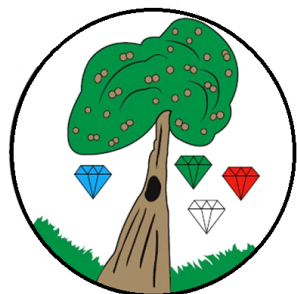


Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th June 2023

- 21.06.23 – Fire fighters visit Nursery
- 22.06.23 – National Windrush Day (75th anniversary)
- 22.06.23 – Year 4 to author talk at Alleyn's
- 23.06.23 – Year 2 athletics competition at Burgess Park
- 29.06.23 – Nursery trip to The Horniman Museum
- 29.06.23 – 5LW Junior Roadwatch Scheme session
- 04.07.23 – Year 6 to author talk at Alleyn's
- 05.07.23 – 3SB pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 06.07.23 – Year 6 violin performances (see Year 6 half termly newsletter for each class' time)
- 07.07.23 – Early Years and KS1 sports day
- 10.07.23 – KS2 sports day
- 11.07.23 – house winners' trip
- 12.07.23 – house winners' trip
- 14.07.23 – Carnival
- 15.07.23 – Summer fair
- 18.07.23 – Year 6 performance
- 19.07.23 – Year 6 graduation and disco
- 21.07.23 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Class Assembly Dates

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|------------------------------|-----|---|-----|
| Friday 30 th June | 6MS | Friday 7 th July NEW DATE | 4YH |
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Library Visits

| | 10:00- 10:40 | 11:00 – 11:40 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thurs 8 th June | 1AM | 1NS |
| Fri 9 th June | Ladybird | 4FM |
| Thurs 15 th June | 2FW | 2OF |
| Fri 16 th June | Sunshine | 2LS |
| Thurs 22 nd June | Little Stars | 5LW |
| Fri 23 rd June | Rainbow | 5JB |
| Thurs 29 th June | 3LM | 4KL |
| Fri 30 th June | 3CB | 3SB |
| Thurs 6 th July | 1FP | 5RS |
| Fri 7 th July | Butterfly | Lauren Todd's English group |
| Thurs 13 th July | 6AC | 6MS |
| Fri 14 th July | 4YH | 6CB |
| Thurs 20 th July | 1AM | |

News and Reminders

Sports Days

Our sports days this year are on Friday 7th July (Early Years and Key Stage One) and Monday 10th July (Key Stage Two). Sports days will be taking place on the field with families invited to watch and to join their children for a picnic lunch. The approximate timings of the days are as follows:

| | Friday 7 th (EYs and KS1) | Monday 10 th (KS2) |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Morning session (heats of all children's races) | 9.30 – 12.00 | 9.30-12.30 |
| Lunch | 12.00-1.30 | 12.30-1.30 |
| Afternoon session (finals of children's races, parents/carer race, teachers' race) | 1.30-2.30 | 1.30-2.30 |
| Debrief and ice lollies | 2.30 | 2.30 |

Families will be able to access the field via the school office from 9.15am. Please do try to stay for lunch and bring a picnic to share with your child. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch on sports day you will be asked to order this on Parentmail closer to the time.

National Windrush Day

Next week, June 22nd will mark the 75th Anniversary of The Empire Windrush docking in Tilbury in 1948. We will be learning more about this throughout the week, using both historical sources and interviews to explore first hand experiences of those who came to Britain during that time and explore the amazing contributions made by those who have migrated. Children will learn about the challenges faced by those came to the UK to help rebuild the country after the Second World War. KS1 children will explore the history of Windrush through the text 'Windrush Child' by John Agard. On Monday KS2 children will attend a live online talk by Baroness Floella Benjamin about her experiences of what it was like to come to Britain during that time.

School Trips

As you know, at Bessemer we enrich our creative and practical curriculum with trips, visits and workshops throughout the year. Whenever possible we find trips and other opportunities that we can offer free of charge and we try very hard to keep the cost of other experiences as low as we can, often with help from F@B who kindly subsidise some of the more expensive trips. However, our limited budget means that we still need parents and carers to make contributions to cover their child's place in order for trips and other experiences to take place. For this reason, and to make managing payments easier for our admin staff, we really need everyone who is able to set up a Parentmail account to make these payments. Of course, we would never allow a child to miss an experience because their family were unable to fund it, but we do ask that if you are unable to meet the cost of a trip that you let the office staff know in confidence, so that we can decide whether or not the trip can go ahead based on the donations received.

