

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th November 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 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
- 14.12.23 – Reception Christmas performance 1-2pm (second showing)
- 14.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 carol concert
- 15.12.23 – Nursery Christmas carols 3pm
- 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
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

Black History Month Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Ezra and Vidak who are the winners of our Black History Month poetry competition! They were awarded their prizes today, well done Ezra and Vidak!



The Big Draw

The Big Draw is an event when the whole school comes together to take part in a drawing activity. This year's Big Draw theme was "Drawing with Senses". In their classes children listened to songs with different tempos, dynamics, pitches, melodies, rhythms and timbre and thought about the colours, shapes and movements they could hear. They then used a variety of media to express themselves freely using the music as inspiration. Follow this link to the Art page on our website to see some of the pieces they produced!

<https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/our-curriculum/art/>

Online Safety Support – help wanted!

We are planning an online safety drop in event for the spring term. We would like to offer practical support to parents and carers, e.g. putting parental controls onto children's devices. If you think that you might be able to help us with this by offering advice and practical help to other parents and carers, please email the school office. We will do our best to arrange a date and time that suits any parents and carers who are able to help us.

Personal Safety

Over the last year, and most recently in the last week, there have been incidents of people being mugged and physically attacked on Greendale and in the surrounding area. As the evenings get darker please talk to your children about the best ways to protect themselves when travelling home from school, e.g. taking well lit, busy routes, walking in groups, not having their phone out as they walk and not walking with headphones on as this can leave them unaware of their surroundings.

Lost Property

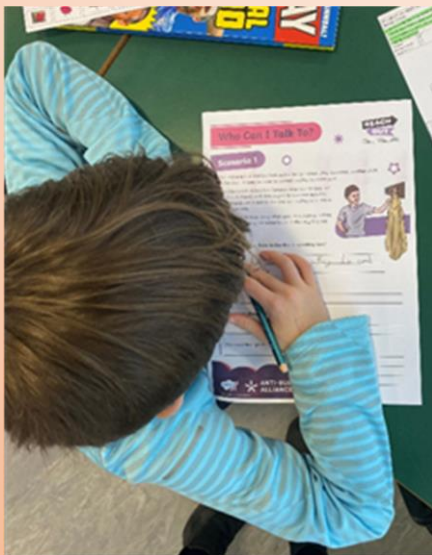
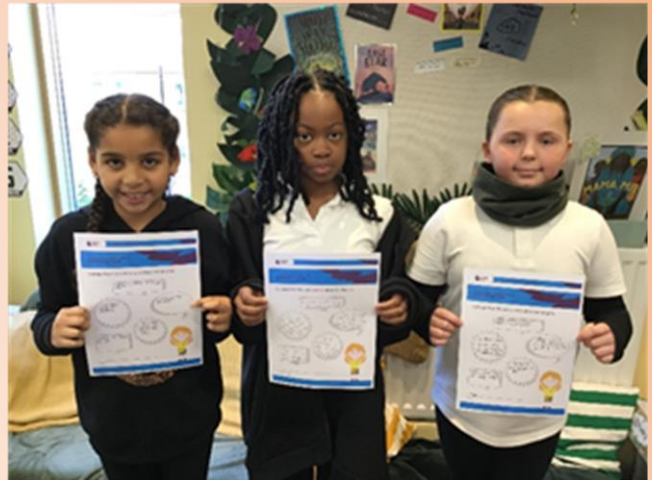
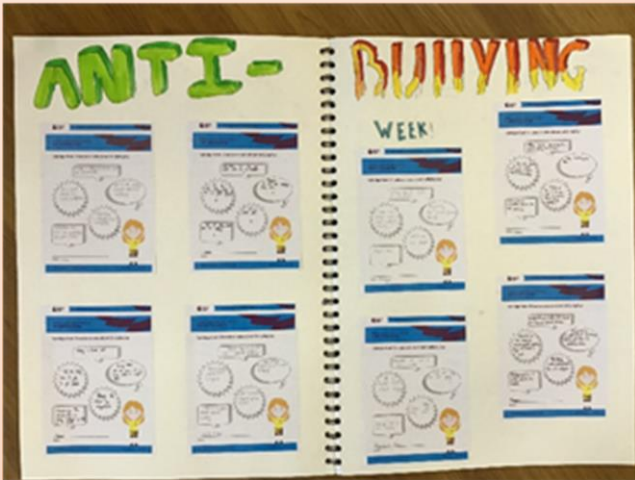
Please, please, please come and claim your lost property! We have several boxes of unnamed items outside the school office, if your child has lost anything, from a water bottle to a coat, please come and have a look. All unnamed, unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of next week.

Connected to the Community – Get Rid of and Donate

Please see the attached flyer for details of a community event which has been organized to collect essential items for vulnerable people in our community.

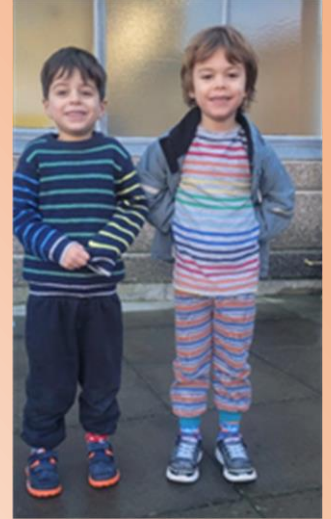
Sharing Children's Learning

This week was Antibullying Week. Throughout the week children took part in antibullying activities in their PSHE lessons and today we wore odd socks to remind us that it is great to be different and that everyone should be accepted for who they are and no one should have to change to fit in.



Children in Need

Today we wore spots and stripes and collected money for Children in Need:



Children also took part in some activities to prepare for Children in Need during the week:



We raised £503.39 for Children in Need today! Thank you for your generosity.

Word of the Week

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

Call for Winter Fair volunteers

It's just 4 weeks to go before our ❄️ Winter Fair ❄️ on Saturday 16 December!

We really need your help. Can you lend a hand on the day?

We're looking for volunteers to help us run the stalls such as games, food and cakes - as well as a bit of set up and cleaning up help too.

Don't worry if you've never done it before - full instructions are provided and our fair team are on hand for any questions. It's a really fun experience and there are quite a few stalls where you can involve a small helper or two as well!

Text Nicci if you can help 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.

Raffle tickets now on sale

We've got some amazing prizes in our Winter raffle. Tickets are just 50p and you're in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes! There are vouchers from local shops and restaurants, music lessons, toys, food, wine and much more besides.

You can buy tickets online now: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-winter-raffle-2023>

❄️ Thank you very much! ❄️

Online Safety Tip of the Week

This week's tip is about online gaming – children LOVE spending time on devices playing games. They are a really fun way to spend time and connect with friends and family. But which games are most suitable for different age groups? What risks might children be exposed to? How can we best support our children to get the most out of online gaming while staying safe? Internet Matters has some excellent resources to support parents around these and many other common questions:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Tobi	Rudy	Janaya		
Sunshine	Arlo	Felix	Nickell		
Moonbeam	Joe	Eimi	Atreen		
1AM	Leon	Larry	Josiah	Jacob	Lydia
1NS	Adonai	Jeremiah	Ella	Nia - Bella	
2JW	Sarai	Omar	Johnny	Ferhot	Aymar
2LS	Louie	Nathaniel	Emma	Bella	Manon
2LT	Ava	Simon	Evie	Henry	
3KL	Grace	Talya	Beau	Fred	
3NI	Jake	Alex	Maia	Valentina	
3/4CB	Leonel	Florence	Hari	Harry	Max Mariatu
4BC	Remy	Sophie	Lacey	Abass	
4YH	George	Freddie	Alkyoni	Uriel	
5RS	Khadijah	Fox	Myriam	Poppy	Rehana
5OF	Max M	Amelia	AJ	Akila	
5FM	Jonathan	Lucy	Stephen	Tiger	
6LM	Lottie	Yousuf	Jayden	Iona	Alex
6SB	Khadijah	Yabai	Heidi	Hasiba	
6AC	Freddie	Christabel	Andonaila	Ramatulai	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Georgios	Grace	Seren	Suraya	Brayden	Naomi-Rose

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1NS	3/4CB	5FM

House Winners	Emeralds!
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Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT IT'S TIME TO DONATE!



GET RID OF AND
—DONATE—



We have organised a community event asking for donations to help people through the cost of living crisis, sleeping rough and vulnerable people.

Donations of warm clothing, shoes, sleeping bags/blankets, tents and ambient food welcome.

**Monday 20th November 2023 at
11:00am to 6:00pm**


COMMUNITY DROP-OFF DAY CARNEGIE LIBRARY - ROOM 1

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SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

Christmas

Camp



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

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Week 1: Thursday, 21st December - Friday, 22nd December

Week 2: Tuesday, 2nd January - Friday, 5th January

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

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

To book

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