

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd March 2024

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

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

Upcoming Events

20.03.23 – Year 5 Mexico Day
22.03.24-28.03.24 – Book Fair in school
27.03.24 – Year 1 trip to Crystal Palace Park
28.03.24 – Last day of term
15.04.24 – Inset day
16.04.24 – Children return to school
17.04.24 – 4BC and 4VG trips to Sainsbury's
18.04.24 – 3NI, 3KL and 3/4BC trips to Sainsbury's
24.04.24 – Year 5 to author talk at Alley's
29.04.24 – 03.05.24 Science Week
01.05.24 – Royal Institute science shows for Reception – Year 6
08.05.24 – 4BC trip to Vauxhall City Farm
09.05.24 – 3/4CB trip to Vauxhall City Farm
14.05.24 – 3NI trip to Vauxhall City Farm
15.05.24 – 4VG trip to Vauxhall City Farm
23.05.24 – 3KL trip to Vauxhall City Farm
26.05.24 – Year 1 to JAGS music festival
11.06.24 – Years 3 and 4 trip to The Science Museum

Spring Term Library Visits

	10:20- 11	11:15 - 11:55
Thurs 11 th Jan	3KL	6AC
Fri 12 th Jan	1AM	6LM
Thurs 18 th Jan	1NS	6SB
Fri 19 th Jan	3NI	4BC
Thurs 25 th Jan	2JW	
Fri 26 th Jan	2LT	
Thurs 1 st Feb	2LS	
Fri 2 nd Feb	3/4CB	
Thurs 22 nd Feb	5RS	
Fri 23 rd Feb	5FM	
Thurs 29 th Feb	5OF	
Fri 1 st March	4VG	
Thurs 7 th March	Rainbow	
Fri 8 th March	Moonbeam	
Thursday 14 th March	Sunshine	

News and Reminders

Bessemer Core Values

We focus on our core values every day at Bessemer as we believe they encompass everything that is special about our school. In order to further celebrate our values, we have changed our Kindness Trees (where children received a named leaf on the tree for doing something kind) into Values Trees. Children will now get a leaf on the tree for doing something that represents one of our values, with different coloured leaves for each value. We have used green as the colour for *Self-Aware and Supportive*, so that the existing kindness leaves, which are all green, can stay in place. Come and have a look at the trees the next time you are in school!



Bessemer Values

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



Activity Clubs

This term's activity clubs will all be having their last session next week and booking for next half term will open today, look out for the club list and letter that were sent out yesterday.

Young Artists' Summer Show

Don't forget, the deadline to submit entries to the royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show is Wednesday 27th March. If you need a reminder of the details, the flyer is attached at the end of the newsletter.

University Visits

UCL is holding some taster days for children in Years 5 and 6 to encourage more children to aim for university places when they leave school. Please use this link to find out more: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/primary/bring-your-family-university-days> the application deadline is 4th April.

A Message from Girls United

Girls United, who provide football training for girls at Bessemer and run training camps during the school holidays, have shared information about a new collaboration with Charlton Women FC:

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Charlton FC Women to provide a free match day experience and we would love for your students to join (open to girls and their families).

Girls United X Charlton FC Women Match Day Experience

Date: Sunday, 31st March 2024
Venue: The Valley, SE7 8BL
Kick Off: 13:00

Through this collaboration, we are excited to offer the girls a range of opportunities to engage with the game and the players:

Be a flag bearer

Be a mascot

Meet & greet with players after the match

Or simply enjoy complimentary match tickets!

Anyone interested in taking part or receiving tickets will need to please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/iYTm9bDQU5x8UReq7>

This partnership represents a fantastic opportunity for our community to immerse themselves in the world of football and create unforgettable memories.

Sharing Children's Learning

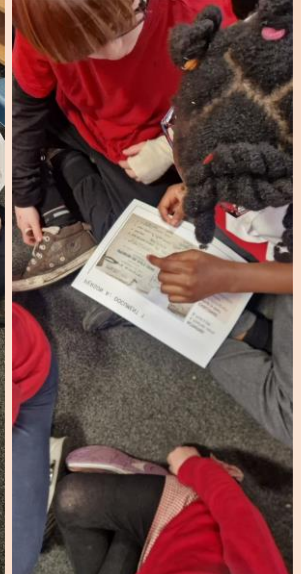
Special Neurodiversity Celebration Assembly – A Message from Lori

On Tuesday, we were visited by actor Ben Tavassoli, who shared his experiences of being diagnosed with ADHD and how this manifested when he was at school. He gave children lots of words of wisdom for managing their own challenges and answered so many of the children's great questions. It was a wonderful experience for both adults and children, and we would like to say a massive thanks to Clare Saoul for organising this event. It is initiatives like these that make our school community truly special. Thank you also to all parent/carers for your commitment to creating an inclusive environment and celebrating neurodiversity this week, and every week!



Significant Women Workshop

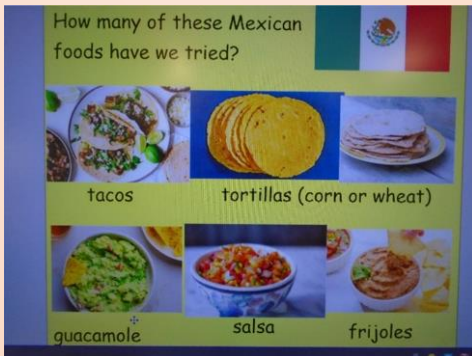
As part of their topic *Women Who Changed the World* children in Year 2 enjoyed an online workshop from The National Archives, focused on using evidence sources to learn about inspirational women who did amazing things to change the world:



Sharing Children's Learning

Mexico Day

As part of their current topic, *Mexico*, children in Year 5 spent Wednesday preparing and tasting traditional Mexican food, including salsa, guacamole, tortillas and quesadillas:



Sharing Children's Learning

Eco Council

Members of Bessemer's Eco Council demonstrated our core value *Connected to the Community* this week when they went out picking up litter in our local area:



Science Club

Children in Key stage 1 Science Club have been working towards the Crest Award this term and have enjoyed carrying out a range of experiments:



Word of the Week

This week's word of the week was **eerie** (meaning *strange and frightening*). 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 assembly on Tuesday so that children can 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 'a' 'adjective

What it means- having or showing too much pride and acting more important than other people

When to use it – It seemed very _____ for him to think he knew more about flying than the trained pilot.

Good luck!

F@B Update

A huge thank you to the amazing Bessemer families for all that you've done this term in support of F@B.

Whether buying or baking cakes, supporting our after school egg hunt, taking excellent care of the school chickens, or donating books or money we absolutely are so grateful to everyone for their amazing support!!

If there's anything you would like to get involved with, or learn more about please drop us a line:

fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

Next term and our summer fair

We have a VERY exciting programme coming together for next term - more details to follow! But for now please do mark the summer fair on your calendars: Saturday 13 July.

End of term ice cream sale: Thursday 28 March

And before everyone disappears next weekend for holiday fun please do visit our ice cream sale after school on the last day of term. See you there!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Cyber security

How secure are you? Do you think you do enough to protect yourself from fraud?

Click on the link to the Cyber Aware website to find out more about how to protect yourself online.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>

Plus, attached at the end of the newsletter is a quiz for older children (and parents) about their own cyber security.





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Henry	Hadley	Elijah		
Sunshine	Maya	Nickell	Luna		
Moonbeam	Gabriel	Maria Celeste	Louie		
1AM	Jacob	Teo	Teddy	Vladko	Leon
1NS	Laura	Johnny S	Tammany	Tilly	
2JW	Gwen	Phoebe	Taylan	Abdulai	Callum
2LS	Maya	Zahra	Zak	Rayha	
2LT	Isobel	Melody	Olivia	Evie	
3KL	Elham	Agibu	Talya	Felix	
3NI	Marco	Juno	Matilda	Henry	
3/4CB	Sharon	Max	Theo	Mohammed	Salome Elijah
4BC	Sophie	Jadon	Sammy	Salima	
4VG	Lucien	Cruize	Johnny	George	
5RS	Fox	Carter	Myriam	Camai	
5OF	Brayden	Akila	Lucy	Florence	
5FM	Tiger	Stephen	Aimenya	Janessa	
6LM	Olivia	Lukas	Victoria	Nathaniel	Zach
6SB	All of 6SB	Jeanne	Rufus	Polly	
6AC	Edie	Allegra	Omar	Raequan	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Laura	Casper	Joel	Tariq	Brayden	Grace

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LT	3NI	5OF

House
Winners

Emeralds!



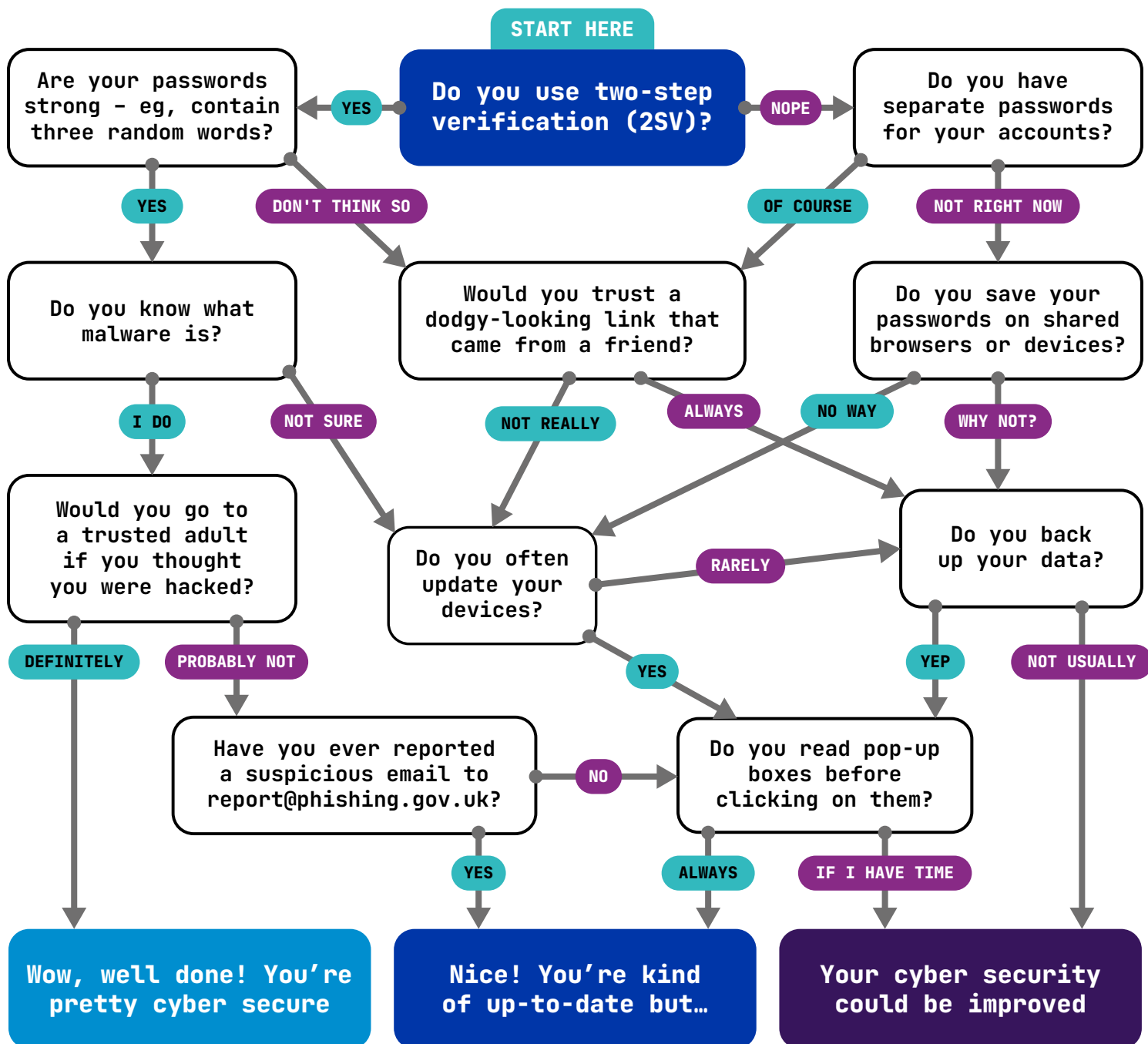
Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



HOW CYBER SECURE ARE YOU?

Take our simple quiz to see if you're really protecting your online accounts and devices.



Even so - hard to spot threats emerge all the time. If you're ever unsure, ask a trusted adult.

...You need to keep your guard up. See if you can learn more, to protect your online spaces.

And it can be. It's important to learn how to be secure online.



RELEASE YOUR POTENTIAL

JOIN SOUTHWARK RUGBY CLUB

Training every Sunday September - April
Boys & Girls 5 - 17
No experience necessary

Join us 10.00 - 12.00 at our pitches
in Burgess Park - SE5 0JB

Info: chris@southwarktigers.com

www.southwarktigers.com

Coming soon- Young Artists Summer Show.

Registration and submissions open 8 January 2024



Key dates for your diary

Registration and submission:
8 January - 27 March 2024

Judging: April 2024

Online exhibition open: 16 July 2024

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



Do you know a young artist?

Registration and submissions for the Young Artists' Summer Show 2024 open soon. Why not use the Christmas holidays to get creative?

Now in its sixth year, this popular online and onsite exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts features and celebrates the creativity of young artists aged 4-19.

We can't wait to see what you've been creating!

Free to enter.

Registration and submissions are open from 08th January - 27 March 2024.

How can I enter?

Submitting artwork is completely free and is done online. First, a teacher needs to register your school. Once the school is registered, your artwork can be submitted. If you're 12 or under, a teacher or parent/guardian will need to enter for you; if you're 13 or over you can submit artwork yourself.

Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, we'll ask for an image of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by our [panel of judges](#) and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts.

For more information – go to Royal Academy Website - Young Artists Summer show.

SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

Easter Camp



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

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Week 1: Tuesday, 2nd April - Friday, 5th April

Week 2: Monday, 8th April - Friday, 12th April

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!

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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Sports Focus Coaching Limited

Parents of 11-18 year olds

Programme Details

Location: Get Rid of and Donate CIC, Green Space Works Studio 1 LJ Works, 7 Gastineau Yard, London SW9 7FA

Date: Every Tuesday, from 16th April 2024 to 17th July 2024

Time: 6pm -9pm

Facilities: Evening meal provided and some help with childcare available (speak to Joy)

Contact: Joy Ohen 07701048479

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/SFSCLambda>



Scan here to book a place

"I found it very supportive being part of a group and sharing ideas with other parents."



Parents of 11-18 year olds



A free inclusive course to help parents and carers to raise healthy and happy young people

FREE



Strengthening families, strengthening communities



“I spend more time with my mum, and we communicate better.”

About the Programme

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities is a popular parenting programme for anyone raising children. We welcome parents and carers from all backgrounds who would like to work on their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children and teenagers.

We can help you to recognise and respond to the challenges of being a parent and the risks and concerns facing our children. Whether you want to help your child do well at school, deal with bullying, avoid online grooming or getting in with the ‘wrong crowd’, or just feel more confident: SFSC can provide you with strategies to help you feel equipped as a parent and help you to keep your children safe.

SFSC runs for three hours a week for 12 weeks. Some groups provide free childcare and refreshments. There is also an introductory session where you can find out more. Just come along, bring a friend or partner if you prefer, and see if it’s for you!

The course will help you to:

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Gain confidence and communication skills
- Understand your child’s development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Meet others and share ideas

All groups end with a celebration.

You will receive a certificate and a parent manual.

“I loved the programme and will ask my friends and relatives to go as well.”

