

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th November 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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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

- 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 and Christmas jumpers / dress up
- 13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 Second World War workshop in school
- 13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 carol concert, 5pm
- 14.12.23 – Reception Christmas performance, 1-2pm (second showing)
- 14.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 carol concert, 6pm
- 15.12.23 – Nursery Christmas carols, 3pm
- 15.12.23 – Year 6 bake sale after school
- 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
Percussion Club	14.11.23	5.12.23
Book Club	17.10.23	5.12.23
Nature Story Play	21.11.23	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

School Street

As you may now be aware, there are plans in place to remove the road closure barriers outside Bessemer in January.

These barriers were put in place several years ago following a lengthy consultation and trial period and have been a great success. They have made drop off and pick up time much safer for children moving between the two school sites, have improved the air quality by ensuring that cars are not parked with their engines running outside the school gates and have created a space where children and their families can safely walk, scoot, cycle and socialize before and after school.

As a school we are strongly against the removal of the barriers. We feel that the children are now so used to the road closure that the removal of the barriers will make the road more dangerous for them than it was before the barriers were introduced as the children are now out of the habit of observing usual road safety precautions. We do not feel that the traffic cameras offer the same protection as the barriers as they do not physically stop vehicles driving through the closure zone.

We are very grateful for the amazing support that we have received from parents, carers and our wider community so far and particularly to Alan Foster and other members of F@B for organizing our response. If you would like to get involved and support the campaign to keep our barriers and maintain a safe space for our children please follow this link to a petition to save our School Street:

[Petition · Save our School Street - Bessemer Primary School · Change.org](#)

The petition currently has over 400 signatures, but the aim is to collect 1500 before presenting the petition to the Mayor of Southwark.

If you would like to join the F@B chat for parents and carers who want to know more and support the campaign please use this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HgXYAZJUmwDh6ZKvfh2QOz>

Thank you for your support!

Inclusion Support

Please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter for details of training opportunities for parents and carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and related additional needs.

Young Artists' Summer Show

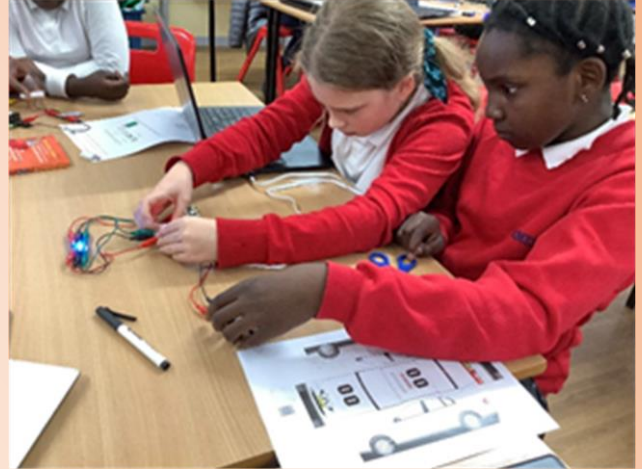
The Young Artists' Summer Show is an exhibition organized by The Royal Academy of Arts. Children are invited to submit a piece of artwork on any theme and selected pieces will be displayed in an online exhibition or at The Royal Academy of Arts. Registration and submissions open on January 8th, so the school holidays would be a great time to get started! Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Lending Library

Don't forget to visit our little lending library, located just outside the office next to the lost property. Come and borrow a book or swap the one you got at the pop-up book shop for a new one.

Sharing Children's Learning

Our Computing lead, Alison Clark, has been working with a selected group of Key Stage Two children to develop them in the role of computing ambassadors. The computing ambassadors have been trying out some new equipment over the last few weeks, including physical computing kits called *Crumble Kits*, which they used to program a police car light and make a flashing firework picture.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **vigilant**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could also research the origins of the word and see if you can think of any related words with the same origin, e.g. **vigil, vigilance, vigilante**.

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

Call out for Winter Fair volunteers

Our Winter Fair is 12-3pm on Saturday 16 December. We can't wait to welcome everyone. There will be delicious food, drinks, bouncy castle, games, crafts and stalls. We need 64 volunteers to help us run this very special event and we've got 25 so far 🙌 Please share your details with Nikki if you can help (see below).

Text Nikki on 07786 197570 - and please let her know if you can help with set up (9-12), stall shift 1 (12-1.30), stall shift 2 (1.30-3) or clean up (3-5). If there's a particular stall you would like to be involved with let us know.

🎄 Christmas tree sales 🎄 - get a tree and raise money for Bessemer!

The lovely people at Dulwich Pot and Plant Centre (next to North Dulwich station) are giving the school £10 for every tree sold to a Bessemer family. Just tell them the code **BE23** and they will make the donation!

We've raised a few hundred pounds from this in each of the last few years and we're delighted to have this brilliant support from a local business.

Raffle tickets - just 50p each!

Speaking of lovely local businesses... We have received some amazing prizes from them for this year's winter raffle. Browse the prize list and get your tickets online here:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-winter-raffle-2023>

Online Safety Tip of the Week

How does going online affect our and our children's well-being? Being online can affect children's well-being in many ways. We can reduce this by managing the content children see, ensuring the interactions they have with others online are suitable and managing how long they are online, in balance with other activities. For more advice about this and other topics, visit:

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





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Ava	Rex	Clementine		
Sunshine	Angus	Maya	Dylan		
Moonbeam	Ruona	Marlow	Louie		
1AM	Sadie	Blessing	Sara	Hamilton	
1NS	Leila	Lola	Benjamin	Arthur	Florence
2JW	Taylan	Abdulai	Athena	Amina	
2LS	Ellie B	Maya	Harrison	Rayha	
2LT	Ivor	Isobel	Margot CG	Malachi	
3KL	Elham	Felix	Elliott	Eustache	
3NI	Martha	Zafer	Wilfred	Vidak	Mattias
3/4CB	Joel	Sharon	Mohammed	Donatas	
4BC	Fran	Billy	Eve	Rose	Salima
4YH	Alkyoni	Tobias	Cruize	Lucciano	
5RS	Owen	Myriam	Bryan	Camai	
5OF	Sami	Ruby	Florence	Lucy	
5FM	Gabriel	Ali	Aimenya	Molly	Finn
6LM	Buster	Emma	Phoebe	Keran	Lottie
6SB	Polly	Haven	Dexter	Summer	
6AC	William	Grace	Sophie	Joe	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Josiah	Jerome	Agnes W	Cruize	Eve	Olesia

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2JW	4BC	6LM

House Winners	Rubies!
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Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

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.

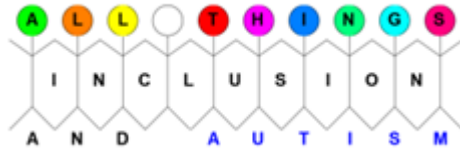
**Registration and submissions are open from 08th
January - 27 March 2024.**

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.



The Attention Autism Programme for Early Years Two day face to face training

The complete training package taught by an Attention Autism Advanced Practitioner. This covers stages 1 - 4 of the Attention Autism programme, equipping you to run this intervention within Early Years in your setting or school. Parents are also very welcome.

**Dates: Thursday 1st February and Thursday 8th February 2024
9am - 4pm**

Price: £240 per person

There is also a £350 package which includes the 2 days training plus 2 additional evening online workshops and individual feedback on two video clips the attendees submit.

**Venue: 1st Ickenham Scout Hut, Community Close, Ickenham, Middx, UB10
8RE**

Book your place via BookWhen online booking system at
<https://bookwhen.com/allthingsautism ltd#focus=ev-shhu-20240201000000>

For more information please call Jaci or Nikki on 01895 649211
or email us at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com



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Spring Term 2024

Please note: These courses are also available as in house training for your staff team either face to face or via zoom.

We can also provide training tailored to meet your setting's individual needs. Please contact us for more information

Training	Date and time	Target audience	Venue	Cost
All Things Toileting A workshop exploring the challenges of toileting for children with autism and social communication difficulties. Offering practical advice and strategies to get you started with toilet training	Tuesday 23rd January 7-8:30pm	Parents or practitioners - early years and primary	Online via Zoom	£30 per person
Supporting Children's Speech, Language and Communication in the Early Years	Wednesday 24th January 9:30am – 12pm	Practitioners working in early years and key stage 1	Online via Zoom	£42 per person

Identifying and responding to children's speech, language and communication needs. Exploring developmental ages and stages, when to be concerned and practical strategies to support all children's expressive and receptive language skills.				
All Things Sensory Processing a workshop exploring the sensory needs of children with autism and practical strategies to support their needs	Friday 26th January 9:30am – 12pm OR Thursday 21st March 7 – 9:30pm	Parents or practitioners - early years and primary	Online via Zoom	£42 per person
Approaches to autism Exploring approaches to working with children with ASD including Lego therapy and an introduction to the principles of intensive interaction	Tuesday 30th January 7 – 9pm	Parents or practitioners – Early years and primary	Online via Zoom	£36 per person
Signalong Foundation Course Signalong is a sign supported communication system for	Tuesday 30th January to Tuesday 19th March (7 consecutive weeks excluding	Practitioners in schools or early years settings Parents	Online via Zoom	£165 per person Includes

<p>children with additional needs and supports the development of speaking and understanding. This accredited course will equip learners with the skills they need to use Signalong as a way of supporting communication skills for children and adults. <i>Signalong is a CPD accredited course</i></p>	<p>February half term) 7pm -9:10pm</p>	<p>Other professionals</p>		<p>manual and certificate</p>
<p>All Things Sleep Looking at the challenges around sleep and bedtime for children with autism / social communication difficulties and practical strategies to support</p>	<p>Wednesday 31st January 7-8:30pm</p>	<p>Parents or practitioners - early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£30 per person</p>
<p>Attention Autism Training – 2 day face to face The complete training package taught by an Attention Autism Advanced Practitioner. This covers stages 1 - 4 of the Attention Autism programme, equipping you to run this intervention within Early Years in your setting, school or home</p>	<p>Thursday 1st February & Thursday 8th February 9am – 4pm</p>	<p>Parents and Practitioners in schools and nurseries</p>	<p>1st Ickenham Scout Hut (2nd hut along) Community Close Ickenham Uxbridge UB10 8RE Transport links – A short walk from Ickenham (Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines) and West Ruislip (Central and Chiltern lines)</p>	<p>£240 per person Link for booking below https://bookwhen.com/allthingsautismltd#focus=ev-shhu-2024020100</p>

			<p>Bus routes – U1, U10, 697, 698, 278 and E7</p> <p>A small amount of pay and display parking is available close to the venue</p>	0000
<p>Attention Autism Training – 2 day face to face With Coaching</p> <p>Details as above plus 2 additional online workshops and individual coaching and feedback on 2 submitted video clips of your own practice</p> <p><i>If you have already completed the 2 day face to face training please contact us for more details about joining our coaching sessions</i></p>	<p>Coaching dates 22nd February & 7th March 7-8:15pm</p> <p><i>This package includes the 2 face to face days on Thursday 1st February & Thursday 8th February 9am – 4pm</i></p>	As above	As above	<p>£350 per person</p> <p>Link for booking below https://bookwhen.com/allthingsautismltd#focus=ev-shhu-20240201000000</p>
<p>Contact us for further details about our 2 day face to face or 6 week online Attention Autism courses which can be delivered for your school or setting</p>				

<p>Introduction to working with children with autism in Early Years - understanding autism in young children and practical strategies to support their needs.</p>	<p>Thursday 1st February 6:30 - 9:30pm</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Friday 22nd March 9:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Practitioners working in early years</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£48 per person</p>
<p>Understanding Schemas Exploring patterns of play, understanding why children use schemas and how to support their play and learning</p>	<p>Monday 5th February 7-8:30pm</p>	<p>Parents and Practitioners Early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£30 per person</p>
<p>Promoting positive mental health in young children - examining the causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma and strategies to promote good mental health</p>	<p>Wednesday 7th February 9:30am – 12pm</p>	<p>Practitioners working in early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£42 per person</p>
<p>PSED Exploring personal, social and emotional development in the early years including attachment and well-being and strategies to support</p>	<p>Wednesday 7th February 6:30 – 9:30pm</p>	<p>Practitioners in early years or key stage 1</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£48 per person</p>

young children.				
Supporting Children with Pathological Demand Avoidance - understanding pathological demand avoidance and practical strategies to support young children	Wednesday 21st February 9:30-11:30am	Practitioners - early years and primary	Online via Zoom	£36 per person
Supporting Children with Bereavement and Loss - looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them	Thursday 22nd February 10-11:30am	Parents and Practitioners - early years and primary	Online via Zoom	£30 per person
Maths - understand how to support children in the Early Years with early mathematical skills including: - Numbers - Patterns and connections - Spatial reasoning	Tuesday 27th February 9:30-11:30am	Practitioners working in the Early Years	Online Via Zoom	£36 per person
All things behaviour - promoting positive behaviours for children with autism or social communication needs	Wednesday 28th February 9:30am-12pm	Parents or practitioners - early years and primary key stage 1	Online via Zoom	£42 per person

<p>Developmental Language Disorder Did you know that up to 2 children in every class are now being diagnosed with DLD? Find out more about how to identify and support children with DLD in your school or setting</p>	<p>Monday 4th March 9:30-11:30am</p>	<p>Parents and Practitioners Early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£36 per person</p>
<p>Supporting Children with Selective Mutism – Understanding the causes of selective mutism and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary</p>	<p>Wednesday 6th March 7-9pm</p>	<p>Parents or practitioners - early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£36 per person</p>
<p>All things communication and play Supporting children with autism with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together</p>	<p>Thursday 7th March 9:30am-12pm</p>	<p>Parents or practitioners - early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£42 per person</p>

<p>Promoting Positive Behaviour - looking at the causes of behaviours that challenge and practical strategies to promote positive behaviours for all young children in early years and key stage 1</p>	<p>Monday 11th March 9:30am-12pm</p>	<p>Practitioners working in early years and key stage 1</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£42 per person</p>
<p>ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical strategies and ideas to support them.</p>	<p>Wednesday 13th March 7-8:30pm</p>	<p>Parents and Practitioners Early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£30 per person</p>
<p>Autism and Girls – exploring differences and diagnosis. Understanding how autism affects girls and practical strategies to support their needs</p>	<p>Thursday 14th March 10-11:30am</p>	<p>Parents and practitioners working in early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£30 per person</p>
<p>All things visual strategies - Supporting children with autism/ social communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them?</p>	<p>Tuesday 19th March 10-11:30am</p>	<p>Parents or practitioners - early years and primary</p>	<p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>£30 per person</p>

Babies and Heuristic Play - exploring the specific skills needed to work with under 2's and how to introduce Heuristic Play	Wednesday 20th March 10-11:30am	Parents and practitioners working in early years	Online via Zoom	£30 per person
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Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01895649211 to book your place/s

****Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to the start of the course to apply for a transfer to the next**

available session. Refunds can only be offered in exceptional circumstances**