

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th October 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023						
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April 2024						
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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

- 16.10.23 – Years 3 and 4 River Thames trip
17.10.23 – Year 1 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.10 – 9.40am
17.10.23 – Parents' evening
18.10.23 – Parents' evening
19.10.23 – Deadline for ordering Young Voices tickets
20.10.23 – Last day of half term
30.10.23 – Children return to school
31.10.23 – Deadline for secondary school applications
01.11.23 – Year 2 English workshop for parents and carers
02.11.23 – Years 5 and 6 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
07.11.23 – Year 1 celebration day, 9.10 – 10.10am (parents/carers of half of each class to attend on each day)
08.11.23 – Year 1 celebration day, 9.10 – 10.10am (parents/carers of half of each class to attend on each day)
09.11.23 – Years 3 and 4 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
16.11.23 – Reception maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 carol concert
14.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 carol concert
16.12.23 – Winter fair
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

Autumn Term Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	11:00 – 11:40
Thurs 28th Sept	2JW	6AC
Fri 29th Sept	1AM	5FM
Thurs 5th Oct	1NS	5OF
Fri 6th Oct	3NI	4BC
Thurs 12th Oct	3/4CB	3KL
Fri 13th Oct	2LT	5RS
Thurs 19th Oct	4YH	6LM
Fri 20th Oct	2LS	6SB

News and Reminders

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings are taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week and all parents and carers should have an appointment to see their child's class teacher. If you have not yet made an appointment please do so by booking on Parentmail, or contact the school office if you have any issues.

Any parents and carers of children in Little Stars who would like an appointment but have not yet booked one should now arrange appointments directly with Little Stars staff.

Parents and carers of children in 5RS have received an email explaining that their appointments have been rescheduled for next half term.

Rescheduled Activity Clubs

Some of our activity club providers have had to cancel one of their sessions this half term, so will be running an additional session at the end of the 10 week block, please see below for the rescheduled sessions.

Club	Cancelled session	Additional session
Time Travellers	9.10.23	4.12.23
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

Club Snacks

If your child attends an activity club after school please try to send a small snack for them to eat before their club, particularly if they are in Reception or Key Stage One, as they have an early lunch and are usually hungry by the end of the day! Snacks must follow our healthy eating policy, so please do not send crisps, cake or chocolate biscuits. Fruit, plain biscuits, rice cakes or cereal bars are all ideal.

Lost Property

We already have a full box of lost property outside the office, please come and have a look if your child has lost anything. Please make sure you name your children's belongings as items with names in are returned to their owners rather than being taken to lost property.

Black History Month Menu

On 17th October our caterers are providing a special lunch menu in celebration of Black History Month. Please read on to find out how we are celebrating Black History Month in classes this year.

SEND Support Groups

Please see the attached flyers for details of Speech and Language Drop in sessions and a new support group for neurodivergent Children in Years 5 and 6.

Harvest Festival

We are still collecting donations of non-perishable food which will be given to our local food bank.



Sharing Children's Learning

Celebrating Black History Month

We strongly believe that our curriculum should be reflective of our school population at Bessemer, with Black history embedded in our history curriculum and taught throughout the year. However, we think that it is also important to celebrate Black History Month in October each year, as this month brings all of the UK together to celebrate Black history, culture and achievements. Black History Month (BHM) runs through October and classes throughout the whole school will be completing various activities to mark it.

On Tuesday 10th October, all children in Year 1 to 6 took part in the 'Great Big Live Assembly,' which focused on Black History Month.



We will also be having an assembly on the 18th that focuses on significant women of colour - our pupil 'history champions' will be helping with this.

In Early Years and Year 1, story time over the month of October will focus on a *Little People, Big Dreams* book celebrating the lives of black women in line with this year's BHM theme 'Saluting Our Sisters'. Children will read about a number of black women including Mae Jamison, Rosa Parks and Wilma Rudolph.

In Year 2 children will create artwork by Lubania Hamid and find out all about Harriet Tubman.

This week children from Year 3 and 4 joined authors and illustrators Robert Tregoning, Patrice Lawrence, and Viviane Schwarz in a live-streamed session to inspire children to step inside their own stories and make zig-zag books.

<https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/school-events/british-library-digital-events>

On the 30th October, Year 5 will take part in an online workshop run by the brilliant National Archives, where they will be using their historical enquiry skills to examine sources to learn about Black Victorians. They will further explore this theme by researching Sarah Forbes and Bonetta Davies.

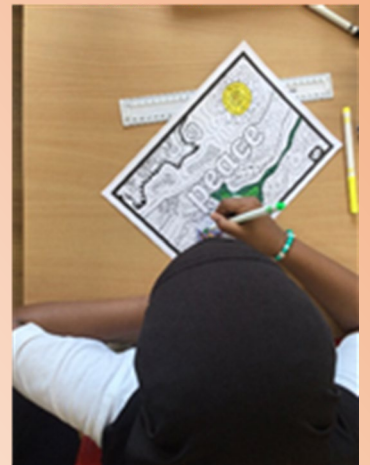
This week, Year 6 have combined BHM and National Poetry day by exploring and performing poems by Maya Angelou. They have also worked on presentations about "Sheroes Among Us," highlighting contemporary black women who are breaking barriers and shattering stereotypes in their respective fields.

Finally please see the following link for a poetry competition that you can complete at home. <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-poetry-competition-2023/>

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World Mental Health Day

The theme for this year's World Mental Health Day was 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'. Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 attended assemblies focusing on looking after their mental health and all children took part in class-based wellbeing activities to support their mental health, e.g. mindfulness colouring, yoga, reflection activities, singing and dancing.



Year 1 History Topic

As part of their topic 'Our Grandparents' children in Year 1 have invited their grandparents in to school to talk to their classes about how life is different now to when they were young. It was a wonderful learning experience, thank you to all of the parents who came to visit!



Sharing Children's Learning

Celebration Day

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Early Years celebration day yesterday, thank you to everyone who braved the rain to come along and join in with their children's learning, it was great to see you and the children absolutely loved having you there!



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **defy**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. Try adding suffixes to make new words, e.g. **defying**. 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

Bessemer Fun Run - tomorrow!

Saturday 14 October, 1.15pm: Join us in our annual fundraising fun run at the JAGS sports field. Come to cheer or get your running shoes on to join us in the 1km, 3km and 5km races.

Get registered here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TdAMwWC71fMpaiEJGTyiXXFpaepe00FPYGdGqmHa40Q/viewform?edit_requested=true

Pay the registration fee and sponsorship/donations here:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/bessemer-fun-run-2023>

Uniform and Spooky dressing up stall

Friday 20 October, 3.30pm: Second hand uniform stand plus Halloween dressing up costumes! Get a spooky bargain! Donations of high quality uniform and Halloween costumes welcome at the stand or to the office that week only. (No rips / stains please!). All items 50p, cash and card accepted.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

What is Roblox? What should parents and carers know about this popular games website for children?

Roblox is a really popular game creator system where games are made by 'amateur' game creators and shared to the community to be played and enjoyed by children worldwide, often online together, either on a phone or tablet app, or a web browser.

Internet matters have put together a useful parent guide with information about age ratings, in game purchases, how to set parental controls and how to monitor your child's account.

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/?gad=1&gclid=EAlaIqObChMlu573xdTogQMVMbZoCR3Y-A7PEAAAYASAAEgJQLPD_BwE





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
1AM	Larry	Sam	Leon	Lariah	Amber
1NS	Illiana	Benjamin	Arrabella	Lyra	
2JW	Ferhot	Alexis	Aymar	Johnny	
2LS	Nathaniel	Dylan	Ruby	Ellie Mae	
2LT	Melody	Malachi	Olivia	Adam	
3NI	Wilfred	Otis	Brandon	Matilda	Zafer
3KL	Makai	Faye	Leo	Agnes R	
3/4CB	Leonel	Hari	Amelia	Mohammed	Elena
4YH	Lucien	Tobias	Freddie	Holly	
4BC	Esme	Abemelek	Salima	Stella-Lucia	
5OF	Max E	Lenny	Arda	Ruby	
5RS	Hameed	Owen	Bryan	Tofarati	
5FM	Lucia	Rayanne	Frankie	Johanna	Owen
6SB	Summer	Alexander	Polly	Hillary	
6LM	Lukas	Olivia	Montana	Lekha	Killian
6AC	Ainoa	Hassan	Zadie	Edie	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Josaiah	Rayha	Nikolas	Uriel	Myriam	Keran

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LS	3KL	6AC

House
Winners

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



Speech and Language Therapy Parent Drop-in

This is a drop in with Anna Ferrara, Speech and Language Therapist.

It will be a chance to ask any questions about communication development, how to support your child, and receive advice on next steps.

You will have the chance to book in to the drop-in by emailing Lori Knight, Inclusion Lead/SENCO.

lknight@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk

Date: 06/11/2023

Time: Sessions will be allocated starting from 9:00am

Location: Bessemer Primary School



**BESSEMER GRANGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Neurodivergent Therapy Group

FAO Year 5 and Year 6 students only

Exciting new opportunity for the Neurodivergent students of Bessemer Primary School, starting in November.

We are setting up a therapy group to support your child to understand their diagnosis and spend time with peers who also identify as neurodivergent. In this group we will talk about what it means to be autistic, so your child will need to know about their diagnosis to attend the group.

This group will be run by the Speech and Language Therapist and Miss Speak and advice will be given to wider school staff on how to support your child outside of the group.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact Lori Knight , Inclusion lead: lknight@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk



**BESSEMER GRANGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

October Camp



Football, Floor is Lava, Water Games, Arts & Crafts,, Tennis, Lego Club

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Monday, 23rd October - Friday, 27th October

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 15:00 - 17:00 additional £5

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Nerf Battles, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

To book

www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk

For further info

Email: bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk

or Call: 07946 007937



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Bessemer Primary School

Harvest

Festival



Coming Together as a Community

All Donations Gratefully Received

Thank you!

Donations can be brought
to school up until Friday
20th October

Please donate non-
perishable items, e.g.
tins, cartons, dry
goods etc.





WILD ROOTS FOREST SCHOOL



Climb trees



Explore nature

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

23rd–25th October, 10am–4pm, 5–11 year olds
Lettsom Gardens, SE5



Make crafts



Have fun

Contact kath@wildrootsforestscool.co.uk to book your place

www.wildrootsforestscool.co.uk

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