

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th May 2023

- 22.05.23 – Year 4 trip to The British Museum
- 23.05.23 – Year 6 trip to The Science Museum
- 23.05.23 – Reception trip to Sainsbury's
- 06.06.23 – Year 6 trip to The Old Operating Theatre
- 06.06.23 – 3LM pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 06.06.23 – 5RS Junior Roadwatch Scheme session
- 07.06.23 - 3CB pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 08.06.23 – Year 2 trip to the seaside (Whitstable)
- 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 4 multiplication check
- 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 1 phonics screening / Year 2 rescreening
- 16.06.23 – Year 3 to author talk at Alleyn's
- 22.06.23 – National Windrush Day (75th anniversary)
- 22.06.23 – Year 4 to author talk at Alleyn's
- 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
- 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

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| Friday 26 th May | 1EB | Friday 19 th May | |
| Friday 30 th June | 6MS | Friday 23 rd June | 4YH |

Library Visits

| | 10:00- 10:40 | 11:00 – 11:40 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thurs 18 th May | 1FP | 5RS |
| Fri 19 th May | Butterflies | Lauren Todd's English group |
| Thurs 25 th May | 6AC | 6MS |
| Fri 26 th May | 4YH | 6CB |

News and Reminders

Safeguarding

As a school, safeguarding is at the heart of everything that we do and all members of staff have regularly updated safeguarding training. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of a child you can always come and speak to a member of the safeguarding team. The following links provide helpful information about safeguarding for parents and carers;

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>
- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

Policies

As well as being available on The Gem Federation website, paper copies of all of our policies, including safeguarding, are available from the school office on request.

Communication with Teachers

If you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher for any reason you can do so by speaking to the teacher directly or by calling or emailing the school office. If you do not need a formal meeting but would like a conversation with a teacher, all teachers are available at the classroom door, in the playground or at the gate at the end of most school days and will be happy to speak to you. While we ask parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6 to pick up from the gate in order to reduce congestion in the playground as children assemble for their after-school clubs, you are always welcome to come into the playground if you need to speak to a teacher away from the busy gateway.

It is much more difficult for teachers to have conversations with parents and carers in the mornings when children are coming into school, so if you need to see someone urgently in the morning please go to the office and ask to see a member of the leadership team who will always be happy to help.

Activity Clubs

Activity clubs which have not had any postponed sessions this term will have their last session in the week beginning 3.7.23. However, due to strike days and bank holidays a number of clubs will not have completed their 10 week block by then. Monday clubs will run for a further two weeks, and Tuesday and Thursday clubs will run for one additional week.

| | Club | Date of last session |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday clubs | Art | 17.7.23 |
| | Fencing | 17.7.23 |
| | Netball | 17.7.23 |
| | Book | 17.7.23 |
| | Debating | 17.7.23 |
| Tuesday clubs | KS1 Gymnastics | 11.7.23 |
| | Percussion | 11.7.23 |
| | Dance, Story and Song | 11.7.23 |
| | Year 3/4 Football | 11.7.23 |
| Thursday clubs | Coding | 13.7.23 |
| | Capoeira | 13.7.23 |
| | Year 5/6 Football | 13.7.23 |
| | Mini Athletics | 13.7.23 |

Mini Athletics

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for information about a Mini Athletics tournament for children between 4 and 7. Some free tickets are available, please contact Sam McDermott for details.

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 5 were invited to Alleyn's school this week to attend a lecture on *Space and Human Space Exploration* by Dr Kevin Fong. Kevin Fong is consultant anaesthetist at UCLH and professor of public engagement and innovation in the Department of Science, Technology, Education and Public Policy (STePP). He talked to the children about the moon landing and how we will soon be sending more astronauts back to the moon. He also shared his interest in space and the process he went through when applying to be an astronaut for NASA. The children were very inspired and were able to ask Dr Fong a range of interesting and intelligent questions – the other adults present were very impressed by their knowledge of the space topic!



Please check the diary dates page for some newly added dates for further events at Alleyn's which the children in Years 3, 4 and 6 will be attending.

Children in 5JB took part in Southwark's Junior Roadwatch Scheme this week. They learnt about the dangers of speeding on the roads and the strategies used by police to address this. They had the opportunity to try out some police equipment for themselves and carry out some speed checks. The other two Year 5 classes will have sessions next month.



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 1 enjoyed a trip to The Horniman Museum this week to learn more about their *Amazon Adventure* topic. Luckily there was also time for a picnic and a play in the park!



Year 1 children also went to JAGS to take part in a singing festival with children from several other local schools this week:



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 6 had a great time on their residential school journey to The Bushcraft Centre this week, taking part in activities including shelter building, knife skills, first aid, foraging, trap making and enjoying camping out under canvas in the bluebell woods.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **perilous**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could try adding a suffix to make a new word, e.g. **perilously**. 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 boards: can you help us reach our target?

Can you help us raise vital funds for Bessemer? Urban Village have offered to give us £15 for every estate agency board put up to promote our summer fair on Saturday 15 July and we need volunteers!

Urban Village kindly supported our Winter Fair with a donation of £990 after 66 families came forward to help - we're hoping to raise a similar amount again - so please help if you can!

If you can help please email Claire with your name, address and postcode: clairewhite06@hotmail.co.uk

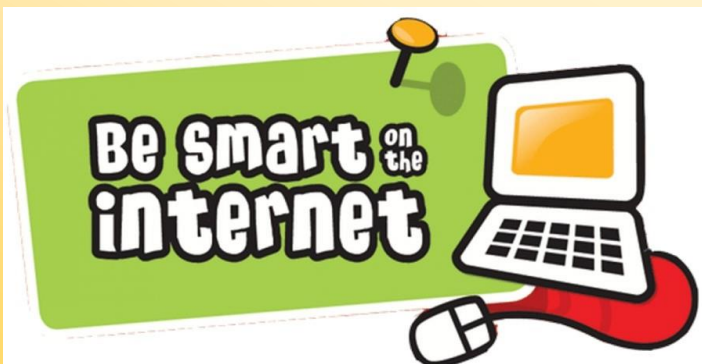
Please note: unfortunately we are not allowed to put up boards outside council blocks or blocks of flats.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Protecting children from radicalisation and extremism:

There's a chance that your child may meet people online or visit websites that could lead them to adopting extreme views or experiencing radicalisation. Find out more about spotting the warning signs and protecting your child here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/radicalisation/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

| | Star | Writer | Mathematician | Presenter | Scientist | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Rainbow | Riaz | Nathan | Sam | | | |
| Sunshine | Eve | Arabella | Jacob | | Annabelle | |
| 1AM | All of 1AM | Callum | Omar | Grace | | |
| 1EB | Malachi | Margot P | Rebecca | Adam | | |
| 1NS | Ellie | Elliot | Jules | Maya | Imaan | |
| 2FW | Elliott | Wilfred | Joel | Otis | Jacob | |
| 2LS | Sarah | Leila | Valentina | Agnes | | |
| 2OF | Koji | Maia | Salome | Beau | | |
| 3LM | Abass | Olha | Ethan | Samuel | | |
| 3CB | Mariatu | Freddie | Adeola | Nicolas | Abdullah | |
| 3SB | Fran | Johnny | Aubrey | Harley | | |
| 4KL | Violet | Lorelie | Fox | Amelia | | |
| 4YH | Michael | Arda | Alirida | Francesco | | |
| 4FM | Poppy | Rehana | Johanna | Khadijah | | |
| 5JB | Nathaniel | Keran | Zac | Victoria | | |
| 5RS | Hasti | Alexander | Hasiba | Heidi | | |
| 5LW | Herbie | Abdulai | Christabel | Raequan | Tate | |
| Stars | | | | | | |
| 6MS | Jago | Dayo | Alex | Kate | Yasmin | Samuel |
| 6CB | Ibrahim | Freida | Fergus | Alice P | Victoria | |
| 6AC | Jack | Woody | Jaanai | Cameron | Lola | Joy |

Individual Timestable Rockstars

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Harris | Wolfe | Esme | Raequan | Leo | Hazna |

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

| Key Stage 1 | Lower Key Stage 2 | Upper Key Stage 2 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2LS | 4FM | 5JB |

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



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

Hello from Mini Athletics HQ!

The annual Superstar Event will take place on Saturday 10th June at The Sir Mo Farah Athletics Track, Twickenham 1.30pm - 5.30pm. Tickets are £16.50 per Mini Athlete (no fees or limits for spectators).

The event is always a very positive and unforgettable experience for our 5-7 age group.

Here are a few details:

- Only children that are aged between 5-7 can take part (up to 8th birthday).

- There is currently a limit of 10 Mini Athletes per team/franchise area (see below for teams).

- The day will start with an opening ceremony which includes wake up 'real' Gogo and a chance to parade flags around the track.

- The team leaders will then lead their teams off and participate in the events on a carousel basis. The events will include some normal Mini Athletics games (that they have been practising in sessions) along with some athletics events like the long jump. Teams will be awarded points for each round depending on the event.

- There will then be a presentation at the end and the team with the most points will be awarded the trophy for 2023!

Unfortunately this is the only Superstar event we will be holding this year but we hope to come to the North of England (and possibly Ireland) next year once we have enough franchise teams.

Contact your local franchisee directly via the emails below for tickets

- [Mini Athletics South East London - smcdermott@miniathletics.com](mailto:smcdermott@miniathletics.com)

We hope to see you there!

Mini Athletics HQ

Last chance to get tickets for Superstar 2023!



The poster features the Mini Athletics logo in colorful letters on a red background. To the right, the words 'SUPERSTAR EVENT' are written in large, bold, white letters with a 3D effect. Below this, '2023' is written in white on a red ribbon graphic. Underneath the ribbon, it says 'For 5 - 7 year olds'. The central text reads 'Come and represent your area!' in bold black letters. Below this are two photographs: the left one shows a child in a red uniform running on a track while holding a flag, and the right one shows a group of children in red uniforms cheering with their arms raised. At the bottom, it says 'Compete for the title and be immersed in the magic of Mini Athletics.' in bold black text, followed by 'Saturday 10th June' in large red letters and 'The Sir Mo Farah Athletics Track, Twickenham' in smaller red letters. A yellow circular graphic on the right side of the bottom section contains a photo of a child in a white athletic top with arms raised.

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