

BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th September - Year 2 Pirate Dress Up day

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th October - Parents' Evenings and Art Exhibition

Friday 15th October - Individual school photos

Thursday 21st October - Early Years Celebration Day

Thursday 21st October - Last day of school for children

Friday 22nd October - Inset Day

Monday 1st November - Children return to school

News and Reminders

Morning Drop Off

We have made a really fantastic start to the school year in terms of punctuality, with the vast majority of children arriving at school on time, thank you! Lessons in all year groups start as soon as possible after the register is taken at 9am, so please ensure your child arrives at their classroom (Early years and KS1), or is ready to line up in their playground (KS2 children), by 8.55am.

In order to ensure that siblings in different year groups can all be on time for school, all of the gates are opened at staggered times. Children in KS2 should be dropped off first from 8.45 when their playground opens, followed by children in KS1, whose gate and classrooms open at 8.50, finally children in Reception and Nursery, whose gate and classrooms open at 8.55.

Changing for P.E.

Following feedback from parents we have reconsidered our recent decision to ask children to return to changing into P.E. kits at school for P.E. lessons and have decided to change our policy on this. We are aware that we do not have enough space in school to allow the older children enough privacy to change comfortably and are also conscious of how much time is spent on changing for P.E. rather than doing physical exercise.

Children should wear their P.E. kit to school on their P.E. day, but, as this will now be a permanent arrangement and we want to maintain our school uniform expectations, **P.E. kit should consist of plain navy (or black if you do not have navy) shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms with either the usual white polo shirt that your child would wear to school anyway or a school house T-shirt.** Children in Years 5 and 6 must have a spare polo shirt or school shirt in school to change into after P.E. if needed and children in other years can also do this if preferred. Children need to wear trainers or plimsolls to school on their P.E. day. Children who currently have P.E. kits in school will be asked to take them home today.

Labelling Belongings

We have already found a number of brand-new items of uniform which children have misplaced and which are un-named so cannot be returned. Despite regular reminders to do otherwise, children tend to leave their jumpers, cardigans and coats lying around when they take them off while playing. Named items can be returned quickly to their owners, so please, please ensure that all of your child's belongings are named. This can be done very quickly by simply writing on the label in biro in most cases, but please do check whether the names have faded after a few washes.

Sharing Children's Learning

For the first two days of term children across the school focused on practising various art skills and producing some pieces of art work for display around the school.

Children from Years 1-6 all produced one particular piece of work which will be framed and put on display for our art exhibition which will take place on 12th and 13th October. You will have the opportunity to buy the framed originals and copies at the exhibition, so please come along!

Here are some pictures of children practising their art skills, and a few finished pieces of work.





F@B Update

Hello from F@B!

Friends At Bessemer (F@B) is your Parent Teacher Association. We're a group of volunteers with children at the school, and our aim is to organise events to bring Bessemer families together. We also raise money for the school through some of our activities.

Although last year we had to organise socially distanced and lockdown friendly events, we hope that this year we'll be able to do much more in person and have even more fun! Please look out for our regular updates in the School Newsletter, and don't forget to follow us on Classlist (<https://classlist.com>), Instagram (@friendsatbessemer) and Twitter (@Bessemer_FAB).

We are always very keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. F@B is for each and every one of you, and we want to make sure it reflects the wealth of diversity at Bessemer. Whether you have a fully formed idea for an event you'd like to organise with your friends, or you would just like to find out how to get involved, please do contact us at fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk.

Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow					
Sunshine					
Moonbeam					
1AM	Grace	Sarah	Wolfie	Vidak	
1EB	Matilda	Juno	Ahmed	Temi	Finn
1NS	Joel	Otis	Phoenix	Aliyah	
2JW	Aubrey	Esme	Runaah	Uriel	
2LT	Penelope	Theo	Nadia	George	
2OS	Holly	Matthew	Aoife	Camila	
3LM	Ozgur	Azairah	Micheal	Akila	
3CB	Sami	Fox	Sophie	Owen W	
3LS	Myriam	Rehana	Bill	Molly	
3JK		Emily	Edward	Isabel	
4SB	Otis	Allegra	Hasti	Tosita	
4KL	Jake	Lottie	Rose	Iona	
4HB	Amber	Emma	Raequan	Herbie	Marley
4AS				Silas	
5RS	Elizabeth	Aaron	Abdul	Patsy	
5AC	Riley	Alice	Leo B	Yasmin	
5LW	Nyeem	Jess	Osman	Victoria	
6MS	Arnold	Ryo	Darcey	Timothy	
6YH	Rosie	Jacob	Aisha	Maksim	
6SB	Nathan	Andy	Dom	Jack	
6LC		Sofia	Matilda	Ashlei	

Timetable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rockstars		Esme	Ruby N	Genevieve	Victoria Simba	Florence

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2JW, 4SB and 6MS

This week's house winners: Rubies & Diamonds

Have a great Weekend!

Elizabeth