Medication

Please remember that children should not have any medication with them in school. All medication, including hay fever tablets, must be taken to the school office and a medication form completed before it can be given.

Resources Wanted!

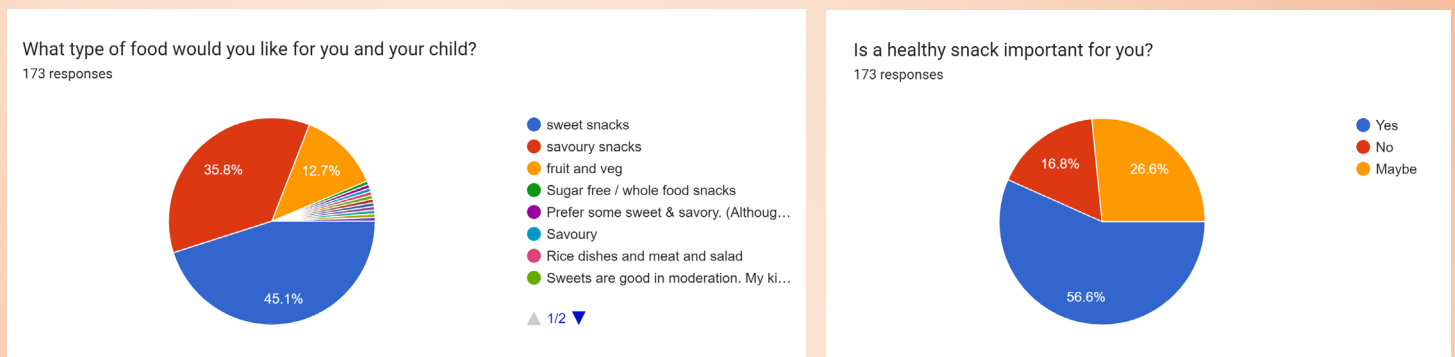
Thank you for all of the donations we have received so far, they have been distributed to classes and are much appreciated! We are still requesting any donations of good quality, sturdy toys for our Early Years and Year 1 provision and our After-School Club as well as any junk modeling materials such as large cardboard boxes or other interesting items.

Sharing Children's Learning

Year 6 have begun work on their Enterprise project - using a £5 budget to make a product to sell to the school community in a few weeks' time (the date will be shared in the newsletter soon!). The children are highly motivated as they know that any profits they make will go towards their end of year party!

They want to thank all the wonderful parents and carers who took the time to complete their survey last week, which has been really helpful in guiding what they have chosen to make. The children have been hard at work using lots of their maths skills: calculating how much of their ingredients they can afford, using their understanding of ratios to scale the recipe and interpreting graphs. They are also getting to work on their IT skills: making PowerPoint presentations, researching recipes and prices on the Internet, creating spreadsheets and surveys using Google Forms. In the coming weeks we will be visiting Sainsburys to buy ingredients and make their products.

Here are some examples of the children's work:



Watch this space for further updates about the upcoming sale!

This term we have been running a debating after school activity club for the first time. This week the debate team, made up of children from Years 4, 5 and 6, competed against another school, Oakfield Prep. They spent time researching the topics and then debated a variety of questions, such as *should zoos exist?* and *should the legal age to vote be lowered to 16?* Here are the children working together preparing their arguments:



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 6 have chosen *Macbeth* as their end of year performance and this has been extended to form their topic for this half term. They were very lucky to launch their topic with a fantastic workshop which ensured they all have a good understanding of the play and are now very excited to get started on their own performance. Thank you to Scott for the experience! We are now really looking forward to watching the children's own version of *Macbeth* on 18th July – Year 6 parents and carers please save the date!



Year 5 children were invited to take part in a science workshop at Alleyn's, where they enjoyed using the science laboratory and carrying out a range of experiments.



Children in Year 3 went to Alleyn's to attend a talk by John Patrick Green, author of *The Investigators* series, about his new book *Agents of S.U.I.T.* The children learnt all about the process of creating a comic book and learnt how to draw some comic book characters.



Sharing Children's Learning

Bessemer children from Key Stage Two classes have been out and about taking part in sports competitions against other schools this week.

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Ruskin Park with Platform Cricket. It was a beautifully sunny day and the tournament consisted of the children playing games against each other and another local primary school. Some children won a 'Most Valuable Player' award for their improved skills over the day, their consistent boosting of moral, and their general attitude throughout the day. Well done to Tayo, Myriam and Owen L! One Bessemer team placed second in the tournament leaving with a silver medal and team 4KL won the tournament leaving with a first-place gold medal! Well done everyone!



Some Year 6 children were selected to take part in a rounders competition on Wednesday. Again, it was lovely weather for a day in the park! The team played several games throughout the day against other schools and showed great teamwork and sporting behaviour.



Sadly, the Year 3 rounders competition was cancelled, but the children who were meant to take part had a great time playing rounders on the field instead. If the competition is rescheduled, they will be well prepared!



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for the week after half term is **squeamish**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. 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

Summer Fair volunteers

Our Summer Fair is coming up soon and we're getting very excited! To make it a success we're going to need lots of parent and family volunteers. Please help if you can!

Volunteers: please text Rhiannon on 07799 416256, letting her know any times that you're available.

We will need help for each of the following shifts: Set up 9.00-12.00, Stall shift 1 - 12.00-1.30, Stall shift 2 - 1.30-3, Clean up 3-5pm.

Thank you so much!

Calling all musicians / performers

At the fair we will have our usual BBQ, bar, bouncy castle and lots of treats, and we're also welcoming some local dance, music and circus performers from the school community and local community.

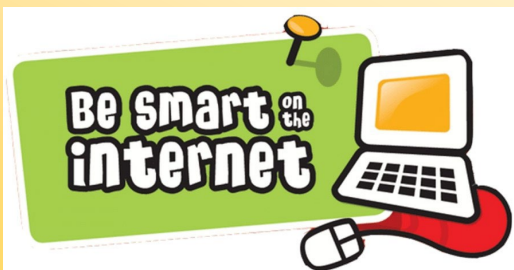
If you and your children might like to get involved with a musical turn, or other performance, we'd love to hear from you - please contact Jade on 07718 374917.

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 | Johnny | Tilly | Eimi | | Jago |
| Sunshine | Jeremiah | Sara | Louie | | |
| 1AM | Sarai | Aymar | Abdulai | | |
| 1EB | Maceo | Simon | Evie | Malachi | |
| 1NS | Zak | Maya | Emma | Humaira | Imaan |
| 2FW | Charlotte | Elliott | | Fred | |
| 2LS | Valentina | Agnes | Hari | Eustache | |
| 2OF | Rene | Finn | Nikolas | Talya | |
| 3LM | Elena | Radin | Olha | Millie-Rose | |
| 3CB | Abdullah | Isobel | Elijah | Jadon | Alkyoni |
| 3SB | Malachi | Lucien | Tobias | Stella-Lucia | |
| 4KL | All of 4KL | Eve | Violet | Amelia | |
| 4YH | Hannah | Akila | Azariah | Edward | |
| 4FM | Ezekiel Einas | Molly | Rehana | Jacob | Tofarati |
| 5JB | Lukas | Lenny | Lekha | Iona | |
| 5RS | Leandra | Hasti | Pearl | Eddie | |
| 5LW | Silas | Freddie | Omar | Adam | |
| 6MS | Nife | Kobi | Lily | Samuel | |
| 6CB | Alice | Osman | Jess | Charlotte | Rose |
| 6AC | Aaron | Thomas P | Lilith | Alameen | |

Individual Timestable Rockstars

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rayha | Phoenix M | Nicolas | Molly | Pearl | Jago |

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

| Key Stage 1 | Lower Key Stage 2 | Upper Key Stage 2 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2FW | 4YH | 5LW |

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



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

BESSEMER GRANGE

SUMMER FAIR

JOIN THE FUN!

**Bouncy castle
BBQ, Music
Dance performance
Craft stalls, Bar
Games and more!**

Saturday 15th July

12 til 3pm

Bessemer Grange School, Dylways, SE5 8HP

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