

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

20.9.22 - Individual school photos

21.9.22 - Reception maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am

27.9.22 - Year 2 workshop for parents and carers

5.10.22 - Year 6 English workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am

7.10.22 - Year 1 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am

11.10.22 - Parents' evening

12.10.22 - Parents' evening

12.10.22 - Year 6 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am

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)

24.10.22 - 28.10.22 - Half term break

31.10.22 - Children return to school

8.11.22 - Year 1 Celebration Day, 9.15am

10.11.22 - Year 1 Celebration Day, 9.15am - Please note corrected dates (parents and carers do not need to attend both celebration days, we are running two so they don't get too crowded!

News and Reminders

Parking Outside School

We have received a number of complaints from our neighbours about parking outside school at drop off and pick up time. Southwark parking officers have been attending at pick up time and parking tickets have been issued. Parking on double yellow lines, on pavements or across the barriers creates dangerous situations for our children by forcing them to walk in the road, stopping them from seeing whether it is safe to cross the road and causing cars to reverse or manoeuvre unexpectedly. Please help us to keep our children safe by only parking in allocated parking spaces.

Vision and Values

Our staff and Governors have been doing some work on updating our school vision statement and values. We have not been coming up with new values, just trying to express our existing values more clearly and concisely. We have tried to focus on the things that we believe make Bessemer special and that are really important to us and we hope that everyone agrees that the vision and values we have written are reflective of their experience of Bessemer.

We are in the process of sharing the vision and values with the children through assemblies and will then be working on embedding them throughout the school to ensure that children and families recognise and can articulate the behaviours that support these values that we aspire to live by.

Vision

We are a proudly diverse and inclusive school where our pupils and staff have a strong sense of belonging, can be their true selves and know they can achieve anything with focus, effort, and support from the whole school community and where school and families value each other and work in close partnership.

Values

Academically Ambitious

(We strive to exceed in academic attainment)

Progressive

(We can be the change we want to see around us)

Creative and Practical

(We learn by doing, in and out of the classroom)

Self-aware and Supportive

(We are kind to ourselves and caring of others)

Respectful

(We are respectful of each other's ideas, beliefs, backgrounds and practices)

Connected to the community

(We have a strong sense of being a part of, and responsible for our community)

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on one of these values each week in assembly, giving our Star of the Week awards to children who are living that week's focus value and sharing pictures in the newsletter which demonstrate the week's value in practice.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **value**. 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. Older children could explore using the word in different ways as a noun and a verb or turning it into an adjective. Children will receive gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

F@B Update

Our school PTA, Friends@Bessemer (F@B for short), exists to bring our school community together and to raise funds for the school.

You can also contact us to hire out the nature garden for a children's party! Just drop us a line to find out more: fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk

We've got an exciting programme of events for the coming year and need more helpers to deliver them. If you can occasionally lend a hand please join the F@B team WhatsApp via this invitation link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HHyUqPibWOkGnqRm1fhBIj>

A very warm welcome awaits you!

PS We're very pleased that last week's uniform sale and ice creams stall raised £150 - thank you everyone for all your support!

Celebrating Home Learning

We love it when children bring their home learning in to share with their class. Look at this fantastic Trojan horse made at home this week!



Sharing Children's Learning

As part of their topic for this half term, Year 6 children enjoyed an interactive workshop on Ancient Greeks this week.



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow					
Sunshine					
1AM	Aymar	Ramsay	Sarai	Gwen	
1FP	Margot	Henry	Stephany	Ivor	Melody
1NS	Harrison	Manon	Elliot	Keyan	
2FW	Idris	Elliott	Jacob	Shakleton	
2LS	Grace	Sarah	Shafi	Vidak	
2OF	Temi	Jake	Richard	Finn	Koji
3LM	Olivia	Lacey	Callum	Holly	
3CB	Adeola	George	Sofia	Benita	Billy
3SB	Malachi	Khaliyah	Harley	Leo T	
3AK		Abemelek	Nadia	Riccardo	
4KL	Polly	Isabel	Amelia	Violet	Fox
4YH	Gabriel	Elisa	Ozgur	Azariah	
4FM	Tofarati	Rehana	Myriam	Johanna	
5RS	Jake	Jeanne	Otis	Summer	
5JB	Curtis	Olesia	Yousuf	Naomi-Rose	
5LW	Adam	Joe	Allegra	Zadie	Othniel
6MS	Nife	Riley	Samuel	La'niya	
6AC	Lilith	Raheemah	Tillie	Abdul	
6CB	Fergus	Ollie	Thomas	Eva	Alice

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

Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth