

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th February 2023

- 13.02.23 - 17.02.23 – Half term break
- 20.02.23 – Children return to school
- 21.02.23 – Year 6 JCS trip
- 24.02.23 – Poetry competition deadline
- 28.02.23 – Year 1 trip to Tales on Moon Lane
- 01.03.23 – Early Years Celebration Day (am)
- 01.03.23 – Reception trip to Tales on Moon Lane (pm)
- 03.03.23 – World Book Day (dress up)
- 23.03.23 - 24.3.23 – Science Fair
- 29.03.23 – Reception Unicorn Theatre trip
- 31.03.23 – Last day of term

Class Assembly Dates

(Parents and carers are invited to watch their child's assembly at 9.15 on the dates below. Assemblies will last approximately 15 minutes.)

Please note the change of date for 6MS

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|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Friday 24 th February | 3CB | Friday 3 rd February | 6AC |
| Friday 17 th March | 5JB | Friday 10 th March | 2FW |
| Friday 31 st March | 1NS | Friday 21 st April | 4KL |
| Friday 12 th May | 5LW | Friday 5 th May | 2OF |
| Friday 26 th May | 1FP | Friday 19 th May | |
| Friday 30th June | 6MS | Friday 23 rd June | 4YH |

Library Visits

| | 10:00- 10:40 | 10:40- 11.20 | 11.20-12:00 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Thursday 23 rd Feb | 1NS | 2FW | 6AC |
| Thursday 2 nd March | Sunshine | 2OF | 5RS |
| Thursday 9 th March | 1AM | 2LS | 5LW |
| Thursday 16 th March | 1FP | Butterflies | 4KL |
| Friday 17 th March | Little Stars | Ladybirds | 5JB |
| Thursday 23 rd March | Rainbow | 6MS | 4FM |
| Friday 24 th March | 3LM | 6CB | Lauren Todd's English group |
| Thursday 30 th March | 3CB | 3SB | 4YH |

News and Reminders

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March, when children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character or anything relating to reading, with prizes for the most creative costumes. We will also have an author visit from Rachel Chivers Khoo who will be talking about her new book to children in Years 2-5.

We are extending World Book Day into a Book Week and have planned a range of reading themed activities to take place around World Book Day. F@B will be setting up a 'Pop Up Book Shop' where all children will be able to choose a book to take home free of charge. We are also running a poetry competition for all children, poems can be in any style based on the theme 'Friendship' and should be submitted to class teachers by Friday 24th February, so children can get started on this over half term!

NEU Industrial Action

There is further strike action planned by the NEU teaching union on Thursday 2nd March. We do not yet know if this will result in a full school closure again, but we will let you know as soon as we can.

As we said previously, our teachers are extremely dedicated and do not take any action that affects our children lightly. We were extremely grateful for the messages of support that we received regarding the last strike action and hope that you continue to support us and understand why this action is taking place.

Girls' Football

Please see the attached flier for information about girls' football sessions running at Charter School during half term.

Forest School

Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding we have had to make the very sad decision that we can no longer continue to have The Jolly Foresters lead our Early Years forest school provision. We consider forest school sessions to be an important element of our Early Years teaching so we are determined that they will continue. We are of course lucky enough to have the perfect setting in our on-site nature garden and we will be looking into accredited forest school training. In the meantime, we feel that our Early Years staff are able to continue to provide many of the activities that the children have enjoyed during forest school, having had the benefit of attending these sessions themselves for several years. In order to get started with our own provision we need a lot of new resources, some of which we will be buying with help from F@B, but some of which we are hoping you might be able to help with. If you have any of the following items that you are able to donate please take them to the school office, and please watch this space for further requests as our provision develops.

Old pots and pans

Metal or plastic jugs and bowls

Mixing utensils

Buckets

Vegetable peelers

Large paint brushes

Thank you!

Food Vouchers

Food vouchers for all children entitled to pupil premium payments will be sent out as usual for the half term break.

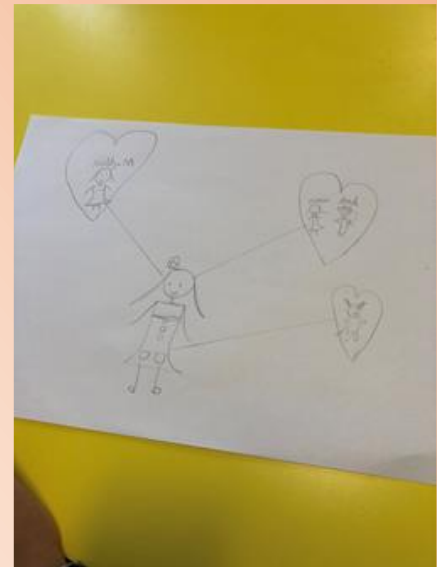
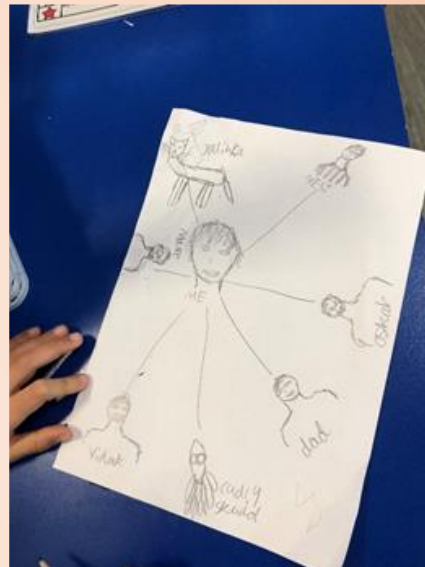
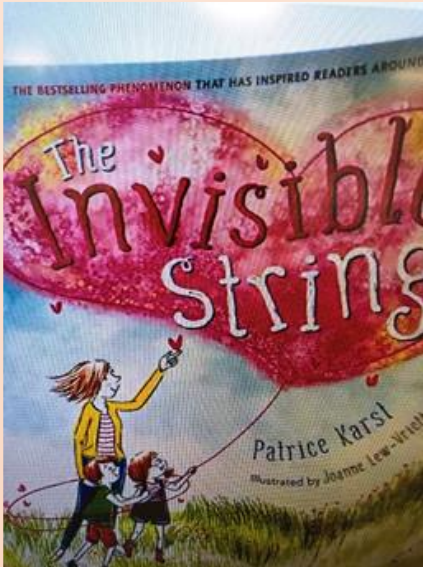
Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 4 had an art day and used their sewing skills to produce these pieces of work inspired by their *Food and Agriculture* topic. They will be putting the pieces together to form a quilt which will be displayed in the top floor corridor.



Mental Health Week

Children across the school took part in wellbeing activities this week as part of mental health week, such as this Year 2 activity based on *The Invisible String* where children thought about the people in their lives that they are connected to.



On Thursday children had a great time expressing themselves through clothing choices! We also raised over £150 to donate to a mental health charity.



Word of the Week

The aim of our *Word of The Week* is to develop children's vocabularies, making their language richer and more expressive. The more that children use the words of the week the more comfortable they feel using them and the more they will naturally use them in their speech and writing. Here is a selection of past words of the week to practise using over half term:

Desolate

Emerge

Dynamic

Inclusive

Diverse

Progressive

You could encourage your children to use these words in sentences, ask them to look up the meanings or origins, or make up games to play with them, e.g. making your own word searches or crosswords.

F@B Update

We know everyone has had a busy start to the new year and we're sure you're all looking forward to the half-term as much as we are!

We hope you will be able to support two special events coming up after the break...

Firstly on Friday 24 February, we will run a uniform stall after school with added World Book Day costume fun. Please do bring in your donations after half term - you can leave them at the school office or bring them straight to the stall on the day.

We're also planning to bring back the brilliant whole-school book swap during Reading Week which we're very excited about. No book donations yet please as we have a lot left from the Winter Fair!! But watch this space for more info!

Lastly, the serious bit; we're sure everyone is more than aware of the financial difficulties that are facing schools now. Sadly, Bessemer is no exception and needs our help more than ever to keep some of the fantastic provisions that they offer in place, so moving forward, our fundraising will help finance necessities for the school that we might otherwise lose due to the current budget cuts being made.

We're so proud of the fundraising that we do for the school and we're so grateful for all the donations that are made at our events, but we'd like to ask you to consider giving a regular monthly donation to F@B to help us provide as much as we can to the school.

Lots of us donate to charities regularly in this way and maybe don't realise that this is something you can do for F@B, so if you are able and willing, please consider following the link or QR code below to set this up.



<https://bit.ly/FABdonation>

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Don't forget, this Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. The theme was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'

Take some time over the weekend to have a conversation with your child about their favourite online activities - whether it is watching funny videos, playing games with friends, listening to music, finding things out or chatting with friends and family. Remember to also ask them about anything they are worried about and let them know you are there to talk to if they see anything that concerns them or makes them feel worried.



Celebrations!

Certificates

| Class | Star of the Week | Writer of the Week | Mathematician of the Week | Presenter of the Week | Scientist of the Week |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Rainbow | Nathan | Riaz | Eimi | | |
| Sunshine | Lyra | Jacob | Arabella | | Teodor |
| 1AM | Casper | Amina | Johnny | Aymar | Ramsay |
| 1FP | Henry | Simon | Ellie | Adam | |
| 1NS | Imaan | Harrison | Manon | Bella | |
| 2FW | Henry | Charlotte | Shackleton | Wilfred | |
| 2LS | Vidak | Valentina | Ismay | Eustache | Leila |
| 2OF | Temi | Finn | Ezra | Koji | |
| 3LM | Amelia | Samuel E | Adam | Samuel C-G | Holly |
| 3CB | Benita | Penny | Riccardo | Freddie | |
| 3SB | Remy | Aishah | Lucien | Malachi | |
| 4KL | Sami | Hameed | Owen L | Amelia | |
| 4YH | Alexis | Azariah | Elisa | Valentina | |
| 4FM | Tiger | Molly | Max E | Stephen | Lucy B |
| 5RS | Eddie | Polly | Marley | Haven | |
| 5JB | Rocco | Yousef | Zac | Lottie | |
| 5LW | Una | Sophie | Ramatulai | Joe | |
| 6MS | Alex | Leo | Kate | Jago | |
| 6CB | Amelia | Alice | Victoria | Joshua | Charlotte |
| 6AC | David | Woody | Lilith | Zain | |

Timestable Rockstars

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|-----------|------------|------------|--------|--------|
| | Charlotte | Samuel C-G | Florence V | Iona | Jacob |

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2FW**, **3LM** and **6MS**

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



Have a fantastic half term break!

Elizabeth