

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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## 2024 Class Assembly Dates

		<b>25/1/24</b>	<b>2JW</b>
<b>1/2/24</b>	6AC	<b>8/2/24</b>	<b>6LM</b>
<b>7/3/24</b>	2LT	<b>14/3/24</b>	<b>1NS</b>
<b>21/3/24</b>	6SB	<b>28/3/24</b>	<b>3KL</b>
<b>2/5/24</b>	5RS	<b>9/5/24</b>	<b>2LS</b>
<b>16/5/24</b>	3NI	<b>23/5/24</b>	<b>5OF</b>
<b>20/6/24</b>		<b>27/6/24</b>	<b>4YH</b>

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**

09.02.24 – Tutorial Day (school closed to children)  
19.02.24 – Children return to school  
WB 19.02.24 - Bikeability for EYs and KS1  
WB 26.02.24 - Bikeability for Years 3 and 4  
28.02.24 – Zoolab visit for Nursery and Years 1 and 2  
WB 04.03.24 – Bikeability for Years 5 and 6  
07.03.24 – World Book Day – Dress up  
07.03.24 – Early Years Celebration Day  
07.03.24 and 08.03.24 – Pop-Up Second-Hand Book Shop in school  
28.03.24 – Last day of term  
15.04.24 – Inset day  
16.04.24 – Children return to school

### **Spring Term Library Visits**

(Please note changes as requested by the library)

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

## News and Reminders

### **Knowledge Organisers and Topic Homework**

Children in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 have new knowledge organisers and topic homework for next half term, please look at these over the holiday and think about doing some research or visiting some suggested places of interest for the upcoming topic. Children in Years 3 and 4 are continuing with their *Romans* topic so should carry on with the knowledge organiser and topic homework provided at the beginning of this half term.

### **Packed Lunches and Snacks**

Please remember that as a Healthy School we have rules around what is allowed to be included in children's daily packed lunches. Children are not allowed crisps, chocolate bars / biscuits, cake / cake bars, sweets or any drink other than water. If children bring these items in their lunches they will not be allowed to eat them. (There are more relaxed rules for school trips, but still no sweets, large chocolate bars or fizzy drinks.)

Morning snacks for KS2 children must be either fruit, vegetables or plain rice cakes or bread sticks.

Snacks for after school activity clubs must be small, quick and reasonably healthy, e.g. fruit, crackers or a cereal bar.

Nuts, nut products and uncut grapes are not allowed in school or on trips at all. Please check cereal bars etc to ensure they do not contain nuts.

### **Scratch Competition**

A letter was sent home on Monday about a Scratch competition for children from Years 1-6, providing information on how to take part. This is a great way to stay busy over half term, please check the letter for details and upload your entries to Google Classroom.

### **Times Table Rockstars Competition**

Please see the poster shared at the end of the newsletter for information about this half term holiday's Timestable Rockstars competition. A few minutes a day on Timestable Rockstars is great for learning multiplication and division facts and can also help your class to win the trophy for next half term!

### **Half Term Activities**

Here are some suggestions we have been sent for half term activities which can be accessed either free of charge or at a very low cost:

Garden Cinema Family Film Screenings (free tickets available) including:

*Extra weekday Half Term screenings of Walking with Dinosaurs and Toy Story. Full listings here:*

<https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/season/films-for-the-family/>

*On 17 Feb we're welcoming three Miniature Pigs to the cinema for our family screening of 'Charlotte's Web'. Tickets will go on sale on at 18.00 Monday 5th February. More details here:*

<https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/film/charlottes-web-screening-with-miniature-pigs/>

*On 11 Feb we are hosting a Relaxed Screening of 'Toy Story' which has been curated for a neurodiverse audience, their assistants and carers.*

<https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/film/relaxed-screening-toy-story/>

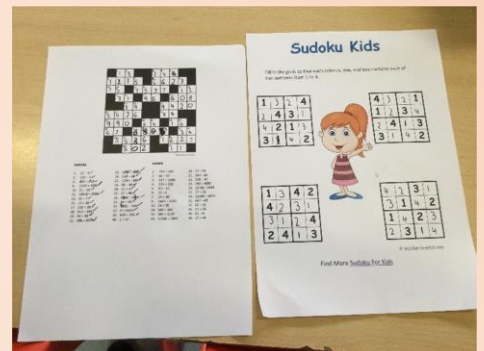
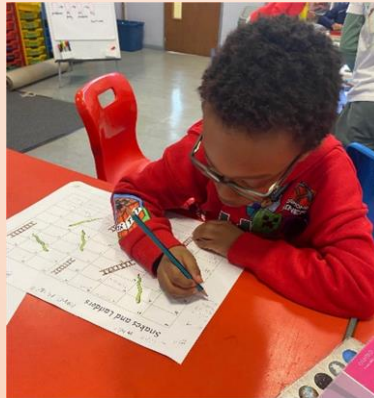
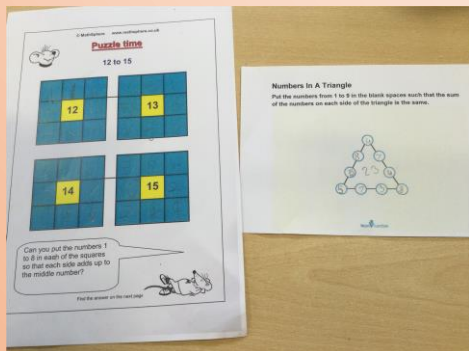
Family Art Day at The October Gallery, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12noon:

*A series of exciting activities with artist educator Vic Jarman responding to our group show Transvanguard Free Style Cipher. It is based on the hip-hop notion of an interactive, freewheeling exchange of contrasting ideas and styles, inspired by the variety of different artists and techniques on display we will be exploring a number of materials & mixed media to create portraits & figurative sculptures. We'll also be trying to discover different ways to hide secrets & messages in our artworks for all those budding spies & mystery fans. The session is free, drop-in and open to families with children of all ages.*



## Sharing Children's Learning

Last Friday was NSPCC Number Day. We raised money for the NSPCC by dressing up in number related outfits and enjoyed fun maths games and puzzles:

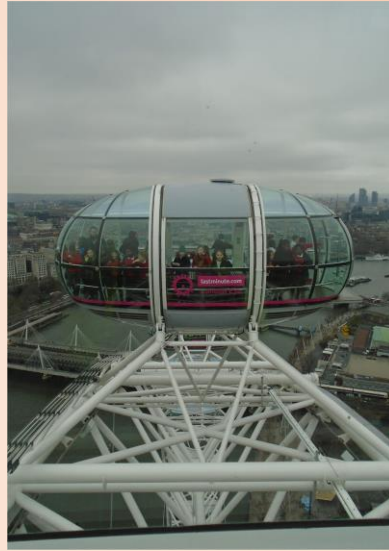




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Children in Reception and Year 5 have been out and about in London this week. Year 5 went looking for London landmarks and took a trip on The London Eye while Reception children took in the sights on their way to a performance at The Unicorn Theatre.

Year 5:



Reception:



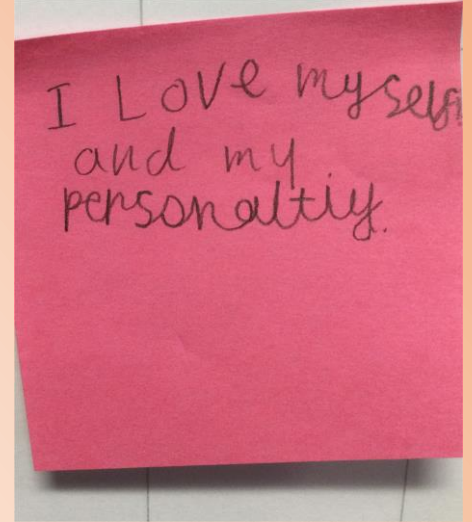
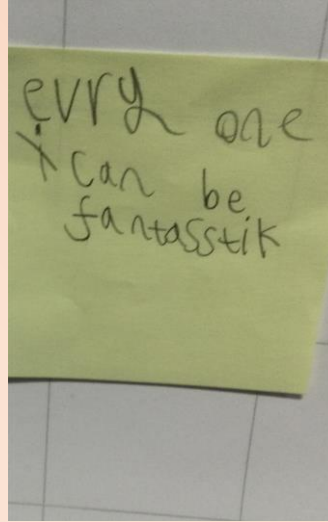
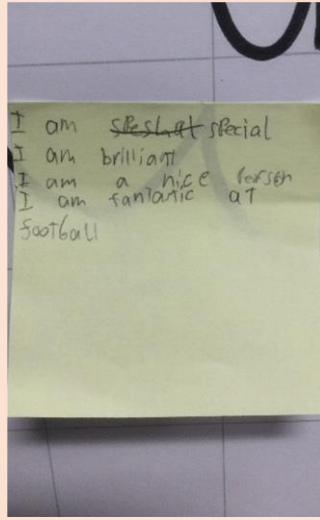
Children in Year 1 celebrated the Chinese New Year with a dragon dance and lanterns:



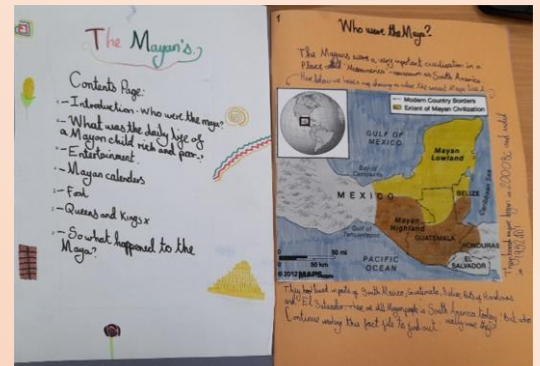
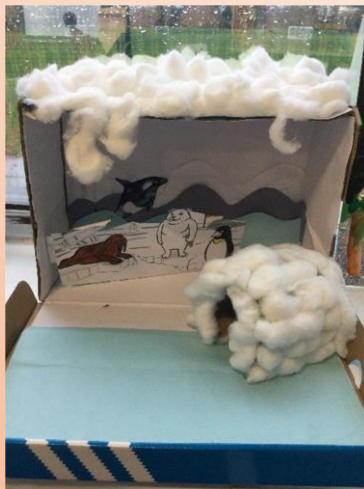


## Sharing Children's Learning

This week was Children's Mental Health Week. Across the school children focused on mental health in their PSHE lessons. Here are some Year 2 children writing affirmations as part of a positive thinking exercise:



Here are some more examples of fantastic pieces of topic homework to inspire you to get creative over half term!



### Word of the Week

This week's word of the week was **prowl** (meaning *to move about restlessly and stealthily, especially in search of prey.*). 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 the new word of the week. If your child can guess the word of the week and tell their teacher on the Monday after half term they will get a gem. The word will be revealed in assemblies on Tuesday that week so that children can then 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 the next word of the week:**

Where to find me - find me under n (verb)

What it means - to care for and protect something

When to use it - the children \_\_\_\_\_ed their sunflowers until they grew tall

Good luck!

These are the words we have had so far this term for you to practise using over the holiday:

Waft  
Ravenous  
Comprehend  
Prowl

If children can use these words enough to make them part of their spoken vocabulary they will then use them confidently in their writing which leads to higher levels of attainment.

### F@B Update

Please join us for a parents' social and meet the F@B team

We have two parent meet-up events planned for after half term. Please mark them in your calendar and join us if you can!

Parent event details:

- Bessemer on Friday 23 February, 9.00-10.00 - with doughnuts for all!
- The Cherry Tree pub on Monday 26 February, 19.00-22.00

Come along to meet other parents and find out a bit about Friends at Bessemer (or F@B for short). We have exciting plans coming together and we are always keen to involve more families in our projects to strengthen our school community and raise more funds for Bessemer.

See you there!



## Online Safety Tip of the Week



Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day 2024!

This is an international event where different organisations come together to share important messages about staying safe online. These year's theme was about changes that happen online. In assembly we talked about change we might see online, how that can make us feel and what to do when we feel worried and upset.



Here are some games and stories you may like to share with your child to help find out more about staying safe online together.

[https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_us/interland](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland)

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/game/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/game/)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/digiduck-saves-the-day/>

Have a great half term break!

*Elizabeth*