

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th January 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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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 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	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

23.01.24 – Year 5 final Young Voices rehearsal in school (parents who cannot attend the concert are invited to watch this rehearsal)
29.01.24 – Year 5 Young Voices concert
31.01.24 – 1AM Unicorn Theatre trip
31.01.24 – Year 4 times tables workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
01.02.24 – 1NS Unicorn Theatre trip
02.02.24 – NSPCC Number Day
07.02.24 – Reception Unicorn Theatre trip
07.02.24 – Year 5 London Eye trip
08.02.24 – Last day of half term for children
09.02.24 – Tutorial Day (school closed to children)
19.02.24 – Children return to school
WB 19.02.24 - Bikeability for EYs and KS1
WB 26.02.24 - Bikeability for Years 3 and 4
WB 04.03.24 – Bikeability for Years 5 and 6
07.03.24 – World Book Day
07.03.24 – Early Years Celebration Day
28.03.24 – Last day of term
15.04.24 – Inset day
16.04.24 – Children return to school

Spring Term Library Visits

	10:20- 11.00	11:15 - 11:55
Thurs 11th Jan	3KL	6AC
Fri 12th Jan	1AM	5FM
Thurs 18th Jan	1NS	6SB
Fri 19th Jan	3NI	4BC
Thurs 25th Jan	2JW	3/4CB
Fri 26th Jan	2LT	5RS
Thurs 1st Feb	2LS	6LM
Fri 2nd Feb	4VG	5OF
Thursday 8th Feb	TBC	TBC
Fri 9th Feb	TBC	TBC

News and Reminders

4BC

Lizzie Clark will be going off on maternity leave at half term and we are very happy to say that we have employed a new teacher, Mr Ali, to teach 4BC on Thursdays and Fridays in her absence. Ms Burton will of course remain in place as 4BC's teacher for the rest of the week and we are sure the children will enjoy getting to know Mr Ali and give him a warm welcome to Bessemer.

We will all miss Miss Clark while she is gone but we hope that she enjoys her maternity leave and we look forward to meeting her new addition!

Pathways to Spelling

As you know, we introduced a new spelling programme, *Pathways to Spelling*, this academic year. This week we have been observing spelling lessons across the school and are very pleased to say that the programme is being delivered successfully in all classes. Children are enjoying their spelling lessons and taking part in the new, collaborative spelling 'tests' on Fridays. During the Friday lessons children work together in groups to spell the week's words, helping each other to recall the correct spelling patterns. This approach means that spellings tests become a valuable learning experience and children who find spelling challenging feel supported and no longer worry about scoring badly on a formal test. Spelling words that are taught in school throughout the week are also sent home and shared on Google Classroom, so please do practice them at home if you can.

Young Artists' Summer Show

Please see the attached flyer and follow the link to the 'get involved page' for information about entering the Young Artists' Summer Show, run by The Royal Academy of Arts. The school has already registered and the competition is open until Wednesday 27th March, so start getting creative!

Trading Cards

We have reviewed our approach to trading cards such as football cards, Pokemon cards etc and have decided that children can now bring these cards into school. The cards can be played with or traded during Breakfast Club, After School Club and at playtimes. Children are not allowed to have the cards out in class, if this happens then cards will be confiscated.

If your child is bringing cards into school please ensure that they understand that it is their responsibility to look after them, to ensure they do not disrupt learning time and that they should only make trades that they are sure about as staff cannot spend time resolving disputes if children make trades that they later regret!

After school Activity Clubs

While booking of activity clubs on Parentmail has closed, there are still a few places available in some clubs. If you would like a place please call or email the school office to ask about availability.

Naming Clothing

Please, please make sure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named, particularly coats, jumpers, fleeces and cardigans as children often take these off and leave them lying around. If items are named they are much more likely to be returned to their owner. Before the holiday we cleared out all of our lost property so the boxes are currently empty. If your child loses something please come and look for it straight away so the lost property does not build up again as this makes lost items very difficult to find.

Holiday Club

Please see the attached flyer for information about the holiday club in February half term.

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning about tooth decay in Biology. They put different liquids (water, milk, orange juice, cola and an energy drink) in containers with hard-boiled eggs (to represent a tooth) to see what would happen to the eggs over time. They found that the 'enamel' (egg shell) was affected by the sugary drinks: orange juice, cola and the energy drink.



"The egg in the energy drink went stained and furry, the eggs in cola and juice were stained too."



"The cola had less of an effect on the egg than the energy drink, and the juice had less effect than the cola but only the milk and water had no effect on the egg.""



"We shouldn't drink energy drinks or cola too much as they will damage our teeth. Even fruit juice will damage your teeth so you have to brush your teeth after drinking sugary drinks."



All classes are continuing to enjoy their half termly trips to the local library. Today children in 3NI and 4BC went along to change their books and spend some time browsing the shelves:



Word of the Week

This week's word of the week was **waft** (meaning to pass, or cause to pass gently through the air, e.g. the smell of cooking wafted across the room). Well done to everyone who worked it out from the clues!

Please work with your child to decipher the clues below in order to work out next week's word of the week. If your child can guess the word of the week and tell their teacher on Monday they will get a gem. The word will be revealed in assemblies on Monday (KS1) and Wednesday (KS2) this week so that children can then use it throughout the rest of the week and will be shared on the newsletter on Friday, along with the next set of clues.

The clues for next week's word:

Where to find it – Find me under 'r' (adjective)

What it means - extremely hungry

When to use it – By lunchtime, the children were _____

There's a bird in this word.

F@B Update

We are very pleased to announce that F@B donations and support have raised £15,000 so far this school year!

We know there are lots of projects that Bessemer needs funding for to improve children's learning and their school experiences. We respond to whatever the school needs: funding for music, trips, reading support, playground equipment and other projects. A HUGE thank you to everyone for your amazing support so far! We will - of course - continue to work hard to raise even more funds to help support our school community and benefit all our children.

Can you help F@B?

Here are 3 ways you can help...

1. Join us: We welcome parents to join our friendly F@B WhatsApp group to share ideas and organise events: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ld4xuFj6Gzi3QQetELlaf7>

2. Make a donation: We welcome donation support through our online platform. You can make a one-off donation or give regularly. If you can afford to please consider joining the group of parents who make a monthly contribution to support the school. Thank you! <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/friends-at-bessemer>

3. Come to one of our events...

Our next event is a uniform stall in on Friday 2 February.

Everyone is welcome to visit to our uniform stall after school on Friday 2 February to grab some spares. All uniform is sold for a suggested donation of 50p.

If you have uniform to donate please bring it to the school office during the week before or on the day. We particularly need Bessemer jumpers, fleeces and cardigans - thank you!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Sharing Personal Information Online:

Does your child know what information is okay to be shared online and what should be kept private? What information is it okay to share with a trusted friend or family member? What information would you be happy for a stranger to know? In which different online places is it okay to share what information? Is what we might share in an email the same thing that we would want shared in a public space like a social media app? For more information about how to talk to children about sharing information online, please visit:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Amir	Elijah	Samuel		
Sunshine	Leo	Hilal	Ethan		
Moonbeam	Louie	Roman	Zion		
1AM	Sara	Teddy	Rosa	Sorrel	
1NS	Tilly	Mylah - Monae	Jake	Jeremiah	Samiya
2JW	Omar	Casper	Abdulai	Kenza	
2LS	Zak	Elliot	Keyan	Louie	Sebastian
2LT	Ibrahim	Margot C-G	Simon	Haddy	
3KL	Wolfie	Eustache	Aidan	Leo	
3NI	Matilda	Juno	Ezra	Richard	Alex
3/4CB	Lucie	Max	Theo	Amelia	Mohammed Millie-Rose
4BC	Salima	Abass	Esther	Sophie	
4VG	Isobel	Arthur	Aishah	Safa	
5RS	Michael	Emily W	Hameed	Tofarati	Florence
5OF	Valentina	Hannah	Amelia	Lucy	
5FM	Neron	Finn	Ruby	Rayanne	Johanna
6LM	Leo	Buster	Keran	Phoebe	
6SB	Tani	Eddie	Haven	Yabai	
6AC	Joe	Edie	Oscar	Andonaila	Adam

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Florence	Kenza	Ezra	Sophie	Owen	Freddie

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2JW	3NI	6AC

House Winners	Diamonds!
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Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

February

Camp



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

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Monday, 12th February - Friday, 16th February

Times & Prices:

9:00 - 12:00 £25

12:00 - 15:00 £25

9:00 - 15:00 £33

Early drop off 8:30 additional £3.50

Late Pick up 15:00 - 17:00 additional £5

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



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RA

The logo for the Young Artists' Summer Show features the text 'Young Artists' Summer Show' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a purple circle. To the left of the circle is a teal, textured, trapezoidal shape that overlaps the circle's edge. The entire graphic is set against a light green background.

Young Artists' Summer Show

It's time to get creative

Are you or do you know a young artist? Submissions are now open for the Young Artists' Summer Show, our online and onsite exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts featuring work by artists aged 4 - 19.

We can't wait to see what you've been creating! Find out more and get involved.

Free to enter. Deadline is Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 5pm.

[Register](#)

[Find out more](#)

Helpful information



Guidelines

Not sure where to start? Take a look at the [get involved page](#) of our website.

You can see answers to common questions on our [FAQs](#) page, plus we've written some guidance about the kinds of artworks the judges will be looking for when they review submissions.

[See guidelines](#)



Key dates

Registration and submission open: 8 January - 27 March 2024

Judging: April - May 2024

Online exhibition opens: 16 July 2024

Display at the RA open: 16 July - 11 August 2024

[Find out more](#)