

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th September 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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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

- 29.09.24 – Nature garden fun day, 12-3pm
- 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
- 11.10.24 – Year 1 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am
- 18.10.24 – F@B AGM, 9am
- 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
- 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

Gate Opening Times

We start school promptly at 9 o'clock in the mornings, so the gates for every year group open before this to ensure that all children are either in their classroom or their line in the playground at 9am. The gate opening times are staggered to make sure that families with children in different year groups can get all children in on time - please drop off older children first and children in Nursery and Reception last.

Year Groups	Opening time
Early Years	8.55am
Key Stage 1	8.50am
Years 3 and 4	8.45am
Years 5 and 6	8.45am

Please note that all gates close at 9.05am. This means that parents and carers of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 who want to take their child to the classroom door must arrive by 9am at the latest, to allow time to drop off their child and leave again before the gates close. Children arriving after 9am will be asked to say goodbye to parents and carers at the gate.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evening appointments will take place on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October. These appointments are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, find out how they have settled in their new class and talk about any targets that they need to work towards this year. Booking will open on Parentmail at 4pm on Wednesday 2nd October. If you have more than one child please leave a small gap between appointments to allow time to move between classrooms and to allow for previous appointments running over slightly.

Early Years Playground

Progress has continued with the developments to the Early Years playground this week, although the work is going to take longer than expected and the temporary drop off and pick up arrangements for Reception children will continue next week. The pirate ship and trim trail have now been installed, as well as the climbing frame I shared a picture of last week. There are a few alterations needed and the safety surfaces have not yet been added, but it is all looking very exciting! A huge thank you again to F@B and the generosity of Bessemer families for making this possible!



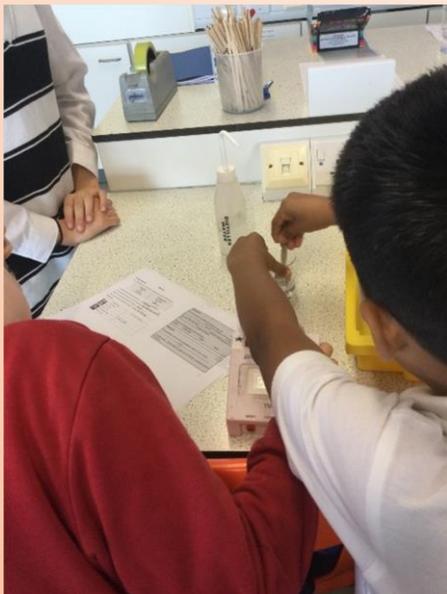
Flu Immunisation

Flu immunisations (nasal spray) are taking place in school on 8th October. Please scan the QR code in the office and on last week's newsletter to give consent if you would like your child to have the immunisation.

Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core values of being *Academically Ambitious, Creative and Practical* and *Connected to the Community*

In line with our core values we have strong links with some other schools in our community. This half term children in Year 5 are having their science lessons in a science laboratory at Alleyns. The first lesson took place this week:



This week we also welcomed the sixth form volunteers from JAGS who come to Bessemer every year to listen to children read:



Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core value of being *Creative and Practical*

Here are some more examples of creative and practical learning from around the school this week:

Children in Year 6 have now started their weekly violin lessons.



In their science lessons this week Year 6 children explored refraction.



Children in year 1 practised their mouse control skills using the paint program.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **adventurous**. 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, **unadventurous**. 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

 Join Us for Sunday Nature Garden Fun!

This Sunday from 12-3pm, come along to the Nature Garden for an afternoon of fresh air, tea & coffee, and outdoor activities!  

 Ice Cream Friday & Year 5 Cake Sale

Don't miss out on sweet treats! On Friday, October 4th, Year 5 will be hosting a cake sale alongside our usual Ice Cream Friday. Come grab something tasty and support the school!  

 Dates for Your Diary

- F@B AGM – Friday, 18th October at 9am. Come join us and hear about all the great things F@B is planning

- Fun Run – Saturday, 19th October at 2pm. Lace up your trainers and bring your family for a fun-filled run



Sign up for the run here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLFG9pHxX0DZA04nKg0y_fhhcLElfgtQFr94iJWfohbgGA/viewform?usp=pp_url

 Calling All Musical Parents!

Are you musically inclined?   Join the Bessemer Music Group in the Bessemer WhatsApp Community and learn more

We look forward to seeing you at these exciting events!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Date for your Diary: Tuesday November 26th 2024 5pm-6pm

Please save the date in your diary to attend Bessemer's Online Safety Parent Workshop! We have invited Childnet in to talk to Bessemer parents and carers - they aim to offer advice and support, answering any questions you may have about how best to keep children and young people safe and enjoying their life online.

Childnet is a UK-based charity who empower children, young people, and those who support them in their online lives, and its mission is to work with others to make the internet a great and safe place for children and young people.





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Reception children will start to receive certificates later in the term when they have settled in fully.				
Sunshine					
Moonbeam					
1JM	Roman	Phoenix	Theo	Gabriel	Leo
1NS	Celeste	Dylan	Cormac	Elijah	
1ST	Kassie	Rudy	Violet	Olivia	
2SD	Iliana	Lola	Jeremiah	Freddie	
2LT	Lucy	Amber	Hamilton	Eve	Teddy
3LS	Theo	Yaseerah	Johnny	Isobel	Dougie
3NI	Santi	Dylan	Taylan	Gwen	
3/4BW	Otis	Evie	Jake	Rebecca	
4BG	Eustache	Maia	Wolfie	Seren	
4GS	Grace	Wilfred	Alessandro	Matilda	
5RS	Matthew	Olia	Elena	Rose	Abass
5OF	Nicolas	Billy	Sophie	Suraya	
5FM	Ramadan	Esther	Aishah	Millie	
6LM	Gloria	Kitty	Khadijah	Michael	
6SB	Ruby	Akila	Alex	Mahnaz	
6MS	Johanna	Bill	Frankie	Paul	Finn

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nickell	Arthur H	Rayha	Finn	Salima	Eve

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

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

House
Winners

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

PARENT WORKSHOP

DOES IT EVER FEEL LIKE YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONS GET TOO BIG TO HANDLE, TOO QUICKLY?



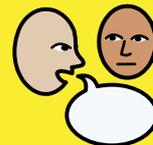
NOT SURE
WHAT TO DO?

COME ALONG FOR A
SESSION WITH THE
SCHOOL EP TO FIND OUT
ABOUT THE ESCALATION
CYCLE AND HOW TO
DEAL WITH IT.



AT 9-10AM, WITH TIME
AFTERWARDS FOR QUESTIONS
ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Parent 1:1 Coaching Sessions – Support for You and Your Family



Would you like to talk to someone about parenting confidentially?

If you're feeling anxious about your child's behavior or just need some support with general parenting concerns, we are here to help. Our 1:1 parent/carer coaching sessions, in partnership with Groundworks, have been running successfully for 2.5 years.

What's on offer?

- **Trained practitioners** who provide tailored support for you, either face-to-face in school or remotely via MS Teams.
- **Flexible sessions:** 5 – 9 one-on-one sessions during school hours, designed around your needs.
- **Focused support:** All sessions centre on managing anxiety, challenging behavior, and general parenting concerns.

Important: This service is not suitable if you are already working with external services like CAMHS, family early help, or autism support.

What parents are saying:

"It was one of the best things I did, and it was nice as a parent to get 1:1 support and advice. I was apprehensive at first, as I've been to other group parenting classes that can feel general, but this was specific to my own child. The sessions were structured, and we recapped and adjusted strategies each week. The support gave me so much more confidence in managing my son, and it helped me as his mother to understand his sometimes complex needs."

— Parent, Summer Term 2024



Interested?



To enquire about the support, preferably email Lori at lknight@gemfed.co.uk. Please include responses to the questions [Listed below]. However, if you would prefer, we can arrange a telephone call to discuss these questions instead - just email to request a call back.



- Child's name and Class
- Presenting concerns (e.g. Behaviors you are concerned about in relation to your child's anxiety or common behavior problems)
- Any previous or current support for the issue (e.g. child has previously accessed counselling support)
- Any triggers for the problem (e.g School drop off time, bed time, busy places, social situations)
- How long the issue has been going on for?
- Is there anything else that you think might be helpful for us to know about your family?





Are you a parent/carer of a child who has difficulties with attention or hyperactivity, or a diagnosis of ADHD?

**Help us to understand more about what support parents need by answering a short survey:
Scan the QR code to find out and take part!**





THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



"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."

**AGES
5-18**

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.

Glyn Davies: glyn@lpessn.org.uk

George Richards: george@lpessn.org.uk

Telephone: 0207 237 1529 Ext: 4080 - Website: www.lpessn.org.uk





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



SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

October Camp



Nerf Guns, Football, Floor is Lava, Halloween Arts & Crafts, Tennis

Locations: Bessemer Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Monday, 28th October - Friday, 1st November



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 17:00 additional £5



Fancy Dress Competition, Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

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