

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th July 2023

- 15.07.23 – Summer fair
- 17.07.23 – Last swimming session for Year 2
- 18.07.23 - 21.07.23 – Year 3 swimming lessons
- 17.07.23 - 21.07.23 – Year 6 swimming lessons
- 18.07.23 – Year 6 performance
- 18.07.23 – Rainbow class trip to Crystal Palace farm and park
- 19.07.23 – Sunshine Class trip to Crystal Palace farm and park
- 19.07.23 – Year 6 graduation and disco
- 21.07.23 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	11:00 – 11:40
Thurs 13 th July	6AC	6MS
Fri 14 th July	4YH	6CB
Thurs 20 th July	1AM	

Next Year's Term Dates

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023								
Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su		Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su		Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su		Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

News and Reminders

Staff Leaving

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to some of our amazing Bessemer staff at the end of this term. Two members of staff are leaving us to move abroad, we wish Alex Kershaw and Harry Burn all the best for their new adventures!

We also say goodbye to Vicki Gale, Fai Bartlett and Charlotte Willoughby-Parsons who are all moving on after several years at Bessemer and we wish them the best of luck in their new roles.

We are very grateful for everything that they have contributed to Bessemer over their time with us and will miss them very much!

Reports

Children's end of year reports, which will include details of their class for next year, will be sent home with the children on Tuesday. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their class teacher please contact the school office for an appointment or to arrange a phone call.

Activity Clubs

The majority of our after-school activity clubs have now finished, only the clubs listed below will be running next week:

Club	Date of last session
Art	17.7.23
Netball	17.7.23
Book	17.7.23
Debating	17.7.23
Illustration	19.7.23

Yoga Sessions

When we send out the lists for after school activity lists in September, as well as a new yoga club for children, there will be a yoga session for parents, running from 4.45-5.45 on Thursdays - please look out for it and book your place! These yoga sessions are being run by a Bessemer parent who is very kindly doing so in order to raise money for Bessemer, the money raised will be used to provide resources for the school. We are very grateful for this, it is yet another way in which our fantastic Bessemer community supports us – thank you!

Summer Reading Challenge

Please use the link below to find out about Southwark Libraries' summer reading challenge:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/56355/62183/summer-reading-challenge-2023?c=56>

Summer of Food and Fun

Please use the link below to find out more about Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun. This is free programme for children who are entitled to free school meals and provides a range of fun activities as well as daily lunches free of charge.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/health-advice-and-support/healthy-eating?chapter=8>

Summer Camps

Please see the flyers at the end of the newsletter for a range of summer holiday childcare and activity provision.

Sports Days

Children from Reception to Year 6 had a great time at their sports days this week. Thank you to all of the families and friends who came along to support the children, help out and take part!



Sharing Children's Learning

Year Six have an extremely busy week this week, but have still managed to pull off a very successful bake sale to end their Enterprise project. All the groups of children worked really well together in generating their product ideas, conducting research, calculating costs and profits, buying ingredients and finally, cooking all their great snacks to sell to you!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped and supported them along the way and who came to the sale to support them!



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in 3SB had their visit to Pizza Express this week. They made their own pizzas as part of their *Food and Nutrition* topic.



House Winners' Trip

Children in Sapphires house had a great time at the adventure playground this week, celebrating being this term's house winners!



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for the week after half term is **nostalgic**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. Try adding a different suffix to make a new word, e.g. **nostalgia**. You could also research the origins of the word and see if you can think of any related words with the same origin.

Try to use the word of the week as much as possible so that it becomes 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

It's an exciting and busy end to the school term with F@B getting involved in lots of ways!

We had a lovely picnic event for new starters in reception on Thursday and will be selling ice creams on Friday after carnival.

Our Summer Fair takes place 12.00-15.00 on Saturday 15 July and will include lots of delicious food and drink plus activities and entertainment!

We have Capoeira performances at 12.30, the UK African Acrobats at 13.00 and Latin American dancers at 13.30 and 14.00.

There's still time to get your raffle tickets too: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-summer-raffle-2023>

Just 50p a ticket and lots of fantastic prizes to be won (details are shared on our raffle posters at the school gates)!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

What are algorithms? How do they create 'echo chambers'? How can you prevent echo chambers and keep children safe online?

Internet Matters have an interesting article about this topic if you follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-are-algorithms-how-to-prevent-echo-chambers/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Djene	Riaz	Teddy		Laura
Sunshine	Leila	Kei	Amber		
1AM	Ava	Yaseerah	Georgie	Amina	
1EB	Harris	Rebecca	Ava	Simon	Olivia
1NS	Sebastian	Ellie-Mae	Theo	Imaan	
2FW	Kebreab	Phoenix M	Shackleton	Otis	
2LS	Felix	Aidan	Sophie	Sarah	
2OF	Jake	Agnes	Alex	Juno	Rene
3LM	Camila	Callum	Holly	Kyanna	
3CB	William	Theo	Holly	Adeola	
3SB	Aubrey	Amelia	Maths	Rose	
4KL	Milo	Fox	Polly	Hameed	
4YH	Kitty	Francesco	Fayo	Bryan	
4FM	Lenny	Max E	Ruby	Khadijah	
5JB	Olivia	Lottie	Amani	Olesia	
5RS	Jeanne	Jake	Rufus	Khadijah	
5LW	Freddie	Omar	Othniel	Christabel	
6MS	Kiran	Nife	Simba	Alice	
6CB	Georgia	Fergus	Zenji	Serene	
6AC	Lola Joy Alameen Raheemah				

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Gwen	Valentina	Abemelek	Emily D	Ainoa	Kiran

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2OF	4YH	5RS



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth