailto:m4m@breatheahr.org) or visit: [breatheahr.org](http://breatheahr.org)

### Wednesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

From 20th September

#### Stay and Play (1 year and above)

10:00am-11:30am

Learning and developing through play and fun stimulating activities by exploring, being creative and active.

#### Chattertime Plus (18 months and above)

From 27th Sept

Times: 1:30pm-3:00pm

A stay and play group that is tailored to support children with complex communication needs who need help with several areas of communication, such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

From 20th September

#### Stay and Play + Bookstart (0-5 years)

Term Time Only 10:00am-11:30am

Learn and develop through play, have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and register with the library.

### Thursday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

#### EPEC Baby and Us (New Parenting Programme) (0-9 months old)

(Invitation Only)

Dates: 5th Oct-7th Dec

Times: 10am-12pm

A 9-week peer-led group which helps parents feel confident for parenting and everyday life with your new baby.

From 14th September

#### Boogie Mites (12 months and above)

1:30pm-2:15pm

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

From 14th September

#### Breastfeeding Café (Drop in)

10:00am-12:00pm

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

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

From 14th September

Parents and Peanuts (From pregnancy up to baby 12 months old) Booking Required

#### Young Parents Group-Under 25yrs

Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm

A space for parents under the age of 25 to ask questions and discuss hopes and fears, take away some of the parenting unknowns and meet other parents.

To book, email:

[shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk](mailto:shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk)

### Friday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

From 15th September

#### Boogie Mites

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Times: 10:00am - 10:30 am

Ages: 0-12 months

Times: 11:15am-11:45pm

Ages: 12 months and above

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

From 15th September

#### Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months)

10:00am-11:30am

Engage with your baby in play and help them discover the world through fun and engaging activities.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

#### Cygnat Workshop- Autism Parenting Training (Invitation Only)

Dates: 22nd September-3rd Nov

Times: 12pm-2:00pm

Workshop for parents/carers of children over 5 years old with a diagnosis of Autism

**Autumn Timetable 14<sup>th</sup> September-20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Speech and Language support**

**Virtual Chattertime and Drop in Sessions**

Are you worried that your child is not talking or doesn't understand you? Do you have questions or concerns about your child's communication skills? Please book onto a virtual session with a speech and language therapist

To book on, email: [gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net)

Website:

[www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage](http://www.evelinalondon.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.

For more information, please visit

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

To book please email:

[gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net)



**Rose Vouchers**

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in SE1, SE15, SE5 or SE17. If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email [ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



**What is WellComm?**

The WellComm can be used with children from 6 months to 6 years to identify if there are any areas of speech, language, communication, and interaction development that may need further support. During this session we will observe children's understanding of what is being said to them and how they communicate verbally.

Come to our drop-in sessions for more information and support.

We kindly ask everyone **NOT** to use their mobile phones whilst in our sessions. This is for safeguarding purposes, and it is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child/ren.



We have gone paperless to help save the environment.

Please scan the QR Code to download the timetable and find out updates.

[br-cc.org.uk](http://br-cc.org.uk)



**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 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email:

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto: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

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

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Please visit our websites for further information

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





# **TGI Mixed Age Sports Club Starting 6th September 2023**



Children in Reception to Year 6 can take part in a TGI Mixed Age Sports Club at RPS.

Available Monday to Friday, term time only.

**All payments to be made on PARENT PAY**

**All payments to be made in 24 hours in advance of attending the booked club.**

*Please note, bookings are non-refundable and cannot be transferred.*

*Children should wear trainers and are encouraged to bring a healthy snack.*

Cost	
1 hour (mixed age sports) 15:30 - 16:30	£5.50
1 hour (games skills) 16:30 - 17:30	£5.50
2 hours (mixed age sports and game skills) 15:30—17:30	£9.50
10 hours Monday to Friday (mixed age sports and games skills) 15:30—17:30	£38.00



TGI Wake and Shake club available from 7:45 am until it is time to line up for class Monday to Friday at RPS.

The club is a mixed age club, for children in classes from Reception to Year 6.

**£3.00 per day, per child.** All payments must be made in **advance** on **Parent Pay**.

Food is **not** provided but children are permitted to bring a healthy breakfast to eat at the club.