

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th September 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

This Year's Class Assembly Dates

Class assemblies take place at 9.15 am on Thursday mornings and last for about 15 minutes. Parents and carers are invited to come along and watch their children present their learning from their half termly topic.

Years 1,2 and 3		Years 4,5 and 6	
Thursday 21 st November	1NS	Thursday 28 th November	5FM
Thursday 30 th January	3/4BW	Thursday 6 th February	6LM
Thursday 13 th February	2SD	Thursday 13 th March	6MS
Thursday 20 th March	2LT	Thursday 27 th March	4BG
Thursday 3 rd April	3LS	Thursday 8 th May	5RS
Thursday 15 th May	3NI	Thursday 22 nd May	4GS
Thursday 5 th June		Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Thursday 19 th June	1ST	Thursday 26 th June	5OF
Thursday 3 rd July	1JM		

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events for the Autumn Term

16.09.24 – Activity clubs start
 17.09.24 – Year 2 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
 27.09.24 – Year 1 phonics and reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
 30.09.24 – Reception phonics and reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
 01.10.24 – Year 3/4 reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
 04.11.24 – Year 6 trip to Royal Courts of Justice
 08.10.24 – Flu immunisations in school
 08.10.24 – Parents' evening
 09.10.24 – parents' evening
 10.10.24 – Year 5/6 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am – change of date
 11.10.24 – Year 1 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am
 19.10.24 – F@B family fun run, 2pm
 22.10.24 – Nursery reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
 23.10.24 – Reception maths workshop for parents, 9.15am
 25.10.24 – Break up for half term
 04.11.24 – Children return to school
 05.11.24 – Year 1 Celebration Day for parents, 9.15am
 13.11.24 – Early Years Celebration Day for parents, 9.15am
 14.11.24 – Year 3/4 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am – change of date
 26.11.24 – Year 5/6 reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
 14.12.24 – Winter fair, 12-3pm
 17.12.24 – Year 3/4 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm
 18.12.24 – Year 5/6 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm
 18.12.24 – Children's Christmas lunch
 19.12.24 – Class parties
 20.12.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Please note the dates of the upcoming parent / carer workshops for your year group and try to come along, these workshops are very informative and will support you in supporting your children's learning at home.

Autumn Term Library Visits

Each term every class has the opportunity to visit Grove Vale library. Children spend some time exploring the library, younger children often have a story session and then all children borrow a book to bring back to school with them. If you are able to accompany your child's class on their library visit please speak to their class teacher.

Date	10:20- 11am	Date	10.20-11am
Thurs 19 th September	6LM	Thurs 24 th October	3LS
Fri 20 th September	6MB	Fri 25 th October	2LT
Thurs 26 th September	6SB	Thurs 7 th November	2SD
Fri 27 th September	5RS	Fri 8 th November	1JM
Thurs 3 rd October	5FM	Thurs 14 th November	1NS
Fri 3 th October	5OF	Fri 15 th November	1ST
Thurs 10 th October	4GS	Thurs 21 st November	Moonbeam
Fri 11 th October	4BG	Fri 22 nd November	Rainbow
Thurs 17 th October	3/4BW	Thurs 28 th November	Sunshine
Fri 18 th October	3NI	Fri 29 th November	Ladybird
		Thurs 5 th December	Butterfly

News and Reminders

Vision and Values

Since returning to school we have been reminding children about the Gem Federation vision and core values. We were pleased to find that the children know our values very well and can confidently explain how we live these values each day at Bessemer. Our vision and values are the things that we feel are really special about our school, so we celebrate them as much as we can. Our values are displayed in every classroom and around the school and we refer to them regularly. We have Values Trees in school where children get a leaf with their name on if they are seen demonstrating one of our values and every week in this newsletter we share photos of children demonstrating our values in different ways.

VISION

We are a proudly **diverse and inclusive** school where our pupils and staff have a **strong sense of belonging**, can be their **true selves** and know **they can achieve anything** with focus, effort, and support from the whole school community.

VALUES

Academically Ambitious
Progressive
Creative and Practical
Self-aware and Supportive
Respectful
Connected to the Community

Academically Ambitious

We strive to exceed in academic attainment.

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We set ambitious goals and expect our students to attain and maintain the highest academic standards they can. For this reason, we regularly review pupil progress to ensure we know how children are developing, so that where necessary, we can support, encourage or intervene to get the very best from every child.

Progressive

We can be the change we want to see around us.

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We nurture strong ethical values, integrity and a sense of social justice in our school community and teaching. We want our pupils to become independent thinkers, respectfully questioning convention, challenging inequality and finding their place as considerate individuals who will make a meaningful contribution to society.

Self-aware and Supportive

We are kind to ourselves and caring of others.

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We nurture engagement in learning, positive relationships and greater empathy by helping children develop:

- ☐ **emotional literacy** - managing their feelings;
- ☐ **social skills** - being aware of others emotions;
- ☐ **resilience** - having the tools to deal with challenges and new things.

Creative and Practical

We learn by doing, in and out of the classroom.

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We actively encourage children to engage in the world around them. Our creative curriculum develops every aspect of the child which includes academic, emotional, social, physical, and cognitive skills. Children are immersed in hands-on, practical learning experiences tailored to their developmental stage.

Respectful

We are respectful of each other's ideas, beliefs, backgrounds and practices.

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We are considerate of the cultural identity and norms of the students and families we serve. Diversity, equality and inclusion are of great importance to us. We strive to support and educate children and adults to be sensitive to and respectful of diversity and put this into action through a socially aware curriculum and inclusive activities.

Connected to the community

We have a strong sense of being a part of and responsibility for our community.

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We recognise that family, school and community relationships directly affect student attainment, therefore we are committed to bringing children, families and communities together in and out of the classroom to share, learn and celebrate the diversity of our city and world.

News and Reminders

Activity Clubs

There are still places available to book in some of our after-school activity clubs. At this point you are able to book as many clubs as you like, so please have a look and see what is available. In particular, there are still spaces in the following:

- Book Club for Years 1 and 2 – children enjoy listening to stories and then take part in art or drama based follow up activities as well as developing their speech and language and comprehension skills by taking part in book talk.
- Nature, Story, Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – children go to the nature garden to explore, play and take part in imaginative role play.
- Capoeira for Years 3.4.5 and 6 – Capoeira is a dance-like martial art from Brazil. Children learn the different moves and play they accompanying percussion instruments. You may have seen demonstrations from previous club members at our school fairs.
- Wellbeing for Years 3 and 4 or 5 and 6 – some children have had taster sessions in class (see the photos in last week's newsletter), this club involves dancing, stories and relaxation and is good for building self-esteem and learning to manage emotions and friendships.
- Girls' Football for Years 3.4 and 5 – an opportunity or girls to learn football skills and build their confidence on the pitch.

Booking closes at midnight on Sunday, after that please contact the office to book club places. Remember, clubs start next week.

Home Reading

Your child should now have a reading book and reading diary. Every child is expected to read at home every day, either by themselves if they are a fluent reader, or to an adult. If your child reads by themselves please build in time to ask questions about what they've read and listen to them read aloud from time to time. Children need to have their reading diary signed daily and should bring it to school every day. Stickers are awarded for every five home reads, and certificates for every 50 reads. Reading at home is incredibly important for children's academic success, so if your child does not have a minimum of 30 reads in their diary by half term we will contact you to see what support is need for this to improve.

Early Years Playground

Thanks to fundraising by F@B and your generosity, we are making improvements to our Early Years playground. So far we have added a shelter to the sandpit and mud kitchen and astroturf around the sand pit to create a more inviting area that can be used in all weathers. The next steps start next week, so watch this space!



More Fundraising

If you shop at Asda, please use your Asda Rewards App to sign up to Cashpot for Schools. You then dominate Bessemer on the App and we will receive donations when you do your shopping! Find out more here:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core values of being *Creative and Practical* and *Self Aware and Supportive*

Every September we spend the first few days of term completing an art project. We find that this is a great way to ease the transition to a new class as it provides lots of opportunities for children and adults to get to know each other while enjoying a range of creative activities in a relaxed environment. This year our focus was on creating self portraits. Here are some examples of work from children in Years 3,4 and 5 who created artwork inspired by Andy Warhol, Chris Offilli and Julian Opie -Bec.



Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core values of being *Academically Ambitious* and *Creative and Practical*

We believe that children learn best through being engaged and excited by creative and practical learning opportunities. Today children in Year 2 launched their *Continents and Oceans: Pirates* topic by having a pirate themed day. They all had a great time dressing up, treasure hunting in the nature garden, taking quizzes to develop their geographical knowledge, making ancient treasure maps and talking in pirate voices all day!



Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core values of being *Academically Ambitious* and *Creative and Practical*

More evidence of our creative and practical curriculum, this time from Key Stage Two. We keep the teaching of the wider curriculum as practical as possible all through the school so that children achieve a deep understanding of their topics through practical experiences.

Children in Year 3 went out on the field today to create a giant timeline. They were starting this half term's topic by placing the different time periods they have studied so far on a time line to provide a historical context for their current topic *From Stone Age to Iron Age*:



Children in 3/4BW have been investigating different types of rocks as part of their Science unit for this half term:



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **courteous**. 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 prefix to make a new word, **discourteous**. 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 in school for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

F@B Update

Second hand uniform sale and ice cream Friday next week

Join us after pick up on Friday 20 September for a F@B uniform stall 🗑️ and ice cream sale! 🍦

Bring cash and coins if you can - we will have the card reader ready too 😊

Can't wait to see you there! Pop by and help us to save clothing from landfill! 🗑️

Save the date: F@B family fun run

We've booked our annual family fun run for **Saturday 19 October** at the JAGs sports field and hope you can join us! This event is fun for all ages and raises much needed funds for the school.

There will be races for little legs, as well as a 5km run for runners who can stay the distance!

The nearby Copper Beech cafe will be open for drinks, tasty snacks and more.

Watch this space for booking and donation links which we will share next week!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Online Gaming

Children (and adults!) love playing computer games. Children are able to play games on all sorts of devices, including on consoles, apps or websites, mobiles, tablets, PCs, or through smart speakers and virtual reality headsets. They can communicate with each other through in-game chats, and watch live-streaming of others playing games.

It is really important that parents are aware of the games that their child is playing and whether they are appropriate, how to set parental controls for things like in-game spending and any chat features.

The NSPCC has created a parent guide with further information of things parents should consider when choosing games for their child to play, what risks there are and further ways to keep your child safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Children in reception will start to attend Rewards Assembly and receive certificates later in the year once they have fully settled in.				
Sunshine					
Moonbeam					
1JM	Daksha	Abigail	Clem	Benjamin	
1NS	Liam	Louie	T'Mari	Ernie	Hadley
1ST	Alaia	Lenny	Maya	Alden	
2SD	Florence	Leila	Vincent	Arabella	
2LT	Kiyoko	Mason	Annabelle	Josiah	Lydia
3LS	Rayha	Isobel	Harris	Ellie Mae	
3NI	Rimas	Margot	Ivor	Emma	
3/4BW	Ava	Ramsay	Agibu	Juno	Y3 Casper Y4 Martha
4BG	Sophie	Leonel	Max	Alex	
4GS	Salome	Mikey	Aidan	Faye	
5RS	All of 5RS	Noah	Florence	Theo	
5OF	Ebony	Khaliyah	Johnny	Holly	
5FM	Kyanna	Elliot	Abemelek	Holly	Mariatu
6LM	Tofarati	Camai	Owen	Carter	
6SB	AJ	Florence	Sophie	Ruby	
6MS	Neron	Einas	Amenia	Lori	Janessa

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Samuel	Leila	Elliot	Valentina	Cruize	Eve

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1ST	4BG	5FM

**House
Winners**

Rubies!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

Southwark Children and Family Centres
Peckham, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

The Incredible Years Autism Programme offers great strategies for promoting children's language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy, and building positive relationships. It provides evidence-based strategies for parents and carers to enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of the valuable role that they play in promoting their children's development.

Starting Wednesday 25th
September 2024 10am -12pm,
every Wednesday for 14
weeks

Book your place
02038485780
[Childrenscentre@ivydale.
southwark.sch.uk](mailto:Childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk)



P E C K H A M

ALL STARS

NETBALL CLUB

Learn new skills, have fun, make new friends!

New season starts 19th September 2024

Then every Thursday during term time

6pm-7pm - Year 5 & 6

7pm-8pm - Year 7

Harris Academy Girls, Homestall Road SE220NR

For more information and to register your child's interest email

peckhamallstarsnetballclub@gmail.com

stating their name, age and school from September



THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



**AGES
5-18**

"The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension."

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY
(TERM TIME ONLY)

**OPEN TO SEND PUPILS IN
SOUTHWARK**

For more information please contact Glyn and George via the emails below.

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The Saturday sports club runs through the year at Bacon's College. The club caters for SEND students of all disabilities between the ages of 5 - 18 years old. Each session lasts for 60 minutes.

There is a highly skilled and motivated team of 14 working at the club ranging from teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, and special needs specialists.

As well as improving fitness levels and health and wellbeing the club works on social skills such as listening skills, waiting, sharing, teamwork, individual work and focus.

Sports and activities change weekly - trampolining, nature trail and the gym for the older clients, volleyball, football, basketball, multi skills, tennis, cricket, badminton, boccia, new age curling, dance, parachute games, athletics, capoeira, etc.

The club currently run in 4 different sessions:

Session 1: 10:30 - 11:30

Session 2: 11:30 - 12:30

Session 3: 12:30 - 13:30

Session 4: 14:00 - 15:00

Venue:

Bacon's College, Timber Pond Road
Rotherhithe, London
SE16 6AT

"The Network and Saturday Sports Club at Bacon's College has offered myself and family much-needed respite. Glyn, George and the team are very understanding and aware of my son's SEN needs: autism and ADHD."

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

