

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

- 14.11.22 - Year 3 Stone Age Village trip
- 25.11.22 - Year 2 Pirate Day trip
- 30.11.22 - Year 5 A Christmas Carol workshop
- 10.12.22 - Winter Fair
- 12.12.22 - KS1 Carols, 3pm - change of date**
- 13.12.22 - Reception Nativity, 1.30pm
- 13.12.22 - Years 3 and 4 Carols at St Faith's
- 14.12.22 - Christmas lunch
- 14.12.22 - Nursery Carols, 2pm
- 14.12.22 - Years 5 and 6 Carols at St Faith's

## **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 21 <sup>st</sup> October		Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	6CB
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	1AM	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	3LM
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	3SB	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	4FM
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	5RS	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	2LS
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	3CB	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	6AC
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	5JB	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	2FW
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1NS	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	4KL
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	5LW	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	2OF
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	1FP	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	6MS
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	4YH

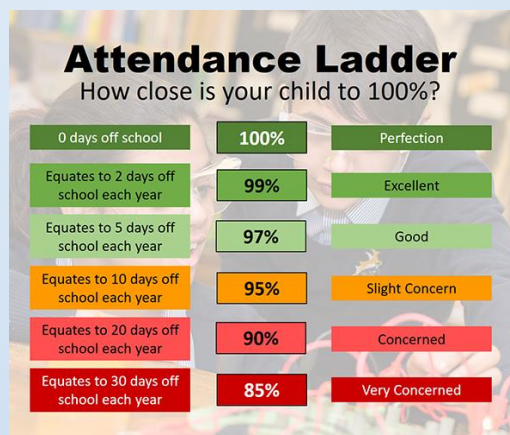
## News and Reminders

### Spanish Translation

Huge thanks to one of our Spanish speaking parents, Yandire, who has offered to translate key information from the newsletter each week - the partially translated version is attached alongside this newsletter.

### Attendance

We have been looking at attendance this week and will be sending out letters to all parents and carers of children with attendance below 90%, which is classed as persistent absence. If your child's attendance is below 90% now and they also had persistent absence last year then you will be asked to come for a meeting. If your child's attendance is below 90% this year but was above 90% last year you will receive a letter informing you that we are monitoring your child's attendance and will invite you for a meeting if it has not improved by next term. If your child's attendance is between 90% and 95% we will continue to monitor it closely and you may receive a letter in the future if it remains below target. We do understand that sometimes there are unavoidable reasons for absence and this is considered throughout this process.



### Library visits

As you will know if your child has already enjoyed their visit, all classes will be making a half termly trip to our local library. They will enjoy some time looking at books in the library and will be able to borrow books to take away with them. As this is a local area trip you do not need to give permission for your child to go, these dates are for your information only.

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11.20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	1NS	2FW	5JB
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sunshine	2OF	5LW
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1AM	2LS	5RS
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1FP	6AC	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Rainbow	6MS	4KL
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3LM	6CB	4FM
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3CB	3SB	4YH

## Vision and Values - Sharing Children's Learning

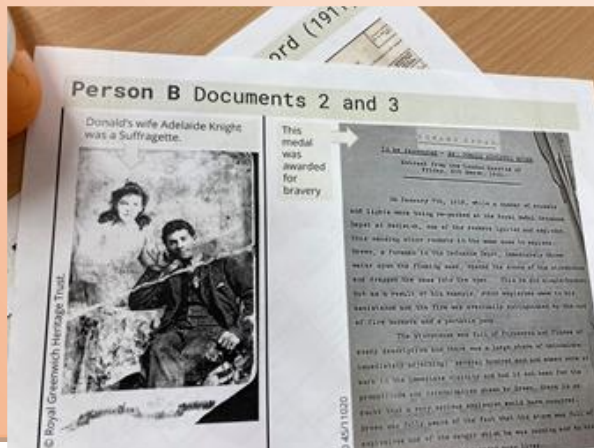
This week our values focus has been on *Respectful*.

***We are respectful of each other's ideas, beliefs, backgrounds and practices.***

*We are considerate of the cultural identity and norms of the students and families we serve. Diversity, equality and inclusion are of great importance to us. We strive to support and educate children and adults to be sensitive to and respectful of diversity and put this into action through a socially aware curriculum and inclusive activities.*

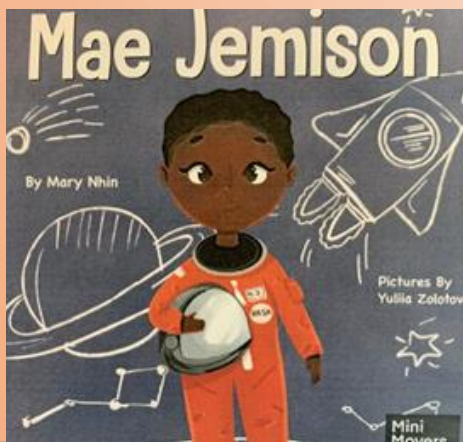
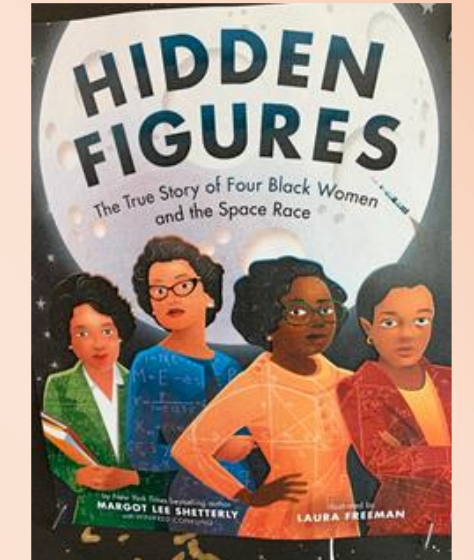
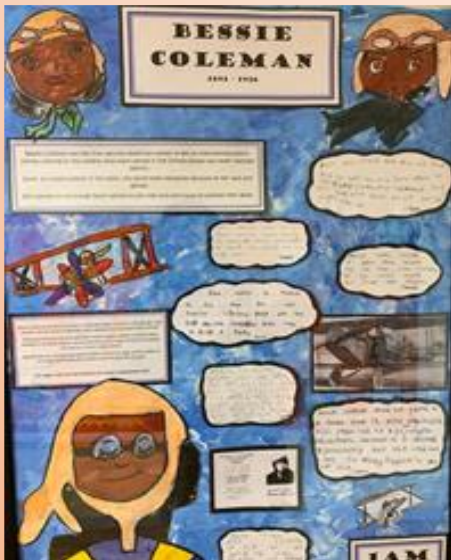
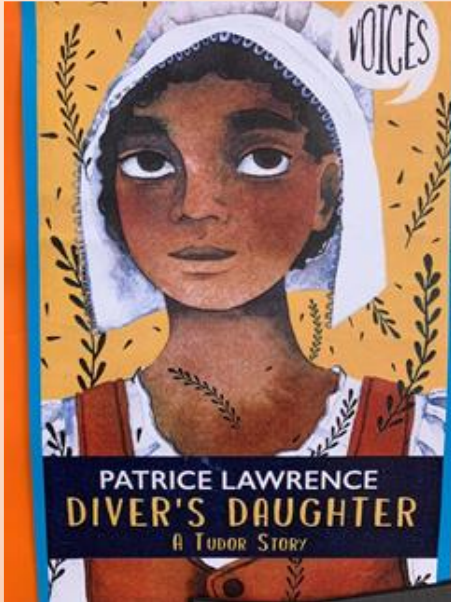
We work hard to ensure that our curriculum celebrates the diversity of our families and that all of our children feel represented in our curriculum and resources.

Over the last two weeks children in Year 5 have enjoyed a *Black Victorians* workshop as part of their *Victorians* topic.



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While the *Black Victorians* workshop took place as a celebration of Black History Month, we have embedded Black History throughout our curriculum to ensure that our topic teaching feels relevant to all our children. Across the school we ensure that children study non-European history, for example The Kingdom of Benin, learn about black figures in history, for example black Victorians, black Tudors and black scientists, artists and explorers through the ages.



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This year we are continuing our investment in diverse books, with support from F@B, to ensure that our children can recognize themselves and their families in the books that they read and know that we respect everyone, regardless of our differences and that difference is something to celebrate.

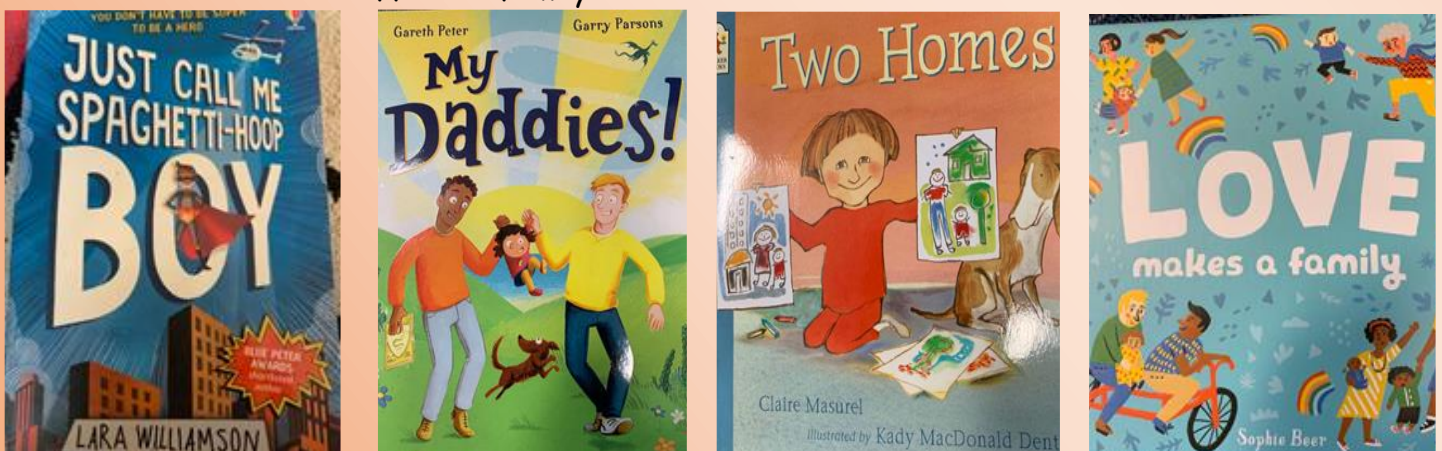
Children have access to books with characters from different cultural backgrounds:



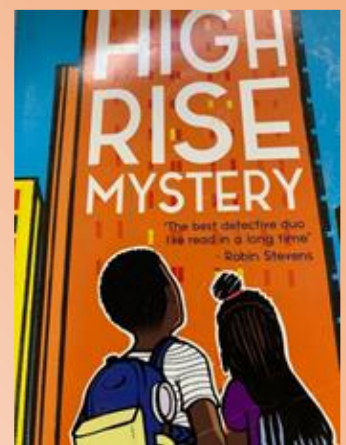
Books with strong female characters:



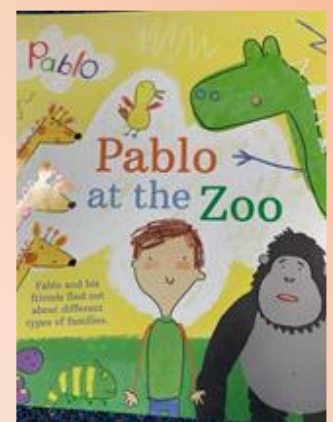
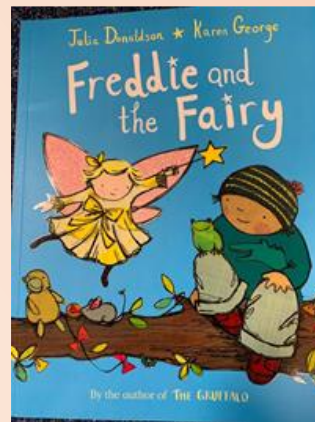
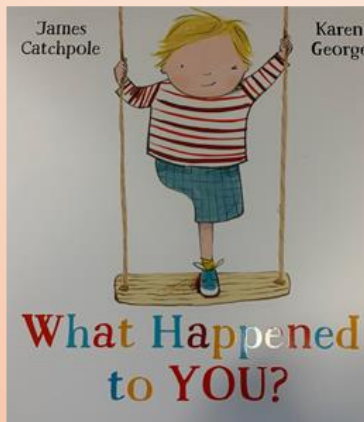
Books which celebrate different family structures:



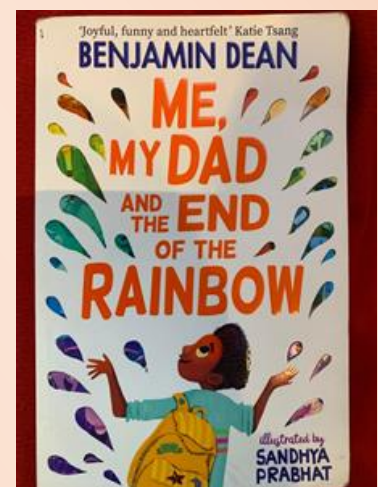
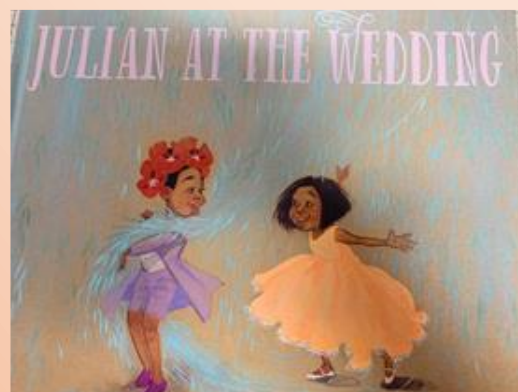
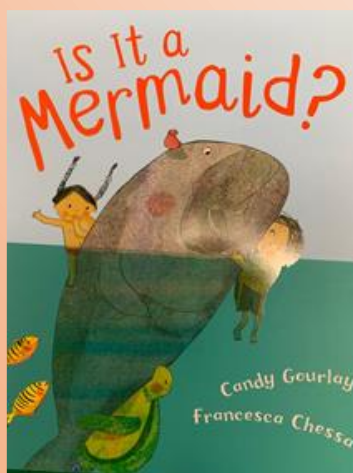
Books with black characters and by black writers:



Books with characters with physical differences and with neuro-diverse characters:



Books about finding and celebrating your own identity:



We are so grateful to F@B for their fund raising and to everyone who has contributed to this for enabling us to continue our investment in diverse books. Reading is so incredibly important and we want to make it accessible, relevant and enjoyable for everyone.

## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **Aware** as *Self-Aware and Supportive* is the value we will be focusing on next week. 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

### Winter Fair volunteers

Can you lend a hand at our Winter Fair? It's taking place 12-3pm on Saturday 10 December and will be a really fun event for all the family with delicious food, bouncy castle, stalls and lots more besides. We rely on parent volunteers to make the event a success.

If you're able to help please contact Lucy on 07949 439360 letting her what times you are available. Shift 1 is 12-1.30 and Shift 2 is 1.30-3pm, plus we always need help setting up from 9am and tidying up afterwards. Thank you!

### Uniform stall

We're having a uniform stall after school in two weeks: Friday 25 November. Please come along if you've got uniform to donate or if you need a few more spares.

We'll also be recycling Christmas jumpers! Please do support the stall if you can - it's great recycling and we raise some money for Bessemer too.

## E-Safety Tip of the Week

All social media platforms have age restrictions attached to them for the children's safety. You can see below the rules for each platform.

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### APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+	16+
Facebook	Snapchat
Instagram	WhatsApp
Twitter	Sarahah
TikTok	Kik
YouNow	YOLO
Yubo	MeetMe
House Party	LiveMe
Monkey	

# Celebrations!

## Certificates

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow					
Sunshine					
1AM	Johnny	Athena	Ava	Abdulai	Dougie
1FP	Ava	Harris	Maceo	Simon	
1NS	Elliot	Maya	Sebastian	Ellie	
2FW	Marco	Kebreab	Mattias	Otis	
2LS	Rafa	Hari	Vidak	Valentina	Sarah
2OF	Ben	Agibu	Maia	Ezra	
3LM	Holly	Abass	Amelia	Samuel C-G	
3CB	Holly	Nicolas	Benita	George	
3SB	Aubrey	Leo	Runaah	Safa	
3AK		Isobel	Francesca	Abemelek	
4KL	Kelvin	Sami	Bailey	AJ	
4YH	Finnbar	Azariah	Valentina	Bryan	
4FM	Ruby	Jonathan	Faiza	Molly	
5RS	Jeanne	Heidi	Brogan	Toren	
5JB	Amani	Naomi-Rose	Phoebe	Iona	Zac
6MS	Leo	Dora	Yasmin	Lily	
6CB	Freida	Charlotte	Fergus	Rose	
6AC	Bobbi	Max	Joy	Lola	

## Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Haddy	Makai	Abass	Andrea	Zahid	Kayla

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2LS, 3SB and 5RS**

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

Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*