

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st December 2023

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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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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2023-24 Class Assembly Dates

19/10/23	1AM	16/11/23	5FM
23/11/23	3/4CB	30/11/23	4BC
7/12/23		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	4YH

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

This Term's Events

- 05.12.23 – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
- 06.12.23 – Year 5 A *Christmas Carol* workshop in school- change of date
- 12.12.23 – Rainbow, Sunshine and Moonbeam Christmas performance, 10-11am (first showing)
- 12.12.23 – KS1 Christmas carols, 3pm
- 13.12.23 – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers / dress up
- 13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 Second World War workshop in school
- 13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 carol concert, 5pm
- 14.12.23 – Rainbow, Sunshine and Moonbeam Christmas performance, 1-2pm (second showing)
- 14.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 carol concert, 6pm
- 15.12.23 – Nursery Christmas carols, 3pm
- 15.12.23 – Year 6 bake sale after school
- 16.12.23 – Winter fair
- 18.12.23 – House winners' trip
- 19.12.23 – Year 6 theatre trip
- 19.12.23 – Class parties
- 20.12.23 – Last day of term, 2pm finish
- 23.01.23 – Final Young Voices rehearsal, parents invited
- 29.01.24 – Year 5 Young Voices concert at The O2

Library Visits

	10:20- 11	11:15 – 11:55
Thursday 9th November	3/4CB	6AC
Friday 10th November	1AM	5FM
Thursday 16th November	1NS	6SB
Friday 17th November	3NI	4BC
Thursday 23rd November	2JW	3KL
Friday 24th November	2LT	5RS
Thursday 30th November	2LS	5OF change of date
Friday 1st December	Rainbow	6LM change of date
Thursday 7th December	Moonbeam	4YH
Friday 8th December	Sunshine	

Rescheduled Activity Clubs

Club	Cancelled session	Additional session
Time Travellers	9.10.23	4.12.23
Percussion Club	14.11.23	5.12.23
Book Club	17.10.23	5.12.23
Nature Story Play	21.11.23	5.12.23
KS2 Gymnastics	17.10.23	5.12.23
KS1 Gymnastics	18.10.23	6.12.23
Mini Athletics	19.10.23	7.12.23
Coding, KS1, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6	21.9.23	7.12.23

News and Reminders

School Street Update

We are very happy to be able to let you know that, after a productive meeting with Southwark Council the School Street road closure bollards outside Bessemer will be staying in place! Thank you so much to everyone who got involved to support the school in this and to protect a safe space for our children, the support of our Bessemer Community was hugely instrumental in achieving this outcome, thank you!



Coaching Program for parents/carers with Ground works

We're excited to be able to continue to deliver our Coaching Programme for parents/carers in partnership with Groundworks. Groundworks is an external organisation which provides young people and families with the opportunities, experiences, and tools to enable them to develop their physical, emotional and social capabilities.

The focus of the work will be anxiety / challenging behaviour and will involve face-to-face in school or remote (via MS Teams) work over 5 – 9 sessions during school hours.

Sessions will include:

- Confidential discussions around issues in their child's life which may be impacting upon their mental health e.g. academic pressures, family breakdown, friendship problems etc.
- Psychoeducation around the role which common mental health problems play in our lives
- Questionnaires at every session to monitor their/ their child's progress – these are also known as Routine Outcome Measures (ROMs)
- Working on a shared understanding of how their child's mental health is impacted by their thoughts, feelings, physical sensations and behaviours.
- Working jointly through a step-by-step plan to achieve your specific goals for the intervention

If you are interested in attending please send an email to Lori knight: lknight@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk to express your interest.

Christmas Celebrations

We will be enjoying our Christmas lunch in school on Wednesday 13th December. If your child usually has packed lunch but would like to have a school Christmas lunch on that day please email the school office by Friday 8th December.

On December 13th children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or any other Christmas outfits or accessories to school. We are not wearing Christmas jumpers on 7th December, which is Save the Children's Christmas jumper day as we want to keep all of our Christmas activities in the last week and a half of term.

Please check the list of dates on the second page of this newsletter for the details of your child's Christmas performances as they are taking place the week after next.

News and Reminders

Girls United

Girls United currently run some great girls only football sessions at Bessemer and are also offering weekend and evening sessions in the locations listed below.



PLAY LIKE A GIRL GIRLS UNITED

ENJOY THE **SOCIAL BENEFITS** OF SPORT. BUILD YOUR **CONFIDENCE** ON AND OFF THE PITCH.

GIRLS AGED 5 TO 18

1-4-1 Reduced and free community pricing available to those who need it

SIGN UP AT [GIRLSUNITEDFA.ORG/LONDON-PLAY](https://girlsunitedfa.org/london-play) OR EMAIL [LONDON@GIRLSUNITIEDFA.ORG](mailto:london@girlsunitiedfa.org)

GIRLS UNITED PLAY LIKE A GIRL

THESE SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN OF **ALL ABILITIES**. SCAN ME

OUR COACHES CREATE A **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** WHERE YOU CAN DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND FORGE NEW **FRIENDSHIPS**.

WEEKLY SESSIONS:

Monday	Thursday	Friday
U6 - U11 17:30 - 18:30 Ivydale Primary, Inverton road, SE15 3DD	U6 - U12 17:00 - 18:00 Streatham Vale Park, SW16 5AL	U9 - U12 17:00 - 18:00 Black Prince Trust, SE11 6AA
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
U6 - U14 17:00 - 18:00 Prendergast School, SE4 1SA	U6 - U18 10:00 - 11:30 Peckham Rye Park, SE22 9QA	U6 - U11 10:00 - 11:00 Peckham Rye Park, SE22 9QA

GIRLSUNITEDFA.ORG

🌟 Girls United Play Like a Girl – Kick off the Fun! 🏈

Parents,

Exciting news! Enroll your girls (aged 5-18) in our "Play Like a Girl" football sessions for a boost of confidence and social fun.

31 **When:** Options of Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

📍 Locations: Ivydale Primary, Prendergast School, Peckham Rye Park, and more!

📱 Visit girlsunitedfa.org/london-play to book your spot now!

free of charge 1-4-1 community pricing available to those who need it

Let's empower our girls on and off the pitch. See you there!

Please email london@girlsunitiedfa.org if you have any questions.

Cheers,

Girls United Team 🏈🏈

Sharing Children's Learning

Be Internet Legends Day

Tuesday 28th November was 'Be Internet Legends Day'. In school, children joined an online assembly that was streamed live all over the country, and even all over the world! The theme was 'Kindness' and the message was to treat others with respect and kindness when interacting online.



If you would like to watch the assembly, then you can at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/1TZmvblu8pg?feature=share>

Sharing Children's Learning

As part of their *Explorers* topic children in Year 1 went to the Maritime Museum this week:



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **zeal**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could try adding a suffix to make a new word, e.g. **zealous**. You could also research the origins of the word and see if you can think of any related words with the same origin.

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 gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

F@B Update

Winter fair volunteers, Sat 16 Dec

We still need more volunteers! Can you help? If so please text Nikki with details of when you are available 07786 197570

Buy a tree, raise £10 for Bessemer!

North Dulwich Pot and Plant Centre will donate £10 for every Christmas tree sold to a Bessemer family, simply quote the code BE23.

Wreath making fun in the nature garden this weekend

🌲🍂 Join us for an outdoor Christmas wreath making workshop in the Nature Garden on Saturday 9th Dec at 11am or 130pm or Sunday 10th at 11am. £40 per place, 90 mins with mulled wine 🍷 and 🍷 No skills required but a fun time and beautiful Christmas wreath guaranteed. Suitable for adults and all proceeds go to Friends@Bessemer. Spaces are limited so click below to book a place 🍂🌲

<https://buytickets.at/friendsbessemer/1074149>

<https://buytickets.at/friendsbessemer/1074186>

<https://buytickets.at/friendsbessemer/1074196>



Online Safety Tip of the Week

Be Internet Legends is an online resource provided by Parent Zone and Google for parents and teachers to support educating children to be safe online.

Children have enjoyed playing the interactive games on the website, learning important messages about staying safe online along the way. Why not play the games together this weekend?

Just follow this link:

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Olivia	Jude	Hadley		
Sunshine	Sienna	Cormac	Violet B		
Moonbeam	Zion	Ben	Briyit		
1AM	Nathan	Rosa	Lydia	Eve	Dora
1NS	Jago	Samiya	Freddie	Iliana	
2JW	Ava	Dougie	Yaseerah	Phoebe	Georgie
2LS	Jules	Bella	Manon	Zak	
2LT	Helene	Olivia	Adam	Santi	
3KL	Micah	Aidan	Rafa	Sophie	Shackleton
3NI	Finn	Jake	Brandon	Seren	
3/4CB	Millie-Rose	Amelia	Ismay	Lucie	
4BC	Olia	William	Amelia	Esme	
4YH	Aubrey	Riccardo	Uriel	Callum M	Olivia
5RS	Emily T	Izzy H	Bailey	Francesco	
5OF	AJ	Ozgur	Lenny	Hannah	Edward
5FM	Rayanne	Owen	Johanna	Fayo	
6LM	Gen	Naomi-Rose	Olivia	Curtis	
6SB	Marley	Pearl	Zahid	Jake	
6AC	Silas	Abdulai	Cyra	Zadie	Oscar

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Arabella	Kenza	Agnes R	Aishah	Andrea	Pearl

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LS	3/4CB	6LM

House Winners	Rubies!
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Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth