

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th April - Inset day, school closed for children

Wednesday 20th April - Children return to school

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd April - All postponed house winners' trips to the adventure playground or Dulwich Park (Year 1)

Wednesday 11th May - Year 4 trip to The Science Museum

Monday 23rd May - Year 4 trip The Horniman Museum

Thursday 26th May - Children break up for half term

Friday 27th May - School closed, Jubilee Day

Monday 6th June - Children return to school

News and Reminders

Goodbye

Last week I wrote about the staff members who are leaving us this term; Charmaine Grinnam, Ana-Doris Garcia and Mairead Greenhill. I know everyone is very sad to see them go and we just wanted to say goodbye again on their last day at Bessemer. We'll miss them all very much!

Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to F@B and everyone who supported them in organising our Spring Fair. It was such a lovely day and wonderful to see everyone back together again in person. We are also enormously grateful for the money raised, thank you so much!

After School Activity Clubs

Booking for the Summer term Activity clubs opened on Parentmail yesterday. You will have received a letter about this along with the club list on Wednesday. Everyone has until Monday to book a first club, from noon on Monday you are then welcome to book additional clubs for your child. If you would like to book one of the reduced-price places we have available please email or call the office before noon on Monday, these places will be rereleased at full price after that. (If you have been unable to book the club you want it is worth checking again on Monday in case more places have been released.)

House Winners' Trips

Due to Covid we have been forced to postpone all of the house winners' trips over the last two years and we know that a lot of children are waiting anxiously for their well-deserved reward! As every house is now owed a trip we have decided that all children will go to either the adventure playground (Years 2-6) or for a picnic in the park (Year 1) in the first week back, and then we can start afresh. A separate letter has been sent to let you know when your child will be going on their trip. We will then book a different trip for this term's house winners.

Southwark Libraries

Recently we had assemblies in both Key Stage One and Two delivered by Southwark Libraries, aimed at encouraging children to make use of their local library. Attached is a flier to help you to find your nearest library and go along and explore. This is a great way to keep children reading through the holiday and many libraries have fun holiday activities in place.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for the week after the holidays is **malleable**. 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

Spring Fair

What a wonderful day we had at our Spring Fair on Saturday! The sun shone and a huge crowd of you came to enjoy the fun, food and drink, raising **over £5,000** in the process! It's an incredible amount which will make a huge difference to all the children who go to Bessemer.

Thank you to every single one of you who helped to make the event such a success, whether you donated items to sell, volunteered your time, or spent money on the day. We'd like to pass on our especial thanks to Colin for helping everything run smoothly, and to Nicola who masterminded the entire operation (and didn't stop working on the fair even when she came down with Covid!) You are all superstars.

School Uniform

Kids grown out of their uniform? Time for some summer dresses or shorts? The pre-loved uniform stall returns after school on Friday 22 April. Come and stock up - everything will be freshly laundered and ready for a new home. All items are free, or you might like to make a donation to F@B. If you have old uniform you'd like to donate, please bring it to the stall on the day.

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 5 enjoyed a 'Mexican Day' this week as part of their topic on Mexico. Among other activities they made tortillas and salsa:



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Today you will receive your child's topic homework for next half term, hopefully you will find some fun activities and outings that you can get involved in if you would like to, which will support your child's knowledge of their topic. Here are some photos of some of the fantastic home learning we have seen this half term:



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Theo	Melody	Olivia		
Sunshine	Ava	Helene	Casper		
Moonbeam	Temu	Melody	Henry		
1AM	Lina	Leo S	Ismay	Mikey	Valentina
1EB	Salome	Matilda	Jake	Agnes	
1NS	Otis	Shackleton	Phoenix M-S	Alexander	
2JW	Stella-Lucia	Leo	Florence	Aishah	
2LT	All of 2LT	William	Theo	Mariatu	
2OF	Radin	Amelia	Sammy	Millie-Rose	
3LM	Fayo	Alexis	Florence	Andrea	
3CB	Lorelie	AJ	Brayden	Gloria	Neron
3LS	Einas	Mahnaz	Max	Tiger	
4SB	Haven	Lenny	Hasti	Allegra	Una
4KL	Alexander	Freya	Silas	Olivia	
4HB	Florence	Marley	Amber	Zadie	
4JB		Lekha	Freddie	Jake	
5RS	Jaanai	Thomas P	Zach	Samira	
5AC	Leo C	Alex	Alice	Bradley	Simba
5LW	Charlotte	Jacob	Xavier	Jessica	
5JK		Zach		Nyeem	
6MS	Ryo	Joe	Phoebe	Kyrane	Missy
6YH	Rosie	Wilfred	Abdul	Elvis	
6SB	Luna	Pedro	Tassie	Samuel	Dominik
6LC		Evie	Ellie	Matilda	

This week we have done Rockstars for the whole term, not just this week.

Timetable Rockstars	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		George	Myriam	Khadijah	David	Abdullahi

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2LT, 3CB and 6MS

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Thanks for a fantastic term, have a great holiday!

Elizabeth

Library Treasure Hunt



Where is your nearest library?

[Find a library - Southwark Council](#)

Do you have a library card? Don't forget to bring it, if you do.

If you don't have a card yet, you can join online here:

[Become a member - Southwark Council](#)

In the library, can you find?

A book about a country?

A book about an animal?

A book by an author whose surname begins with the same letter as yours?

Did you see something new to borrow?

For a chance to win a prize, ask a grown up to take a photo of the book you borrowed from the library, with a short piece of writing explaining why you picked it, what you thought about it, and your name, age and class.

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