## **Bessemer Primary School Newsletter**



## Part of The Gem Federation

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## **Dates for your Diary**

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Term Dates 2024-25

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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 <sup>st</sup> November	1NS	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	5FM			
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	3/4BW	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	6LM			
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	2SD	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	6MS			
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	2LT	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	4BG			
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	3LS	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	5RS			
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	3NI	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	4GS			
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	6SB			
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	1ST	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	50F			
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1JM					

## **Dates for your Diary**

## **Upcoming Events for the Autumn Term**

08.11.24 – Pre-loved toy sale after school – F@B 11 - 15.11.24 – Year 6 Bikeability course 12.11.24 – Wear odd socks for anti-bullying week 13.11.24 – Early Years Celebration Day for parents, 9.15am 14.11.24 – Year 3/4 maths workshop for parents, 9.15am 14.11.24 – Nursery trip to Sainsbury's 14.11.24 – Year 5 trip to Victorian Docks 15.11.24 – Wear yellow or spots for Children in Need 26.11.24 – Online safety workshop for parents and carers, 5-6pm 03.12.24 - Year 5/6 reading workshop for parents, 9.15am - change of date 03.12.24 – Year 5 A Christmas Carol workshop in school 09.12.24 – 3LS and 3/4BW trip to The Natural History Museum 09.12.24 – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip 10.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance 11.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance 13.12.24 - 3NI, 4BG and 4GS trip to The Natural History Museum 14.12.24 – Winter fair, 12-3pm 16.12.24 – Year 1 and 2 carols, 3pm 17.12.24 – Year 3/4 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm 18.12.24 – Nursery carols, 3pm 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

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

## News and Reminders

## **Harvest Collection**

In keeping with our core value of being Connected to the Community, our school council representatives delivered our Harvest collection to our local foodbank, The Albrighton Community Fridge this week. This foodbank to open for collections to anyone between 1 and 3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. You can drop off donations between 9am and 5pm every day. Find out more here:

<u>https://www.albrightoncommunityfridge.org/</u> Thank you to everyone who made a Harvest donation!



## **House Captains**



This half term's Gem House Captains are Poppy, Emily, Owen and Tayo. Our house Captains keep track of their house's weekly gem totals as well as taking on other responsibilities around the school.

## Making it REAL Literacy Program - support in your home (Flyer at the end of the newsletter)

We are excited to offer the *Making it REAL* literacy program for 3- and 4-year-olds (not yet in Reception). This program brings early literacy learning into your home, supporting you to build strong foundations in reading, writing, and communication through fun, everyday activities. If you are interested in a referral and can commit for four home visits arranged with the practitioner, please contact Lori (<u>lknight@gemfed.co.uk</u>) detailing your child's strengths and needs, and a referral will be submitted on your behalf.

## **Further Family Support**

Please see the flyers at the end of the newsletter for details of support available for families including the support for young families available through local children's centres and a workshop for parents focused on supporting children's emotional wellbeing.

## **Activity Clubs**

There are three weeks left for the majority of our after-school activity clubs, with the last sessions being in the last week of November. The exceptions to this are clubs that have had to cancel a session and are running a replacement session in the first week of December. These clubs are Percussion Club, KS2 Gymnastics and Year 5/6 Wellbeing Club.

## **Holiday Clubs**

Our holiday club provider, Sports Focus, has informed us that, due to the way the dates fall this year, there will not be a holiday club at Bessemer during the Christmas holidays. The provision will return in the February half term.

We are also sorry to inform you that we will no longer be running holiday clubs in Little Stars. We have been making a financial loss on this provision for some time now as there is a decreasing demand for spaces and we are unable to cover the staffing costs. This means there will not be holiday provision for Little Stars or Nursery children in the Easter or summer holidays. In the summer holiday Nursery children who are starting Reception in the coming September are able to attend the Sports Focus holiday club at Bessemer.

## **News and Reminders**

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is Anti-bullying week, the theme is *Choose Respect*. Children will be completing anti-bullying activities in their PSHE lessons and everyone is invited to wear odd socks on Tuesday in support of anti-bullying and respecting everyone, regardless of differences.

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/anti-bullying-week-2024choose-respect



## **Children in Need**

Next Friday is Children in Need. We will be taking part in some children in Need activities in school and children are encouraged to come to school on Friday dressed in yellow or something spotty. We will be collecting donations for Children in Need on the gates and at breakfast club. Find out more about Children in Need here <a href="https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/">https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/</a>



## **Sharing Children's Learning**

## Demonstrating our core values of being Creative and Practical and Connected to the Community

This week we invited parents and carers of children in year 1 to attend our celebration morning, during which families spent time in the Year 1 classrooms with their children, finding out more about our continuous provision approach to the curriculum and the way in which their children learn in school. It was great that so many people attended and we received very positive feedback:



A lovely morning with lots of ideas for me to use to encourage writing at home.

Great to see the kids interacting together.



Good to see the different types of activities the children get up to on a daily basis.

So nice for me to see how happy and engaged my son is with his learning.



It's lovely to see children get to choose the activities that interest them and take part in less formal learning throughout the day. They can select from an array of creative, maths, writing, computing, construction and other activities. All children were excited about their learning and engaged.





Celebration day is a lovely way to see what the children are up to. I'm so encouraged by the children's engagement with the activities provided, their pleasure in the learning space and friendliness with each other.



Great to see the children have the freedom to follow their instincts and interests.

## Sharing Children's Learning Demonstrating our core value of being *Creative and Practical*

In DT (design and technology) children in Years 3 and 4 have been designing and creating Stone Age houses using clay and natural materials they have foraged. The design brief was to ensure they provided shelter, were strong and were made from natural materials found locally.



## Sharing Children's Learning

## Demonstrating our core values of being Creative and Practical and Connected to the Community

This year we are comitted to ensuring that every year group gets the opportunity to attend a live music performance. This week children in years 5 and 6 went to The Royal Albert Hall to see the Future Makers concert.



This week it was Year 5's turn to have Bikeability sessions. The children learnt about checking that their bikes are roadworthy and the rules of cycling on the roads before heading off around the local area with their instructors.





## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **resilient.** Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could change the ending of the word to make a new word, **resilience.** 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

Date for your diary: Bessemer's Winter Fair, Saturday 14 December 12-3pm

Every year we invite Bessemer families to join us for our fantastic winter fair. Come for the music, bouncy castle, games, cake, food, crafts and more. And let us know if you would like to join the fair volunteer crew - it's a real buzz getting stuck in and it's a lovely friendly team.

## Winter raffle: prizes needed

We're hard at work getting a raffle prize list together! Can you give us a hand?

Past prizes included home baking and gardening, jewellery, art, vouchers from local businesses and more besides! If you can help us by offering a prize or asking around that would be fantastic. Just drop us a line on email to let us know about any prizes you can offer: <u>fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk</u>

Prizes so far include an echo dot, new toys, vouchers for hair styling and cutting, plus whisky and a restaurant voucher. Tickets can be bought online now: https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-winter-raffle-2024

Thank you!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

## Critical Thinking – using the internet safely.

Why is 'Critical Thinking' important when looking at online content? The Internet can be a great source of information on a huge range of topics. However, there is such a large amount of content available that being able to sift through it and decide what is useful and accurate can be a challenge. So, what is Critical Thinking, and what are the issues that people face when searching the web?

To read more on this topic and for tips on how to support young people understand the issues, you can visit this webpage from Childnet: <a href="https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/reliability-online/">https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/reliability-online/</a>





## **Celebrations!**



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	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist				
Rainbow	Samara	Bryan	Tommy						
Sunshine	Kalijah	Henry	Micah-James						
Moonbeam	Ayah	Dylan O	George						
1JM	Clem	Maseyr	Phoenix	Leo I					
1NS	Florence	Tobi	Henry	Violet					
1ST	Olivia	Hilal	Safiyatu	James	Yoni				
2SD	Laura	Georgios	Jake	Iliana	Jolyon				
2LT	Dora	Sara	Teresa	Lucy					
3LS	Dougie	Bella	Theo	Phoebe	Edward				
3NI	Stephany	Humaira	Santi	Margot					
3/4BW	Evie	Otis	Rebecca	Talya					
4BG	Leonel	Agnes	Leila	Vidak	Sophie				
4GS	Aidan	Agnes	Hari	Charlotte					
5RS	All-trip	Francesca	Theo	Olia					
5OF	Whole	Nicolas	Sammy	Ebony	Sophie				
	Class								
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6LM	Carter	lzzy	Michael	Toferati					
6SB	Bailey	Ozgur	Florence	Akila					
6MS	Tiger	Ray	Neron	Molly					

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## 6LM!

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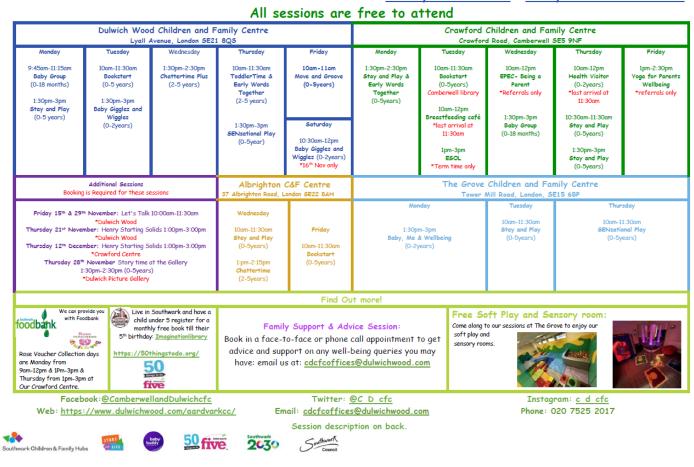
Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

## Ochildnet Online Safety workshop for parents and carers Top Hall Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> 5pm-6pm All Welcome!

## Autumn Term 2 Timetable

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December 2024



## Baby Group:

Play singing and sensory activities to stimulate your baby.

### Stay and play:

Come and play and get tips and ideas for learning through play.

## Bookstart:

Activities supporting literacy using puppets and props to make story time fun and engaging.

## **Chattertime Plus:**

A stay and play group tailored to support children with complex communication needs who have difficulties in several areas of communication, such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.

## SENsational Play:

Come and Play and get weekly tips and ideas for learning through play for children with additional needs.

## ChatterTime:

A Stay and Play group to help support your child's Speech and Language.

## Move and Groove:

Come play and get tips and ideas for learning through play at our structured music and singing sessions with instruments and props.

## Stay and Play / Toddlertime & Early Words Together:

Come and play and get tips & ideas for learning through play and build up your confidence in supporting your children's communication, language and Literacy skills.

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## Breastfeeding Café:

Drop in for advice and support for any of your breastfeeding concerns.



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## Baby, Me & Wellbeing:

Get advice and information, chat make friends in a safe, supportive and fun space for you and baby. With creative activities for your little ones

## Baby Giggles and Wiggles:

Join our Giggles and Wiggles Group for babies aged 0-2 years this stay and play session promotes well-begin with songs, music, and sensory play, plus guidance on helpful parent resources.

## Yoga for Parents Well-Being:

A 8-week group where you can learn the tools to manage stressful and challenging emotions.

## EPEC Being a Parent:

A 9-week course to help parents to learn practical skill for everyday life. Story tots and Plant pots: Activities supporting literacy using puppets and props to make story time fun and engaging.

## Storytime at the Gallery:

Spark you child's imagination through playful painting that stimulates your child's development and curiosity.

### ESOL:

Develop your English language skills and get a recognized ESOL qualification. For parents with children aged 0-5 years. A Creche is provided.

## HENRY Starting Solids:

A starting solids workshop that will help you decide: When your baby is ready to try solid food What foods to start with and more.



# Realit

Making it REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) is an award winning intervention programme that develops children's early literacy by helping parents' create a positive early Home Learning Environment.

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## Supporting your 3 or 4 year old child's early speaking, reading and writing skills.

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## Scan here to find out more and make a referral











## How its delivered

The programme is mostly delivered in your family home through a series of visits by one of our trained practitioners with parents and children together

## How will it help me?

 Build your knowledge and confidence in helping your child with speaking reading, writing and maths

 Supporting you to create and develop a positive early home learning environment

Our team of trained Making it REAL practitioners will bring fun and exciting learning into your everyday life at home using resources that are low cost and readily available

Most importantly, all the fun and exciting activities will be planned around your child's developmental stage and interests



Download the 50 things App

## What else is included?

- Accessing events in your local community, at your child's nursery or in your local Children and Family Centre
- Resources to deliver fun activities and learning at home











## PARENT WORKSHOP

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

NOT SURE

## \* AT 9-10AM. WITH TIME \* AFTERWARDS FOR QUESTIONS ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

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

WHAT TO DO?