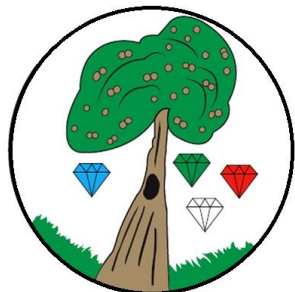


Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

- 19.10.22 - Reception reading and phonics workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
- 19.10.22 - Nursery Communication and Language workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
- 19.10.22 - Early Years Celebration Day, 10am (after workshops)
- 21.10.22 - Deadline for children's Christmas card designs - please see the email sent last Friday**
- 24.10.22 - 28.10.22 - Half term break
- 31.10.22 - Inset day, school closed for children
- 1.11.22 - Children return to school
- 8.11.22 - Year 1 Celebration Day, 9.15am
- 10.11.22 - Year 1 Celebration Day, 9.15am (parents and carers do not need to attend both celebration days, we are running two so they don't get too crowded!)
- 10.12.22 - Winter Fair

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

News and Reminders

Half Term Food Vouchers

Southwark are continuing to provide food vouchers for those families who meet the pupil premium criteria this half term. Vouchers will be sent out by email as usual.

Mental Health Week

As you know, following World Mental Health Day on Monday, we have been thinking about looking after our mental health this week. If you would like any support in this area, for your children or yourself, please have a look at the resources below.

For help supporting your child/ren

The Nest in Southwark

The Nest in Peckham offers drop-ins or booked sessions on Wednesdays between 9.30 and 12.30 for parents/carers of young people aged 0-25. You will be offered a slot with a trained counsellor to gain advice or help with signposting.

Phone: 0208 138 1805

Website: www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk

Parenting Smart by Place2Be

Online parenting advice from mental health professionals, with practical tips to support your child with their mental health and wellbeing.

Website: www.parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk

For parents'/carers' own mental health

Southwark Talking therapies

If you have a Southwark GP then you can access support through Southwark Talking Therapies. You can self-refer on the website and they will then get in touch to assess what support would be the most appropriate for you. They offer online and face to face sessions and it is free to access.

Web: www.talkingtherapiessouthwark.nhs.uk

Phone: 020 3228 2194

Qwell by Kooth

Free online mental health support without waiting lists, commissioned by the NHS. Download the app and sign up for one-to-one regular or drop in sessions with an accredited therapist

Web: www.qwell.io

Internet Safety

Please have a look at the following links to ensure that you are doing everything you can to keep your children safe while they are using the internet:

- www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- www.saferinternet.org.uk
- www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/

The following link is for a game you could look at with your children that addresses ways that children can keep themselves safe whilst gaming - www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Theatre Opportunity

We've been given a promotional code for 10% off tickets for a live orchestral performance of the hugely popular children's book 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' on the afternoon of Saturday 5th November at Regent Hall, Oxford Street.

Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/were-going-on-a-bear-hunt-the-film-live-in-concert-tickets-378202583107> and the code is **SOUTHWARKBEARHUNT** for a 10% discount.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **Progressive**. 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

We're getting plans in place for a school Winter Fair on Saturday 10th December. Please get in touch if you'd like to help or have ideas: fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

We're also hard at work organising a school winter raffle and need lots of great prizes...

Can you or your workplace donate something? Last year, we had our best prize list ever and we're hoping that the next one will be just as good!

Previous prizes have included:

👑 new, gift-boxed jewellery

🍷 beer, wine and whisky

🍫 boxes of chocolates

🎨 works of art

🌿 gardening services

🧸 toys

📷 family photoshoot

🎫 tickets for a family day out

...and much more.

If you can donate something similar (or know somebody who can) please contact Emily on 07960 415 004 Thanks.

Vision and Values

For the last two weeks we have been focusing on our value *Connected to the Community*. We have thought about ways that we are supported by our community and ways in which we can offer support to our community. Here are some ways we are supported by our community:



Parent volunteers help us with reading. Duncan from Southwark Music services teaches us music.



Students from local secondary schools, JAGS, Alley'n's and Dulwich College volunteer to support our reading and help at after school clubs.



JAGS invited some of our children to attend a talk at their school by author Adam Kaye this week.

Vision and Values

Here are some ways we have found to support our community:



We wore yellow for Mental Health Week and donated money towards providing mental health support in our community. We raised over £300!

We have been collecting food to donate to a food bank to support people in our community.



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Miss Todd's class have been reading the story of *Finn MacCool*. They then used the PuppetPal app to retell the story. They choose the characters and backdrops themselves and used them to retell the story.



As part of their topic on Ancient Greece children in Year 6 used clay and tools to make their own pots.



Children across the school took part in wellbeing activities for Mental Health Week:



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	August	Albie	Athena	Ferhot	
1FP	Margot	Ellie	Louis	Harris	Adam
1NS	Temu	Theo	Jules	Ruby	
2FW	Max	Phoenix M-S	Wifred	Mohammed	
2LS	Mikey	Sophie	Rafa	Agnes	Alessandro
2OF	Maia	Donatas	Brandon	Koji	
3LM	Lacey	Salima	Olha	Holly	Abass
3CB	Sophie	Mariatu	Jadon	Adeola	
3SB	Fran	Remy	Suraya	Aishah	
3AK		Amelia	Cavalli	Nadia	
4KL	Ruby	Owen	Florence	Fox	Violet
4YH	Kitty	Finnbarr	Michael	Emily	
4FM	Ezekiel	Lenny	George	Lucy	
5RS	Hasiba	Zahid	Hasti	Eddie	
5JB	Freya	Lenny	Keran	Phoebe	
5LW	Christabel	Ramatulai	Hassan	Tofunmi	Cyra
6MS	Lily Dayo	Simba Dora	Alice Kobi	Nife Tomai	Jago
6CB	Jessica	Jacob	Charlotte	Serene	
6AC	Aaron	Patsy	Remi	Alameen	

Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Felix	Lucie	Isla	Christabel	Phoebe

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

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

Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth