

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

www.thegemfederation.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Sarah Beard

Address: Dylways, London, SE5 8HP

Email: office@bessemergrange.southwark.sch.uk

Telephone: 020 7 274 2520

Head of School: Elizabeth Whitehead

Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th November 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3							1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
							30	31																			

January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				26	27	28	29	30	31		

School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
-----------------	------------	--------------	---------------

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

- 16.11.23 – Reception maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
- 17.11.23 – Year 2 multiskills competition (PE kit required)
- 17.11.23 – Dress up for children in Need and Antibullying Week
- 28.11.23 – Year 1 Maritime Museum trip
- 29.11.23 – Nursery Communication and Language workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
- 01.12.23 – Year 5 Museum of London Docklands trip
- 05.12.23 – Year 5 *A Christmas Carol* workshop in school
- 05.12.23 – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
- 12.12.23 – Reception Christmas performance 10-11am (first showing)
- 12.12.23 – KS1 Christmas carols 3pm
- 13.12.23 – Christmas lunch
- 13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 Second World War workshop in school
- 13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 carol concert
- 14.12.23 – Reception Christmas performance 1-2pm (second showing)
- 14.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 carol concert
- 15.12.23 – Nursery Christmas carols 3pm
- 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
- 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	6LM
Friday 1st December	Rainbow	5OF
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
Book Club	17.10.23	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

Children in Need and Antibullying Week

Next week we are celebrating Anti-bullying week as well as Children in Need 2023. The theme for Children in Need this year is Be 'SPOTacular' and the theme for Antibullying Week is Make a Noise About Bullying! Children are invited to come to school on Friday wearing spots or stripes (or both) for Children in Need and odd socks for Antibullying Week.

Children in Year 2 are taking part in a multiskills competition on Friday, so while they can also wear spots, stripes and odd socks their clothing must be suitable for PE, e.g. trainers, tracksuit bottoms or leggings (in any colour or pattern) and a spotty / stripy t-shirt and odd socks would be ideal.

Holiday Club

Sports Focus will be a holiday club at Bessemer during the Christmas holiday. The club will be running on December 21st and 22nd and then also January 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Please see the flyer attached. For more information and to book spaces please visit the website:

www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk

The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor's office is running a Christmas card competition with the theme 'Peace at Christmas'. If your child would like to take part the details are as follows:

1. Entries must be submitted to the school office by 9am on Wednesday 15th November.
2. Please ensure each entry is **clearly labelled** with the **child's full name, age, school year group and school**.
3. Entries to be received on **A4 paper** (landscape or portrait) without the use of glitter.
4. The final winning selection will be made by the Mayor.
5. The majority of entries will be displayed in the Council Offices for 1 week following the announcement of the winner.
6. The winning design will be printed and used as the Mayor's official Christmas card.
7. The winner will be presented with a certificate and invited along with two adults to the Mayor's parlour for tea.

Please note that unfortunately entries will not be returned once they have been submitted to the Mayor's office.

Lending Library

Following the success of our second pop-up bookshop last week we have decided to use the remaining books to create a small lending library. This will be situated inside the automatic doors to the office. Children can access the library before or after school and can borrow a book to take home and read. When they have finished their book they can return it to swap for another one. We ask that children borrow one book at a time to ensure there are enough left for other children.

Connected to the Community – Get Rid of and Donate

Please see the attached flyer for details of a community event which has been organized to collect essential items for vulnerable people in our community.

Sharing Children's Learning

In Year 1 we deliver a play-based curriculum which means that children have access to continuous provision in both their indoor and outdoor areas throughout the day. While teachers and teaching assistants deliver teaching to small focus groups, other children take part in COOL time, which stands for 'Choosing Our Own Learning'. Parents and carers came along to our celebration days this week to find out more about how their children learn and to join in with some COOL time activities. Here are some photos from the sessions along with some quotes from parents and carers about their experience:



"...brilliant to be able to spend time in the classroom and see how proud the children are of their work and creations!"

"I loved seeing how they move around the room feeling safe, comfortable and confident in the environment."



"I have a better idea of the structure and can see how practical the learning is."

"I can see how they make learning enjoyable."

"A chance to see actually how much my child enjoys school and all the amazing activities they do as their end of the day feedback is very limited!"



"I enjoyed seeing how my child learns and them having the chance to share it with me."

"Lovely to explore and understand the setting as well as seeing the opportunities the children get."

Sharing Children's Learning

This week, Sunshine Class visited Blackbird Bakery for a real-life experience of what happens in a coffee shop. The trip was arranged because the class role play area has been changed to a coffee shop and staff wanted to ensure that all children have the background experience to be able to engage with it fully. The children had the opportunity to order a babyccino which they drank in the coffee shop while watching the coffee shop staff at work. They were also given some croissants which they enjoyed back at school during snack time. They have loved re-enacting the trip in their role play coffee shop at school. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who joined the trip and to Blackbird Bakery for hosting the outing!



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **acquire**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. Try adding a suffix to make a new word, e.g. **acquiring, acquired**, or explore other forms of the word, e.g. **acquisition**. 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

Can you help us raise vital funds for Bessemer? Urban Village have offered to give us £15 for every estate agency board put up to promote our winter fair on 16 December and we need volunteers!

