Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th March 2023

- 15.03.23 School closed for industrial action
- 16.03.23 School closed for industrial action
- 17.03.23 Comic Relief, wear non-uniform clothes to school
- 17.03.23 Deadline for design your own red nose competition
- 22.03.23 Year 3 trip to The Petrie Museum (3LM and half of 3CB see letter for more details)
- 23.03.23 Year 3 trip to The Petrie Museum (3SB and the second half of 3CB)
- 23.03.23 Years 1 and 2 Zoolab workshop
- 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.

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 30 th June	6MS	Friday 23 rd June	4YH

Library Visits

Please note rescheduled trips (highlighted) due to school closures.

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11.20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 23 rd Feb	1NS	2FW	6AC
Friday 10 th March	Sunshine	20F	5RS
Thursday 9 th March	1AM	2LS	5LW
Friday 31 st 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

Industrial Action

As you know, the NEU is continuing to take industrial action and school will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday next week for the teachers' strike.

We know that school closures cause great disruption for families and we really appreciate your understanding and acceptance that our teachers do not take this action lightly and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Why are teachers taking strike action? (NEU)

- Fair pay for teachers: "Real term pay for experienced teachers has declined by 13% since 2010, and that over the same period average pay in the whole economy has increased by 2% in real terms. This adds up to a decline in teacher pay of 15%. Senior teachers in England have in effect had their pay cut by £6,600 since 2010." (Institute for Fiscal Studies)
- Budget struggles: "School spending per pupil in England fell by 9% in real terms between 2009-10 and 2019-20, the largest cut in over 40 years. The government has allocated an extra £7.1 billion for schools in England through to 2022-23. Whilst this will increase spending per pupil by over 8%, school spending per pupil in 2022-23 will still be 2% lower in real terms than in 2009-10." (Institute for Fiscal Studies)
- Workload: Due to the cuts to funding, teachers and school staff are having to do more as schools have had to reduce staffing levels and resourcing, and fill the gaps left by the cuts to other services.
- Keeping good teachers: "Nearly a third of teachers leave the profession within five years of qualifying, meaning schools have to employ supply staff and/or do not have enough qualified teaching staff to educate children effectively". (Department for Education data)

Arrangements for Strike Days

- After School Club will be open on the strike days and can be booked on Parentmail under ASC, Industrial Action.
- Packed lunches for the strike days can also be ordered on Parentmail for collection on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure that orders are placed by noon on Monday.
- Little Stars will be open as usual on the strike days.
- Football club for KS1 and Years 3 and 4 will be cancelled and sessions will be refunded. Please contact the school office to request your refund.
- Other activity clubs which take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays (KS2 Gymnastics, Forest School, Illustration, Capoeira, Mini Athletics and Coding) will still take place, unless we inform you otherwise. Children should be dropped off at the Year 3/4 gate at 3.30 for their club and then collected at 4.30 at their usual pick up point, unless they are then going to After School Club.

News and Reminders

Comic Relief

Children can come to school wearing non-uniform on Friday 17th March and make a donation to Comic Relief.

We are also running a 'design your own red nose' competition. Children should use the template provided (handed out in class and attached to this newsletter) to come up with their own red nose design and bring it back to school by Friday 17th March.

House Captains

Thank you to last half term's house captains, Jacob, Josh, Fergus and Georgia. This half term's captains are Samuel, Lily, Dora and Alice. House captains lead our gem houses and have a number of responsibilities, including the all important end of the week gem count!



Easter Activities

Please see the attached fliers for a range of fun activities taking place in the Easter holiday.

Sharing Children's Learning

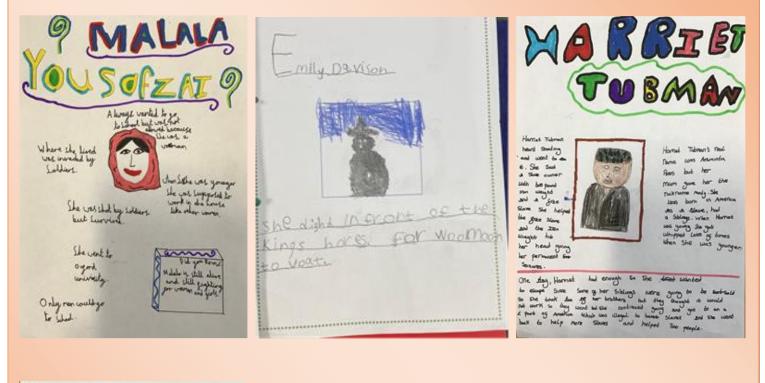
Children in Year 3 enjoyed a workshop day on Wednesday as part of their Ancient Egyptians topic. They had the chance to examine some artefacts and try out mummification!

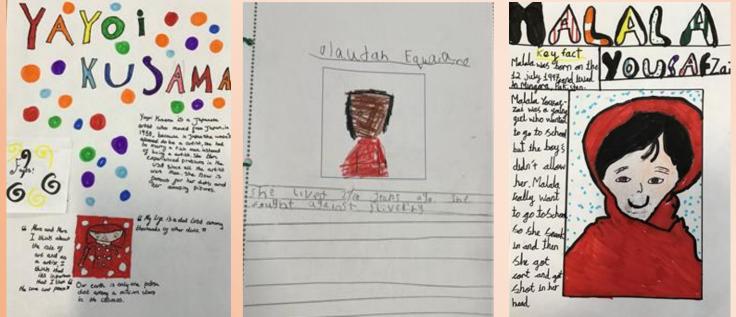


Sharing Children's Learning

We have been celebrating International Women's Day this week. The theme this year is #EmbraceEquity, so children learnt about the difference between equality and equity in assembly, thinking about the fact that equality isn't always enough and that in order to access the same opportunities some people may need more support than others.

Children across the school have produced posters focusing on the achievements of inspirational women:





Our International Women's Day celebrations were brought to a close by 2FW who shared their class assembly based on their topic *Women Who Changed the World.* Thank you 2FW!

Reading Week Competition Winners

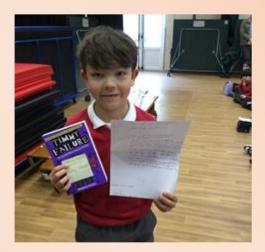
As part of our World Book Day / Reading Week celebrations, children were invited to take part in two competitions at home; to write a poem on the theme *friendship* and to design their own book cover. These competitions ended this week and the winners were awarded their prizes in assembly.

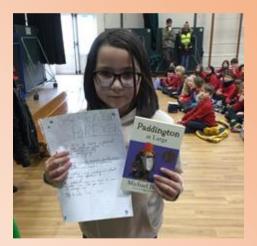
KS1 Winners: Margot, Koji, Phoenix, Lina, Dylan and Agnes.



Lower KS2 Winners: Akila, Esme, Florence, Edward and Amelia.







<u>Upper KS2 Winners:</u> Khadijah, Alice, Una, Simba, Naomi-Rose and Alice.



Well done to everyone who took part in these competitions, and a special well done to all of our winners, look out for your winning entries on display around the school!

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **elate / elated.** Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could try adding a suffix to make a new word, **elation.** Try to use these words as much as possible so that they become 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

Help needed - this Saturday!

We've had a big bag of woodchip delivered for the chickens. We will be removing the old woodchip in the run and adding the new this Saturday at 10.30 (or can also do 2 pm if that's a better time!) Many hands make swift work so if you can help please let us know via the Chicken Crew WhatsApp:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/HWf2UxmrRnLDxuW8CRyPf4

Thank you!

¡Se necesita ayuda - este sábado!

Nos han entregado una gran bolsa de astillas de madera para las gallinas. Este sábado a las 10:30 quitaremos las astillas de madera viejas y agregaremos las nuevas (io también podemos hacerlo a las 2:00 p.m. si es un mejor momento!). Muchas manos hacen un trabajo rápido, así que si puede ayudar, háganoslo saber a través de Chicken Crew WhatsApp

https://chat.whatsapp.com/HWf2UxmrRnLDxuW8CRyPf4

¡Gracias!

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Parental controls on popular games:

If your child is a keen gamer and uses a range of consoles or devices to play the latest games, make sure you set them up safely. Take a look at this list of parental control how-to guides to get up to speed on how to set the right level of protection to give them a fun and safe experience while playing video games.

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gamingconsoles/?utm_source=Parents+Newsletter&utm_campaign=d84d1d53f4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_01_26_10_38_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-a3bb0c0dc7-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D



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Celebrations!



Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Rosa	Benjamin	Briyit		
Sunshine	Ruona	Troy	Sara		
1AM	Abdulai	Georgie	Dougie	Ramsay	
1EB	lvor	Margot C-G	Ibrahim	Evie	Margot P
1NS	Theo	Joseph	Ellie Mae	Emma	
2FW	Elham	Phoenix M	Mohammed	Joel	
2LS	Oscar	Shafi	Leila	Leo S	Vidak
2OF	Rene	Brandon	Nicholas	Juno	
3LM	Radin	Elena	Millie Rose	Sam E	
3CB	George	Adeola	Penny	Abdullah	
3SB	Tobias	Esme	Khaliyah	Suraya	
4KL	Isabel	Sami	Milo	Fox	
4YH	Andrea	Edward	Valentina	Michael	Elisa
4FM	Lucia	Myriam	Ruby	Max	
5RS	Polly	Khadijah	Jake	Tom C	Hasti
5JB	Keran	Alex	Lottie	Amani	
5LW	Rose	Allegra	Tofunmi Ainoa	Hassan	
6MS	Lily	Leo	Kate	Alex	
6CB	Alexia	Jess	Eva	Reuben	Amelia
6AC	Max	Elizabeth	Osian	Lilith	

Timestable Rockstars

	ear 6	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1
Elle-Mae Leo M Aisnan Owen W Khadijan Am	nelia	Amelia	Khadijah	Owen W	Aishah	Leo M	Ellie-Mae

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: 2LS, 4YH and 6CB

This week's house winners: Rubies!

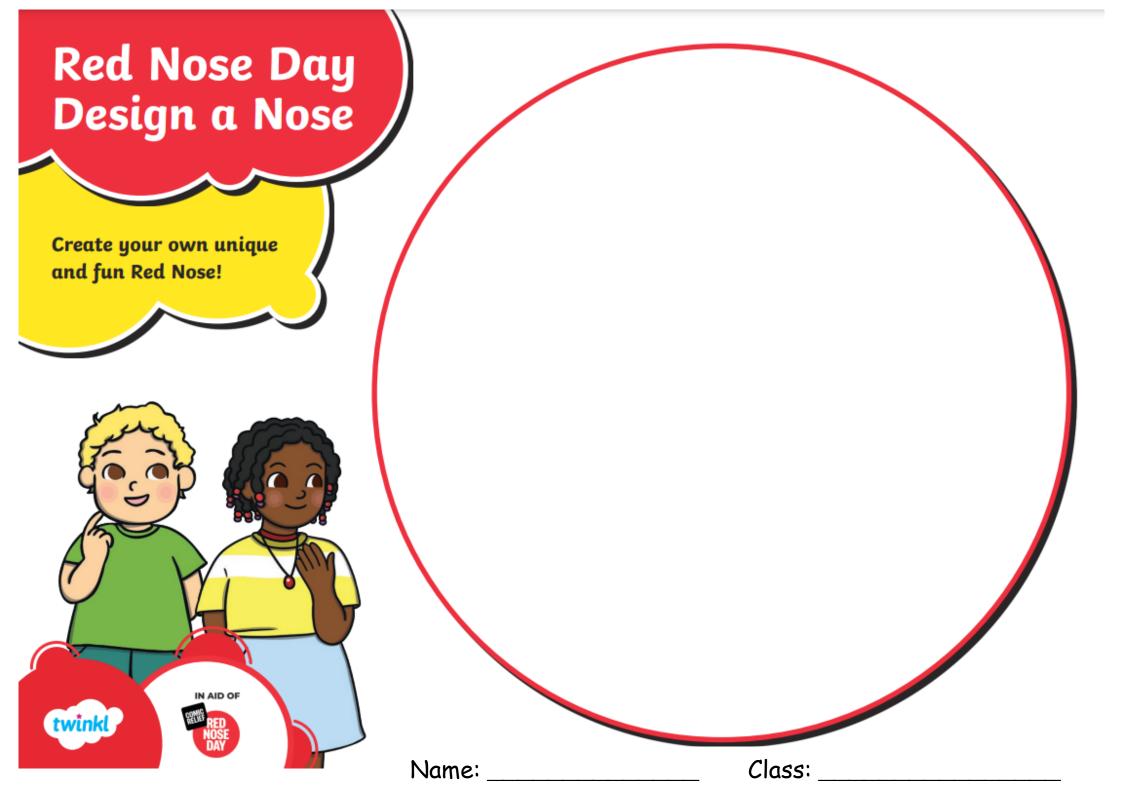






Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth





Southwark's EASTER OF FOOD AND FUN

Activity programme for children and young people

3 April to 6 April 2023

www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

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Contact our providers to sign up

North East Southwark

ALBION EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEME

- **Ages:** 4 to 11
- Albion Primary School, Albion Street, SE16 7JD
- 07903 868 242 020 7237 3738

BALLERS ACADEMY

- **9** Ages: 8 to 16
- Peter Hills Primary School (3G Pitch), 2 Beatson Walk, SE16 5ED
- 回 07400 543 210
- info@ballersacademy.co.uk www.ballersacademy.co.uk

BIZZIE BODIES

- Ages: 8 to 11
- The Dockland Settlements, 400 Salter Road, SE16 5AA
- 🛑 07445 237 296

infos@bizziebodies.co.uk www.bizziebodies.co.uk

THE BLUE YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

- Ages: 9 to 16
- 190-192 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3RP
- 🛑 07494 77 8556
- 🔨 jackie.bygrave@sypp.org.uk

MILLWALL COMMUNITY FOOD AND ACTIVITY CAMP

- Ages: 4 to 16
- St Pauls Sports Ground, Salter Road,
- SE16 5EF
- 07903 245 058
- tsells@millwallcommunity.org.uk www.millwallcommunity.org.uk

PARENT SKILLS2GO

- Ages: 4 to 11
- Lewington Community Centre, 9 Eugenia Road, SE16 2RU
- 07902 332 905 020 3536 9609
- admin@parentskills2go.com www.parentskills2go.com

PRO TOUCH SA

- Ages: 6 to 15
- Harris Academy Bermondsey, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ
- 07874 872 053
- tamia@protouchsa.co.uk holidays@protouchsa.co.uk

TIME & TALENTS

- Ages: 6 to 11
- The Old Mortuary, St Marychurch Street, SE16 4JE
- 020 7231 7845
- info@timeandtalents.org.uk www.timeandtalents.org.uk

ZENOCH COMMUNITY HUB

- Ages: 4 to 16
- Rotherhithe Community Centre, 30 Plough Way, SE16 2LJ
 - 07849 267 299
- zenochservices@gmail.com www.zenoch.co.uk

North West Southwark

COIN STREET CENTRE TRUST

- Ages: 8 to 13
- Colombo Centre, 34-68 Colombo Street, SE1 8DP

🔦 d.gibbs@coinstreet.org

FAST 58

Ages: 5 to 16

 Roundhouse Hall, Cardinal Bourne Street, SE1 4EJ

- 回 07973 311 684
- dwalsh1503@gmail.com www.fast58.org.uk

MERCATO METROPOLITANO

- Ages: 8 to 12
- 42 Newington Causeway, SE1 6DR
- 🛑 07542 783 364
- serena.b@mercatometropolitano.com www.mercatometropolitano.com

East Central Southwark

ANGELS BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

- Ages: 4 to 13 (Site 1), 8 to 13 (Site 2)
- Site 1: Pelican Plus Hall, Crane House, Grummant Road, Pelican Estate, SE15 5NF Site 2: Parish Church of St Luke's, Chandler Way, SE15 6DT
- 07957 472 504
- 🔹 angelsbreakfastafterschoolclub@gmail.com

ASTLEY & COOPER TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (TRA)

- **Ages: 8 to 16**
- ASCO TRA Community Centre, 375 Old Kent Road, Wessex House, SE1 5JQ
- 07780 383 563
- 🖌 secretaryascotra@gmail.com

CAC SURREY DOCKS

- **a** Ages: 4 to 16
- Christ Apostolic Church (CAC) Surrey Docks, 163 Ilderton Road, South Bermondsey, SE16 3LA
- 07582 332 243
- communitywelfare@cacsurreydocks.org www.cacsurreydocks.org/community-welfare

CAMELOT CHAMPS

- Ages: 6 to 11
- Q Camelot School, Bird in Bush Road, SE15 1QP
- 9 07931 616 456
- 🐐 iali@camelot.southwark.sch.uk

HOLLYDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Ages: 4 to 11
- Hollydale Primary School, Hollydale Road, SE15 2AR
- 020 7639 2562
- 🚯 head@hollydaleprimary.co.uk

LEGENDS LEARNING CENTRE

- Ages: 8 to 16
- Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, SE15 5DZ
- 07903 640 921 020 7046 9393
- info@legendslearningcentre.com www.legendslearningcentre.com

LEYTON SQUARE CHILDREN CENTRE

- **a** Ages: 4 to 11
- Leyton Square Children and Family Centre, Maismore Street, SE15 6TP
- 020 3848 5780
- childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk www.pprncfc.com

MILLWALL COMMUNITY FOOD AND ACTIVITY CAMP

- Ages: 4 to 16
- Bradfield Youth Club, 5-13 Commercial Way, SE15 6DQ
- 07903 245 058
- tsells@millwallcommunity.org.uk www.millwallcommunity.org.uk

PARENT SKILLS2GO

- Ages: 4 to 11
- The Green Community Centre, 5 Nunhead Green, SE15 3QQ
- 07902 332 905 020 3536 9609
- admin@parentskills2go.com www.parentskills2go.com

SKYWAY CHARITY

- Ages: 8 to 11
- Oliver Goldsmith Primary School, 83 Peckham Road, SE5 8UH
- 020 7729 6970
 - marlon@skyway.uk.com www.skyway.london

West Central Southwark

ACTIVITIES 4 U

- Ages: 8 to 16
- South Bank University, Trafalgar Street, SE17 2TP
- 回 020 7735 8181
- admin@activities4u.org.uk www.activities4u.org.uk

BURGESS SPORTS

- Ages: 5 to 12
- Michael Faraday Primary School, Portland Street, SE17 2HR
- 07384 336 925
 - info@burgesssports.org www.burgesssports.org

CAMBERWELL AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT

- **Ages:** 4 to 11
- 9 14 Badsworth Road, SE5 OJY
- 0207 7082 711
- 🐐 www.caspuk.org

JAEGAR HOLIDAY CLUB

- Ages: 4 to 11
- Lyndhurst Primary School Grove Lane, SE5 8SN
- 020 3576 0715
- info@jaegarhc.co.uk www.jaegarhc.co.uk

MILLWALL COMMUNITY FOOD AND ACTIVITY CAMP

- Ages: 5 to 16
- Bethwin Road Adventure Playground, Bethwin Road, SE5 OYF
- 07903 245 058
- tsells@millwallcommunity.org.uk www.millwallcommunity.org.uk

PARENT SKILLS2GO

- Ages: 8 to 16
- The Harry Caddick Community Centre, 63 Lilford Road, SE5 9HN
- 07902 332 905 020 3536 9609
- admin@parentskills2go.com www.parentskills2go.com

PRO TOUCH SA

- **Ages: 6 to 14**
- Burgess Park Community Sports Centre, Cobourg Road, London SE5 0JD
- 🛑 07874 872 053
- tamia@protouchsa.co.uk holidays@protouchsa.co.uk

SPRING COMMUNITY HUB

Ages: 4 to 16

 Site 1: St Giles Parish Hall, 161 Benhill Road, SE5 7LL Site 2: St Georges C of E Primary School, Coleman Road, SE5 7TF Site 3: St Paul's Church, Lorrimore Square, Lorrimore Road, SE17 3QU Site 4: Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Programme, UAL Foundation, Modular Building, 1 Wilson Road, SE5 8LU Site 5: Teens Programme, United Reform Church, Love Walk, SE5 8AE Site 6: The Clubroom, Samuel Lewis Trust Estate, Warner Road, SE5 9LY

07988 138 997 holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk www.cschub.co.uk

South Southwark

JAM EXTENDED SCHOOLS

- Ages: 4 to 11
- Herne Hill United Church, Red Post Hill, SE24 9PW
- 020 8761 4943
- jamtrainingeducation@gmail.com www.jamextendedschools.co.uk

KINGSWOOD ESTATE TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB)

- Ages: 4 to 16
- Ketra Community Hall, Telfer House, Seeley Drive, Kingswood Estate, SE21 8QW
- 07958 064 597
- ketracommunity@gmail.com www.kingswoodestatetra.org

MILLWALL COMMUNITY FOOD AND ACTIVITY CAMP

- **a** Ages: 5 to 16
- Dulwich Hamlet FC, Champion Hill, Edgar Kail Way, SE22 8BD
- 07903 245 058
- tsells@millwallcommunity.org.uk www.millwallcommunity.org.uk

SPRING COMMUNITY HUB

- Ages: 4 to 16
- Site 1: Amott Road Baptist Church,
 - 47 Amott Road, SE15 4HU Site 2: Dawson Heights Community Centre, Ladlands, Dawson Heights Estate, SE22 0PW
- 07988 138 997

holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk www.cschub.co.uk

UK LATIN COMMUNITY FOOD AND ACTIVITY CAMP

- **a** Ages: 5 to 12
- Denmark Hill Community Centre, Blanchedowne, SE5 8HL
- 07491 993 524 07852 167 580
- info@uklatincommunity.org www.uklatincommunity.org

See the listings to choose the best club for your child. Please book a place with your chosen provider as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.





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way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football."



EVERY TUESDAY (16:00 - 17:00) FREE TO ATTEND

LOCATION

MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDENS, 27 UNION ST, LONDON, SEI 1SD



NEXT STEPS

Head to www.lpessn.org.uk to complete our registration form or scan the QR code. You can also head to thefa.com/weetabixwildcats to book on to a session. For more info contact us via JOE@LPESSN.ORG.UK



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