

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 4 trip to the velodrome and park  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 5 library visit and story session  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - non uniform day to raise money for Refugee Week  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 school journey  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3 and 4 sports day  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 and 6 sports day  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - KS1 and EYFS sports day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Carnival, 2pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 performance, 6pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 disco, 6-7.30pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 graduation, 2pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - last day of term, 2pm finish

## News and Reminders

### **Sports Day**

We are looking for some parent / carer volunteers to help with our sports days (dates listed above). We need help with setting up and clearing away and also with running events during the day. If you are able to it would be great if you could volunteer to help with one of the sports days that your child is not taking part in, so that you can support with an activity without missing out on watching your child in all their events. If you are able to help out please could you email the school office for the attention of Jess White and Christian Booth.

Sports days this year will last all day for Years 1-6 and parents and carers are invited to join us for as much of the day as possible. We will be having a picnic lunch on the field so would love it if as many of you as possible could stay for that and bring a picnic to enjoy with your child. Nursery and Reception parents and carers are also invited to join us, but their sports days will take place in the morning only. We will send out a separate letter closer to the time with more information for all year groups.

### **Refugee Week**

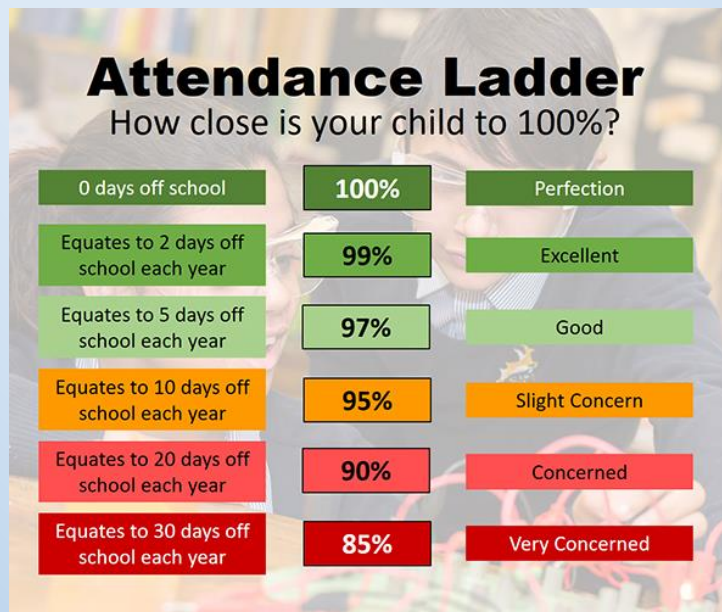
Next week is Refugee Week, so as well as thinking about refugees during assemblies we are inviting children to wear their own clothes to school on Friday and if possible to donate to charities supporting refugees. We will be collecting money on the gates and at the breakfast club door.

## Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%. In order for a child to achieve 96% attendance for the year they need to have fewer than 10 days of absence over the whole year (this includes authorised and unauthorised absence). The reason that we have attendance targets is that attendance is directly related to attainment. We see very clearly that children with poor attendance fall behind their peers academically.

Every week in assembly we announce which class has the best attendance for the week. This is the attendance for each class from Years 1-6 for Monday-Thursday this week, well done 4KL!

1AM	1EB	1NS	2JW	2OF	2LT	3LM	3LS	3CB	4SB	4KL	4HB	5AC	5RS	5LW	6MS	6SB	6YH
95%	99%	98%	98%	92%	97%	95%	98%	98%	90%	100%	95%	94%	98%	99%	92%	94%	95%



We have updated our attendance policy in line with Southwark's and uploaded the new policy to our website. The new policy states that the school can issue penalty charge notices for unauthorised absences from school in some circumstances.

The attendance policy also sets out the exceptional circumstances in which the school can authorise term time absence. There are very limited reasons for absence that can be authorised by the school so please be aware that requests for holidays in term time cannot be authorised and are likely to lead to a penalty charge being issued. Requests for absence, even in exceptional circumstances, can usually only be authorised if a child's attendance is above target.

## Word of the Week

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

### **Play Street**

Due to the high temperatures, today's Play Street has been postponed. Stay tuned for information about the next one coming soon...

### **Summer Fair**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the Summer Fair on 1 July. We still need more people to help out so please sign up if you can! The following shifts are available:

- 1.30-3.30 to set everything up
- 3.30-4.30 to help run a stall or do face painting
- 4.30-5.30 to help run a stall or do face painting
- 5.30-6.30 to clear up afterwards

Please contact Lucy on 07949 439 360 if you are available, or sign up in the school office.

The incredibly popular Teddy Tombola is coming back for our Summer Fair! Do you have any unloved (but still in good condition) soft toys at home? Please bring them to the school office so we can find them happy new homes.

### **New F@B Committee Members Needed!**

Could you be one of the wonderful people taking F@B into another fantastic year of community events and fundraising? We are looking to fill the following roles for the 2022-23 school year:

- Chair to lead and direct F@B for the next year, overseeing the schedule of community and fundraising events. The role of Chair has been successfully filled by two Co-chairs in the past, and we are very open to doing this again so please let us know if you and a friend would like to work together, or alternatively we could match you with another Co-chair.
- Communications Officer to co-ordinate updates for the school newsletter, WhatsApp messages, social media, event posters and any other comms.
- Raffle Organiser to co-ordinate the Winter and Summer raffles.

No prior experience is necessary - except for your life experience! F@B is *your* parent-teacher association, and it is very important to us that we fully represent Bessemer's diversity and strengths. A detailed handover is given to all new committee members, and you will be supported throughout the year by all of us who have taken on a role in the past. The time commitment varies throughout the year, but averages at around an hour a week for the Communications Officer and four hours for the Chair. The Raffle organiser only needs to put in time in the run-up to and after the raffles.

If you would like to find out more about any of these roles, or would like to organise an event next year, please contact us at [fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk](mailto:fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk) or get in touch with Lucy on 07949 439 360.

## Rounders tournament

This week children in Year 3 took part in a Rounders tournament, playing matches against children from several other schools. They were very happy indeed to return triumphant, full of pride and holding a trophy to add to the shelf!



## Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Louisa	Ferhot	Simon		
Sunshine	Helene	Ramsay	Dylan		
Moonbeam	Henry	Zahra	Margot		
1AM	Leila	Mikey	Eustache	Wolfie	Grace
1EB	Juno	Faye	Talya	Jake	
1NS	Mattias	Max	Marco	Makai	
2JW	Harley	Aubrey	Sharon	Remy	
2LT	Jadon	Paul	George	Penelope	
2OF	Aoife	Elena	Abass	Adam	
3LM	Valentina	Florence	Akila	Finn	
3CB	Emily	Milo	Owen L	Jessica	Bailey
3LS	Tayo	Jonathan	Olha	Myriam	Paul
3JK		Kitty		Owen L	
4SB	Leo	Max	Yabai	Jeanne	Otis
4KL	Oscar	Lottie	Brogan	Tate	
4HB	Tofunmi	Emma	Buster	Zadie	
4JB		Rufus	Iona	Rose	
5RS	Lola	Patsy	Joy	Max	Bobbi Rae
5AC	Samantha	Dayo	Riley	Dora	
5LW	Thomas	Georgia	Amelia	Freida	
5JK		Samuel		Nyeem	
6MS	Joe	Caoimhe	Timothy	Amy	
6YH	Tolu	Aisha	Iris	Rebekah	
6SB	Sam	Matilda	Samuel	Mariama	

Timetable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rockstars	Alex	Safa	Owen W	Zadie	Woody	Abdul Razaq

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 1AM, 4HB and 5LW

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

Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*