

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Eid Celebration, 3.30, 5/6 playground

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Reception trip to The Horniman Museum

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 trip to The Science Museum

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 'Journey into Space' workshop

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 local park trip

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 SATs

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Nursery trip to Brockwell Community Greenhouses

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 School Journey Webinar, 5pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Airthrill trip

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 4 trip to The Horniman Museum

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 seaside trip

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Jubilee tea parties (information to follow)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Children break up for half term

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Jubilee Day (school closed)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school

## News and Reminders

### **SATs**

Children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs next week. You have received separate information about preparing and reassuring your child, but please do try to make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep this weekend and is in school on time every day next week. Please reassure your child that they have covered everything that they need to know for the tests and that as long as they try their best we will all be very proud of them.

### **Walk and Talk**

Attached alongside this newsletter is some information about 'Walk and Talk', an initiative aimed at reducing violence against women and girls. The initiative involves local women going for a walk with a female police officer to discuss concerns or suggestions around the safety of women and girls in London. The attachments provide further details on how to get involved.

## Drop Off and Pick Up Time

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school in the mornings, particularly down Dylways, please could you speak to them about looking out for pedestrians and reducing their speed. There has been another incident of a child on a bike crashing into a pushchair emerging from a gate way and our neighbours are expressing concern for both their own safety and that of our children. Please remind children that lots of people are coming out of their houses at that time in the morning and that gate ways are often concealed by hedges or bins.

We are also concerned about cars parking on yellow lines or on the pavements and on corners at pick up time. This is really dangerous as it obstructs children's view when crossing the road and can force people to walk in the road when the pavement is blocked. It can also make it very difficult for other cars to pass, which creates further dangerous situations with cars reversing and maneuvering where children are walking. Please make sure that you park in a designated parking space, even if this means parking a little further away from school. We have been informed that the parking officers will soon be returning to enforce parking restrictions outside school.

## Lost Property

As well as several bags and boxes of uniform that remain in the lost property boxes and will be donated to F@B, we have a number of coats which have not been claimed. If your child is missing a coat please come and have a look this week before these are also donated.

## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week this week is **glimpse**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and perhaps research its origin, then try to use it as much as possible so that it becomes part of their vocabulary. Children will receive gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

## F@B Update

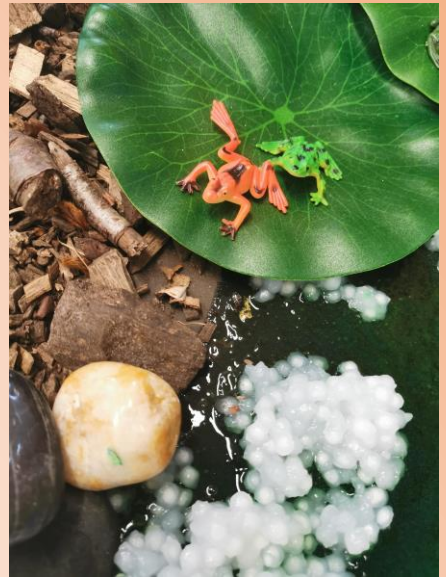
### Spending Update

You might have seen by now the brilliant new apparatus in the Year 3/4 playground. Before Easter, F@B provided £20,000 for the school to purchase this equipment - all money donated by you! So an absolutely huge THANK YOU to everybody who has bought cakes and ice-creams; sponsored a cyclist or runner; taken part in a raffle or balloon race; or done anything else for F@B in the last year. The difference you make to the school is incredible. We are working with the leadership team on other ways we can contribute funds to benefit the children, and we'll have more spending updates for you soon.



## Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Nursery have been learning about the life cycle of frogs this week:



Children in Year 1 have been busy planting Sunflowers:





Children in Nursery and Reception have been having a wonderful time in their Forest School sessions.

Water play and natural art:



Den building:



Making (and eating!) popcorn:





## Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Margot	Ellie	August		
Sunshine	Keyan	Louis	Harris		
Moonbeam	Athena	Taylan	Zahra		
1AM	Sarah	Mikey	Trey	Eustache	
1EB	Ben	Finn	Salome	Matilda	
1NS	Isiah	Marco	Mattias	Max	Charlotte
2JW	Harley	Shaydon	Johnny	Lucien	Uriel
2LT	Lucie	Nicolas	Benita	Adeola	
2OF	Callum	Holly	Harry	Aoife	
3LM	Azariah	Michael	Aryan	Florence	
3CB	Owen	Violet	Fox	Brayden	
3LS	Stephen	Max	Virtue	Johanna	
3JK		Robhin		Sophie	
4SB	Zac	Otis	Jeanne	Yabai	
4KL	Eddie	Khadijah	Tani	Freya	
4HB	Yusuf	Tom	Yousuf	Eisa	
4JB		Phoebe	Toren	Naomi-Rose	
5RS	Aaron	Bobbi Rae	Patsy	Lilith	
5AC	Hazna	Riley	Dayo	Lukas	Yasmin
5LW	Freida	Eva	Osman	Ibrahim	
5JK		Zain		Samuel	
6MS	Kyrane	Amy	John	Mansuni	
6YH	Rosie	Jacob	Stella	Elliott	
6SB	Luke	Ellie-May	Mariama	Bert	
6LC		Lassie	Matilda	Nathan	

Timetable Rockstars	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Lucie	Kitty	Lenny	Jago	Mansuni

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2LT, 4HB and 5LW

This week's house winners: **Diamonds!**

Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*





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Come and chat to our friendly local officers on a 'walk and talk' of the local area. We're inviting you to tell us your experiences and concerns. If you feel unsafe in a particular area, let us know so we can work with partners to improve safety on our streets.

If you live or work in Southwark and wish to register for a walk and talk please find us on Eventbrite! Search '**Metropolitan Police – Southwark**'.





A woman in a black jacket and a Metropolitan Police officer in uniform are walking away from the camera on a city street. The officer is wearing a black helmet with a checkered band and a black vest over a white shirt. They are walking on a paved path next to a brick wall. In the background, there are brick buildings and trees.

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# Walk and Talk: Background Briefing

## What is Walk and Talk?

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The 'Walk and Talk' initiative began in Central South area as part of the Borough Command Unit's proactive response to local concerns about violence against women and girls (VAWG).

The idea is simple. Local women, going for a walk with local female officers in their neighbourhood. There, officers can talk to local women about their experiences and concerns as well as hear their suggestions on how we can make them feel safer.

The idea arose from conversations with Chief Superintendent Colin Wingrove, Head of Central South's Borough Command Unit and HeForShe champion, members of the Forward Institute, and Acting Inspector Becky Perkins. Becky has led the initiative, alongside Acting Inspector Sam Honeyball, as the local Chair for Network of Women. We are

now rolling it out across the Met as part of our commitment to tackling violence against women and girls. An important part of our approach is to invite women and girls to tell us what they think needs to change, and to keep talking to us about what more we can do to improve their safety in London.

The initiative involves pairing a female dedicated ward officer (DWO) with a female member of public who either lives or works on the officer's ward or nearby.

## How does it work?

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Officers contact their "buddy" to arrange a time to meet for a minimum of 30 minutes. Often they will meet in a park or open space, but this is flexible and may include walking their buddy's route to work or to a transport hub they use. Usually the events take place early in the morning, or in the evening, as these are thought to be the times when women feel most



vulnerable because it's darker, there are fewer people around and often less traffic on the roads.

'Walk and Talk' focuses on encouraging open and constructive conversations between officers and their buddy.

We are also keen to learn about any reoccurring themes from these conversations and what we, along with our partners and others, can do to improve safety for women and girls.

We want them to be safe and feel safe in London. We want to know about concerns raised and ideas on how we can improve. While we cannot commit to making all suggested changes, we will recommend changes to partnership agencies when appropriate and, of course, look to improve what we are doing.

All officers are fully briefed before taking part and urged to be open and talk about their own experiences and thoughts, even if at times these can be difficult.

If any intelligence or crimes are alleged, officers need to be clear that they have a duty of care and report it in the usual way, while ensuring any safeguarding and signposting is completed.

## Evaluation

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We want to evaluate the effectiveness of Walk and Talk and capture feedback and concerns, both from the officers and their buddies, who are each asked to complete a survey. Information that has been provided has already supported a recent police and council bid for Safer Streets funding to improve lighting and CCTV.

So far over forty women have taken part in the initiative with more planned over coming weeks. We hope to continue bringing our officers together with women from all areas and backgrounds reflecting our diverse communities.

During a recent all-female VAWG operation, our HeForShe male allies also undertook foot and cycle patrols in the SE1 area and spoke to groups of women

about how they feel about their safety in London. The reaction about having conversations was largely positive and the male officers have provided feedback.

directly to ASMailbox-  
NetworkofWomenNow@met.  
police.uk

We want communities to regularly see and get to know their local officers, so that they have trust and confidence in them, knowing they are there to protect them and keep them safe.

## StreetSafe

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Members of public can also use “StreetSafe”, a website where they can anonymously tell police about areas where they feel or have felt unsafe but not report crime. More information can be found on the website.

[www.police.uk/streetsafe](http://www.police.uk/streetsafe)  
Members of public can also access their local ward team and find out what is happening in their area via [www.met.police.uk/a/your-area](http://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area)

## Get in touch

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If you wish to take part in the ‘Walk and Talk’ scheme, please send an email