We've got a target of 60 families volunteering to have an Urban Village board outside their home which will help us to promote the event and raise lots of funds for Bessemer: we're aiming to raise £900 from Urban Village so please help if you can!

If you can help please email Claire with your name, address and postcode: clairewhite06@hotmail.co.uk

Please note: unfortunately we are not allowed to put up boards outside council blocks or blocks of flats.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

'Fake News'!

It is really important to be aware of what your children are reading online and to help them understand who might have created the content and what their intention is, e.g. to persuade them to believe something that isn't true, or to convince them to buy something. Please read the attached guide for parents and carers with useful advice on supporting your child to understand 'fake news' and to be able to identify it when they come across it:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Internet-Matters-Guide-Fake-News.pdf>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Safiyatu	Raymond	Felix		
Sunshine	Olivia	Ethan S	Hilal		
Moonbeam	Alaia	Roman	Phoenix		
1AM	Jhane	Kiyoko	Amber	Arthur	
1NS	Florence	Troy	Tilly	Mylah - Monae	Georgios
2JW	Ramsay	Nyeela	Callum	Gwen	
2LS	Jojo	Ellie B	Dylan	Zahra	
2LT	Margot P	Aidan	Rebecca	Helene	Taylan
3KL	Agibu	Agnes R	Phoenix S	Phoenix M	
3NI	Richard	Ezra	Stiven	Alessandro	Henry
3/4CB	Temiloluwa	Oscar	Kyanna	Theo	
4BC	Jadon	Esther	Adam	Malachi	
4YH	Arthur	Isobel	Matthew	Aishah	Lucien
5RS	Tofarati	Jacob	Virtue	Izzy	
5OF	Alexis	Max E	Brayden	Mahnaz	Azariah
5FM	Lori	Ruby	Martha	Violet	
6LM	Amani	Victoria	Alex	Montana	
6SB	Brogan	Otis	Tani	Alexander	Eddie
6AC	Hassan	Una	Yusuf	Rose	

Individual Timetable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Djene	Rayha	Felix E	Lucien	Ruby H	Yusuf O

Timetable Rockstars Winning Classes

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

House Winners	Rubies!
------------------	----------------



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT IT'S TIME TO DONATE!



GET RID OF AND
—DONATE—



We have organised a community event asking for donations to help people through the cost of living crisis, sleeping rough and vulnerable people.

Donations of warm clothing, shoes, sleeping bags/blankets, tents and ambient food welcome.

**Monday 20th November 2023 at
11:00am to 6:00pm**

COMMUNITY DROP-OFF DAY CARNEGIE LIBRARY - ROOM 1

Contact us

07944 102 112

info@getridofit-donate.com

www.getridofit-donate.com



@Getridoffit



@getridofitanddonate



@GROADonate

meanwhile
SPACE

MAYOR OF LONDON


Lambeth

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



WHAT?

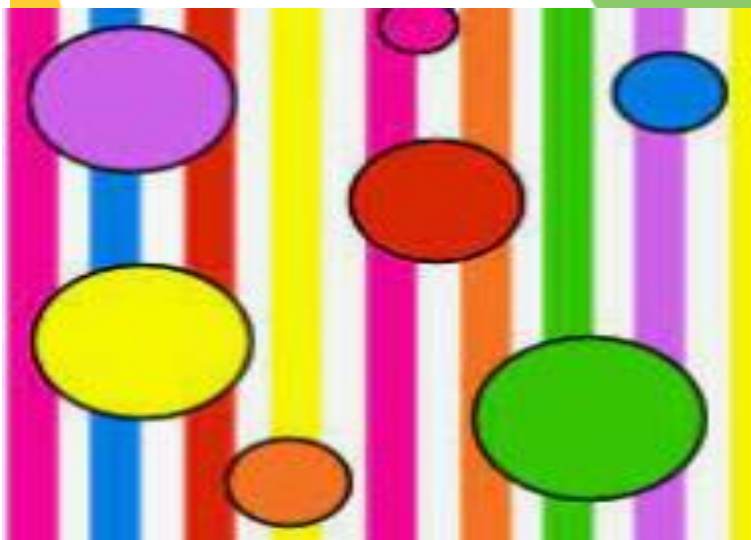
The theme this year is
Be **SPOT**acular!

Children can come to
school wearing **SPOTS** or
STRIPES or **BOTH!**

*Donations can be made at
the school gates or to the
office on the day.

WHEN & WHERE?

**BESSEMER GRANGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER 2023**



BBC
Children
in Need

Official Education Partner



bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools

SPORTS FOCUS COACHING Christmas Camp



Nerf Guns, Football, Floor is Lava, Christmas Arts & Crafts., Tennis

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Week 1: Thursday, 21st December - Friday, 22nd December

Week 2: Tuesday, 2nd January - Friday, 5th January

Times & Prices:

9:00 - 12:00 £20

12:00 - 15:00 £20

9:00 - 15:00 £30

Early drop off 8:30 additional £3

Late Pick up 17:00 additional £5

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

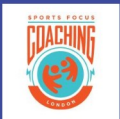
To book

www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk

For further info

Email: bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk

or Call: 07946 007937



[Sportsfocuscoaching_](https://www.instagram.com/sportsfocuscoaching_)



Sports Focus Coaching Limited