

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 8th December 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

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

12.12.23 – Rainbow, Sunshine and Moonbeam Christmas performance, 10-11am (first showing)
 12.12.23 – KS1 Christmas carols, 3pm
 12.12.23 – Little Stars' carols, 3.45pm
 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 – Rainbow, Sunshine and Moonbeam Christmas performance, 1-2pm (second showing)
 14.12.23 - Little Stars' carols, 3.45pm
 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, 2pm finish
 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	5OF change of date
Friday 1st December	Rainbow	6LM change of date
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

Christmas Performances

All of our Christmas performances will be taking place next week, please check below for the details of your child's performance.

Little Stars

Little Stars parents and carers are invited to join their children in Little Stars for some festive activities on either Tuesday 12th December or Thursday 14th December at 3.45pm.

Nursery

Nursery carols are taking place on Friday 15th December at 3pm in the top hall. Morning only children can be brought back to school for the carol singing and should go to the green gate for 2.30 so that they can join their classes and get ready for the performance. Parents of morning only children can stay with their children at this point. All other parents and carers should arrive via the school office for a 3pm start.

Rainbow, Sunshine and Moonbeam

The Reception and mixed Reception / Year 1 class children will be performing *Cockadoodle Christmas* on Tuesday 12th December at 10am and Thursday 14th December at 1pm. Each performance will last less than an hour. If you do not live close to school and would prefer to take your child home after the afternoon performance on 14th this is not a problem, however it is also not an expectation and children are welcome to stay until the end of the day. Children are not allowed to leave school after the morning performance on 12th. The performances will be taking place in the top hall and parents and carers should arrive via the school office. Due to the capacity of the hall we can only invite two adults per child to attend and these adults must collect free tickets from the school office.

Key Stage One

Children in Years 1 and 2 will be performing carols in the top hall at 3pm on Tuesday 12th December, parents should arrive via the school office. Due to the capacity of the hall please could we ask that a maximum of two adults per child attend.

Key Stage Two

Key Stage Two carol concerts take place in St Faith's church. Years 3 and 4 are performing at 5pm on Wednesday 13th December and Years 5 and 6 at 6pm on Thursday 14th. Again, the church has limited capacity so it would be appreciated if only two adults per child could attend and if small children could sit on adult laps. Children are not taken to the carol concerts by school staff, they must be collected from school by parents and carers and then taken to the church for the start of their concert, parents and carers are then required to stay at the concert with their children.

Saying Goodbye

We are very, very sorry to announce that we are saying goodbye to Yousef Harrak at the end of this term. Mr Harrak is leaving Bessemer to move abroad, and while we wish him well on his new adventure we are very sorry to see him go. We know that parents and carers will want to join us in thanking Mr Harrak for his amazing work with our children over the last few years and that the Bessemer community will miss him very much.

We are welcoming back Vicki Gale, who has taught at Bessemer for several years, to take over the teaching of 4YH. She will be spending a day in class with Mr Harrak next week to ensure a smooth handover and I'm sure that many of the children will recognize her as a familiar face.

News and Reminders

Bowling Trip

Children from Bessemer took part in a bowling competition with 14 other schools from Southwark and Lewisham on Wednesday. Everyone had a great time and Bessemer children were very proud to finish second in the tournament, with children from Keyworth, the other school in the Gem Federation, coming 1st. Well done The Gem Federation!



House Winners

This term's house winners are **Rubies**, who have collected the most gems this term. Well done **Rubies**! The prize this term is a cinema trip which is taking place on Monday 18th December. If your child is in Rubies please make sure you have given permission on Parentmail.

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 5 have been learning about *The Victorians* this half term. In art they have used printing techniques to recreate William Morris wallpaper:



Sharing Children's Learning

The Year 5 *Victorians* topic has included a trip to The Museum of London Docklands:



The children also enjoyed a fantastic interactive workshop based on *A Christmas Carol*:



As well as really enjoying themselves, the Year 5s now have a secure understanding of the Victorians and their place in history due to these *Creative and Practical* learning experiences.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **garish**. 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.

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

one week until our Winter Fair - we can't wait to see you there!

Plans include:

- bouncy castle, skittles, hook-a-duck and lucky dip
- BBQ, jollof rice, curry, chilli jacket potatoes and our ever popular cake stall!
- Craft stalls, teddy tombola, books and bric-a-brac
- Plus some treats at the bar!

We still need a few more volunteers so please let Nikki know if you can help with set up, a stall or clearing away: 07786 197570

Our final request is for cakes and cookies for our hugely popular cake stall (nut free please) - these can be dropped off on the morning of the fair.

Thank you so much!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

If you're looking for some quick and easy tips to take control of your digital life, Parent Zone, the experts in media literacy, will be live streaming a short 6-minute video on 12th December at 4:30pm.

The video can be watched via the YouTube link below and can be watched back any time.

<https://youtu.be/ccPcw5wB7Gc>

You can find even more resources to help your family build habits to feel more in control online here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/pzlocal/southwark>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Alma	Abigail	George		
Sunshine	Archer	Nasir	Inoa		
Moonbeam	James	Annabelle	Gabriel		
1AM	Yladka	Jasper	Lariah	Teo	
1NS	Yousef	Djene	Georgios	Eleanore	Arabella
2JW	Jerome	Taylan	Alexis	Nyeela	
2LS	Emma	Temu	Jules	Nathaniel	Jojo
2LT	Henry	Ava	Ivor	Evie	
3KL	Leo	Mikey	Agnes W	Makai	
3NI	Ben	Jacob	Matilda	Marco	
3/4CB	Salome	Daniel	Idris	Nikolas	Temiloluwa Florence
4BC	Sammy	Khaliyah	Abemelek	Sophie	
4YH	Freddie	Aubrey	Radin	Callum H	
5RS	Camai	Kitty	Carter	Tayo	
5OF	Azariah	Sophie	Emily	Max E	
5FM	Paul	Violet	Bill	Janessa	
6LM	Curtis	Lottie	Nathaniel	Emma	Leo
6SB	Rufus	Jade	Eddie	Jeanne	
6AC	Raequan	Tofunmi	Adam	Tate	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Laura	Dylan	Charlotte	Elijah	Finnbarr	Montana

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LS	4YH	6SB

House
Winners

Rubies!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth