

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th July - Year 6 Performance, 6pm

Wednesday 20th July - Year 6 Disco, 6pm

Wednesday 20th July - Sapphires House Winners' Trip, pm - KS1

Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Graduation, 2pm

Thursday 21st July - Class Parties, pm

Thursday 21st July - Sapphires House Winners' Trip, am - KS2

Friday 22nd July - End of Term, 2pm finish

News and Reminders

End of Term Reports

End of term reports will be sent home with your child on Monday. The envelope you receive will contain their report from their class teacher, an attendance report and information about your child's new teacher for next year. If you have concerns about your child's report please make an appointment to see their teacher via the office.

Transitions

On Monday all of the children will visit their new classroom and new teacher for a short introductory session.

Goodbyes

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to some members of staff at the end of this term. After four years at Bessemer and twelve at the Gem Federation, Jamie Noble is leaving us to move to Whitstable, where he is taking up a Head of School position. We are very sad to be losing him and will miss him lots, but we wish him the very best with his move and his new job and send him on his way with enormous thanks for all he has done for Bessemer and Keyworth.

Kristin Hoogland is also leaving us, after seven years at The Gem Federation she is moving to a new, non-school based role in Inclusion, we are so sorry to lose her, but are very grateful for all she has done for the Inclusion departments and children across the federation and wish her good luck in her new role.

After three and a half years at Bessemer and seven across the federation, we are saying a reluctant goodbye to Amanda Matheson, who is leaving us to become an Assistant Head. We are so thankful to Amanda for all she has done for Bessemer and Keyworth children who will miss her so much.

We are also sorry to be saying goodbye to Juliet Kirk after four and a half years at Bessemer. Juliet has working across nearly all the year groups in the school during her time at Bessemer, and we thank her for everything she has done and wish her the best of luck for the future.

New Staff

We are excited to be welcoming some new staff to our Bessemer team.

Jaime Long, who is Deputy Head at Keyworth, will be joining us for half the week as she becomes Deputy Head across the federation.

Alex Kershaw is joining us as an Assistant Head at Bessemer, leading Years 3 and 4 and teaching in Year 3.

We are also welcoming Fiona McDonald who will be teaching Year 4 and Felicity Peddle who will be teaching Year 1 until Emily Bull returns from maternity leave.

We are also very happy to say that Amy McGuigan is now a qualified teacher and will be teaching Year 1 next year.

We will also be welcoming some new support staff, we will let you know more as soon as these appointments are confirmed.

Parenting Support

Please see the attached fliers for information about parenting support and research groups.

Year 6 Holiday Programmes

Please see below information about free places on 2 summer programmes for Year 6 children that still have places available:

Little Fish Learning for Life Summer Programme 2022

The Little Fish team works with Year 6 students in developing their personal, social and health education to support their successful transition to mainstream secondary school. Using music, dance, drama, video and art, we explore a range of issues relevant to learning new skills, dealing with risks, making friends and coping with change.

When: 8th -19th August 2022 10 am-4 pm (Monday to Friday)

Where: Rye Oak Primary School, Whorlton Road SE15 3PD.

Click [HERE](#) to book a FREE place for your child.

Bubble Theatre's Playing Safe

Bubble is running a week-long summer holiday drama project for 11 year olds living on or around the Brandon Estate or who attend the Primary Schools in that area (St Joseph's, Keyworth, John Ruskin, St Paul's, Comber Grove).

Monday 15th - Friday 19th August
1-4pm

Brandon Youth Centre (above the library)

Maddocks Way, SE17 3NH

Lunch provided

Year 6 leavers are invited to join London Bubble Theatre for a week of fun drama activity.

Come along to express yourself and make a play to perform at the end of the week.

To book a place please email emily@londonbubble.org.uk

Word of the Week

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

Sports Days

We have had the most fantastic three days enjoying our sports days this week. A huge thank you for this goes firstly to Jess White and Christian Booth who worked tirelessly on arrangements and organized the events so brilliantly. Secondly, thanks to the children who were great sports and all joined in and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Finally, a big thank you to all of the parents and carers who helped out, came along to support the children and who gave us such lovely feedback afterwards. It was great to be able to have everyone with us and to hear how much you had all enjoyed it. Thank you everyone!



Parent News

A group of Dads (mainly from Yrs 2 / 3) organised the first ever cricket match for the Bessemer Dads' CC. We played a friendly against local rivals Dulwich Hamlet Dads, at Bel Air House and won by 7 wickets.

It was an entertaining match with children supporting the team and cake laid on. Dulwich Hamlet's team haven't lost in 4 years so this bodes well for the new team which is skippered by Neil Biswas. Any Dads interested in playing do let Neil know, follow up fixtures are being organised...



If you have any parent news you would like us to share in the newsletter please send it to the office with the subject 'for the newsletter'.

F@B Update

We held our AGM last week and we have elected two new co-chairs for the next school year - Alan Foster and Rhiannon Reid. Thank you both for volunteering!

We've also had new volunteers for raffles and joining our F@B team. Thank you all and to those fantastic volunteers - too many to name - who have found the time and energy to help out this year as we have transitioned back to real life events. It's been such a lovely team effort to connect the school community.

Please do consider joining the F@B team - we especially need help with events, snack stalls, chickens and the nature garden. Please text Nicola to find out more: 07967 044379

Finally we are very proud to announce that this year we've been able to raise about £17,500 for the school.

Hurray! And happy holidays!

Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week	
Rainbow	Harrison	Sarai	Simon			
Sunshine	Sebastian	Keyan	Amina			
Moonbeam	Athena	Yaseerah	Adam			
1AM	Leo	Rafa	Lina	Vidak		
1EB	Donatas	Nikolas	Koji	Talya		
1NS	Mohammed	Idris	Charlotte	Jacob		
2JW	Fran					
2LT	Riccardo	Theo	Lucie	Nadia		
2OF	Elena	Ethan	Callum	Olivia		
3LM	Luka	Hannah	Edward	Emily		
3CB	Polly	Emily	Brayden	All of 3CB		
3LS	Paul	Myriam	Johanna	Ezekiel		
4SB	Othniel	Kiera	Allegra	Hasti		
4KL	Christabel	Brogan	Hassan	Iona		
4HB	Herbie	Yusuf	Keran	Polly		
4JB		Dexter	Eddie	Tom C		
5RS	All of 5RS	Tillie	Bobbie Rae	Thomas P		
5AC	Riley	Husna	Simba	Tosita		
5LW	Alice	Thomas	Charlotte	Alexia		
6MS	Tasnim	Phoebe	Kyrane	Chako		
6YH	Elvis	Maksim	Ralph	Iris		
6SB	Ralph	Leah	Luke	Shiza		
Timetable Rockstars	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Alex	George	Myriam	Khadijah	David	Abdulahi

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 1EB, 4HB and 6YH

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Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth