

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd May 2024

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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2024 Class Assembly Dates

		25/1/24	2JW
1/2/24	6AC	8/2/24	6LM
7/3/24	2LT	14/3/24	1NS
21/3/24	6SB	28/3/24	3KL
2/5/24	5RS	9/5/24	2LS
16/5/24	3NI	23/5/24	5OF
20/6/24		27/6/24	4VG

Class assemblies are on Thursdays at 9.15 and last for approximately 15 minutes. Parents and carers are invited to come along and find out more about their children's learning across the curriculum.

Dates for your Diary

06.05.24 – Bank Holiday, school closed
07.05.24 – Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
08.05.24 – Year 1 to JAGS music festival
08.05.24 – Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
08.05.24 – 4BC trip to Vauxhall City Farm
09.05.24 – 3/4CB trip to Vauxhall City Farm
13.05.24 - 16.04.24 – Year 6 SATs
13.05.24 – Year 2 local area geography trip
14.05.24 – 3NI trip to Vauxhall City Farm
15.05.24 – 4VG trip to Vauxhall City Farm
16.05.24 – 3/4CB trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery
17.05.24 – Fundraising concerts at St Faith's
21.05.24 – Year 2 trip to Whitstable
23.05.24 – 3KL trip to Vauxhall City Farm
27.05.24 – 31.05.24 Half term break
03.06.24 – 14.06.24 – Year 4 multiplication check
03.06.24 – 15.06.24 Fieldwork Fortnight
03.06.24 – Year 5 fire safety session in school - rescheduled
03.06.24 – Year 6 trip to The Old Operating Theatre
10.06.24 – 14.06.24 Year 1 phonics screening
10.06.24 – Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
11.06.24 - Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
11.06.24 – Years 3 and 4 trip to The Science Museum
12.06.24 - Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
14.06.24 – Year 1 trip to The Science Museum
17.06.24 - 19.06.24 – Year 6 residential trip
20.06.24 – Spanish Day
01.07.24 – New Reception parents' meeting
12.07.24 – Reception to Year 1 transition meeting 9.15am
16.07.24 – Year 6 performance 6pm
19.07.24 – Carnival 2.30pm
23.07.24 – Year 6 graduation 2.15pm
23.07.24 – Year 6 disco
24.07.24 – Class parties
25.07.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Summer Term Library Visit Dates

Coming soon!

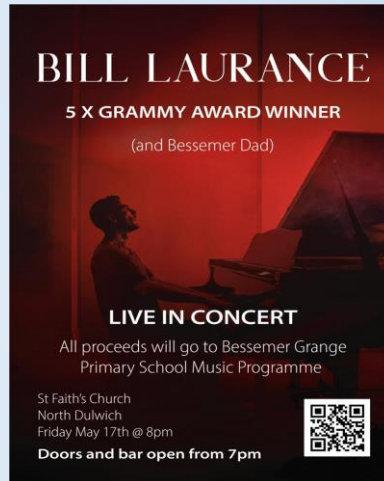
News and Reminders

Fundraising Concerts

Don't forget to book your tickets for our upcoming fundraising concerts led by Bessemer parent and member of 5-time Grammy Award-winning group Snarky Puppy, Bill Laurance. Tickets for the afternoon event, which includes performances by children as well as Bill, are free (with voluntary donation).

Tickets for the evening performance can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bill-laurance-in-concert-tickets-865633241327>

If you would like to volunteer for either event please drop F@B an email at fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk or message Alan at 07899 043150.



SEND Support

Do you need support with complex behaviour needs?

Summerhouse Behaviour Support Service is able to work children and families to address social, behavioural, and emotional concerns that may arise among primary-aged pupils.

They have a dedicated team who can provide timely advice, guidance, and support. Whether you're dealing with a specific case or seeking general strategies, they are just a phone call or email away. Here's how you can reach them:

Telephone: 0208 693 2592 between 8:45 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Email: Reach out to us at office@summerhouse.southwark.sch.uk

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details of specific support around coping with puberty for children with ASD.

Lost Property

The lost property is building up again! Please come and look for lost items in the boxes outside the office. Now that the weather is getting warmer, children tend to take off fleeces, jumpers and cardigans and leave them lying around. As they all look the same it is hard to return them to their owners if they are unnamed. Please name your child's belongings, this can be easily done by just writing on the label, but please check that the name is still visible each time the items are washed.

Parking

Our road closure zone is intended to keep our children safer at drop off and pick up time. This only works if everyone parks their cars in designated parking bays outside the closure zone. If you park across the barriers, on pavements or on double yellow lines you are putting our children at risk. The area directly around the school gets very busy, particularly at pick up time so please try to arrive a few minutes early so that you can park further away and walk to school, avoiding getting stuck in the pick-up time congestion.

News and Reminders

Information from Girls United

Girls United provide football training for girls at Bessemer and would like to share the following information about football opportunities for adults and children:

Community Get-together 11/05

Alleyn's School, Townley Road

We host community football days for our parents/guardians and coaches to get together and play and this time we wanted to extend the invitation to the teachers/staff of the schools that we deliver in! Between the two sessions there is something for everyone, the details are as follows:

Beginners Session 1430-1545: This session is exclusively for women and non-binary individuals who are curious about or returning to football. Led by our very own Coach Steph, this session promises an inclusive atmosphere filled with fun drills and a friendly match.

Community Match 1600-1730: Players of any gender and skill level are welcome to join and take on the skilled Girls United Coaches. Beginners session participants are also invited to take part.

More information and how to sign up can be found via this link: <https://www.girlsunityedfa.org/community-get-together>

Please let us know if you have any financial barriers.

Why is the beginners' session restricted to women and non-binary people?

At Girls United, we believe in equal opportunities for everyone to enjoy football. While we've made strides in providing opportunities for girls, we recognize that there are generations of women and non-binary people who may have missed out. That's why we're introducing this inclusive Beginners' Session - to empower all parents, guardians & teachers to feel comfortable and supported as they engage with their girls' football journey. It's about bridging the gender gap in sports and creating a welcoming space for everyone to try something new.

Whitsun Holiday Camp - 29 May

Griffin Sports Ground, Dulwich Village

A day of football fun for ages 5-14 during the school holiday!

Information and sign up via this link: <https://www.girlsunityedfa.org/englandcamps>

Open Sessions - June

Burgess Park Football Pitches

Age groups: U9-U16

Cost: Free!

Girls United is recruiting new players for the 2024-25 season. Sign up and information via this link <https://www.girlsunityedfa.org/open-sessions-2024> or by using the QR code below.



Free & Discounted memberships and spaces are available across all sessions. Find out more at <https://www.girlsunityedfa.org/141-pricing#141>

Sharing Children's Learning

For Science Week this week children across the school completed The Egg Drop Challenge. Children had to work together to design and make a container in which an egg could be dropped from a height without breaking. The children came up with and tested various ideas, including parachutes and shock absorbing padding. For added fun the eggs were dropped over the teachers' heads!



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Reception went to Dulwich Pot and Plant garden centre this week as part of their *Growing* topic.



Reception continued their *Growing* topic by reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' this week. The children then tried some different fruits and vegetables and used adjectives to describe how they tasted. The lemons were sour and bitter!



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 3 visited Dulwich Picture gallery this week and took part in a range of workshops and activities:



Word of the Week

Read the riddle and try to work out the Word of the Week from the clues. Tell your teacher what you think the word is on Tuesday morning, if you're right you'll get a gem! We'll announce the answer in assembly on Tuesday. Remember to use the Word of the Week as much as you can in your speech and writing to earn more gems and to make the word a permanent part of your vocabulary!

This week's riddle is from Agnes Ramadan:

Where to find it – Find me under 's' – it's an adjective

What it means - to make things happen at the same time

When to use it – the children wanted to _____ their dance moves

Can you use these clues to guess the Word of the Week?

The answer to last week's riddle was **Swagger** - did you guess the word and use it to earn gems? Keep using it to make sure it remains part of your vocabulary!

F@B Update

Summer raffle - call for donations

Can you or your workplace donate a prize for our summer raffle? Last year, we had our best prize list ever and we're hoping that the next one will be just as good!

Previous prizes have included: jewellery, beer, wine and whisky, chocolate, works of art, gardening services, toys, family photoshoot, tickets for a family day out ...and much more.

If you can donate something similar (or know somebody who can) please contact Emily at the F@B email:

fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

Online Safety Tip of the Week

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Below, you will find a link to a series of guides for how to support your child with being safe online on different types of devices, such as: phones, tablets, laptops, smart speakers, smart TVs and games consoles.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Rex	Safiyatu	Alma		
Sunshine	Isaac	T'Mari	Angus		
Moonbeam	Arlo	Louie	Celeste		
1AM	Nathan	Sara	Eve	Lydia	
1NS	Mylah - Monae	Adonai	Jeremiah	Jago	Arthur
2JW	Aymar	Yaseerah	Casper	Callum	
2LS	Sebastian	Rimas	Humaira	Jules	Louie
2LT	Stephany	Melody	Helene	Ivor	Ava
3KL	Sophie	Talya	Faye	Agnes W	Beau
3NI	3NI	Stiven	Felix	Zafer	
3/4CB	Florence	Joel	Millie-Rose	Leila	Daniel
4BC	Cavalli	Sam	Noah	William	
4VG	Suraya	Runaah	Cruize	Johnny	
5RS	Kitty	Hameed	Khadijah	Virtue	Emily W
5OF	Ruby	Sophie	Lenny	Alexis	
5FM	Owen	Martha	Ezekiel	Johanna	
6LM	Lekha	Naomi- Rose	Gen	Buster	
6SB	Zahid	Alexander	Polly	Brogan	
6AC	Rose	Yusuf	Grace	Oscar	William

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Leon	Rayha	Agnes R	Lucie	Sophie	Grace

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2JW	4BC	5FM

House
Winners

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



AUTISM PUBERTY, SEXUAL WELLBEING AND RELATIONSHIPS

For parents of a child on the autistic spectrum, coping with the onset of puberty and their child's emerging sexuality can be challenging. Knowing what to teach, how/when to teach it and what to expect can be daunting.

This session has a different delivery style to the Cygnet core programme. Because of the nature of the subject matter it was felt that a far more activity-based approach would put parents at ease more quickly and therefore enhance learning and mutual support.

- **This is a course for parents – your children do not need to attend**
- **It is available to parents with children over the age of 9**
- **It is run face to face 10.00-4.00pm at 160 Tooley St, London, SE1P 5LX**

The course will run on the following dates

18/12/23

15/02/24

17/05/24

10/07/24

15/08/24

