

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

6.9.23 – First day back for children in Years 1-6

6.9.23-7.9.23 – Stay and play sessions for new Nursery and Reception children

8.9.23 – First day of school for Nursery and Reception

## Next Year's Term Dates

### Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023						
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August 2024						
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

## Noticias y recordatorios

### **Decir adiós**

Hemos estado despidiendo a nuestros niños de Year 6 esta semana. Disfrutamos de su fantástica producción de Macbeth el martes, ¡los niños estuvieron increíbles! Hicieron una actuación brillante que obviamente fue el resultado de una gran cantidad de trabajo duro de todos los niños y el personal, y también de muchos padres. ¡Gracias a todos los involucrados!

Continuamos la semana con la graduación de Year 6, cuando nos despedimos de los niños de forma individual y les obsequiamos con su certificado de egreso, anuario y camiseta, así como una carpeta de trabajo que traza su viaje a través de los años en Bessemer.

¡La graduación fue seguida por la discoteca de Year 6, donde todos se divirtieron mucho y mostraron sus movimientos de baile!

Finalizamos la semana con el esperado partido de fútbol de Year 6 de plantilla V, ¡siempre un evento muy competitivo! Después de un partido muy divertido, Year 6 venció a los profesores 4-3, ¡bien hecho, Year 6!

Enviamos a nuestros niños de Year 6 a la escuela secundaria con nuestros mejores deseos, toda la suerte del mundo y la absoluta creencia de que están completamente equipados para cualquier desafío que enfrenten y para convertirse en miembros increíbles de la sociedad que esperamos ver en su futuro. ¡Adiós y buena suerte Year 6!

### **Home Reading and Timestable Rockstars**

Hemos visto un progreso increíble en la lectura este año gracias a nuestra iniciativa de lectura diaria en la escuela. Esto ha sido respaldado masivamente por la lectura diaria en el hogar. Continúe así durante las vacaciones, hace una gran diferencia, no solo en la lectura de los niños, sino también en su forma de hablar, escuchar y escribir.

Intente también mantener el uso de Timestable Rockstars durante el verano. Estaremos relanzando esto en septiembre, con un enfoque en dónde se encuentra Bessemer en la tabla de clasificación de las escuelas locales, ¡así que ayúdenos a salir adelante!

### **Comidas escolares gratuitas universales**

Consulte la carta adjunta del alcalde sobre las comidas escolares gratuitas universales.

### **Desafío de lectura de verano**

Utilice el siguiente enlace para obtener información sobre el desafío de lectura de verano de las bibliotecas de Southwark: Verano de comida y diversión

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/56355/62183/summer-reading-challenge-2023?c=56>

### **Summer of Food and Fun**

Utilice el siguiente enlace para obtener más información sobre el Verano de comida y diversión de Southwark. Este es un programa gratuito para niños que tienen derecho a comidas escolares gratuitas y ofrece una variedad de actividades divertidas, así como almuerzos diarios gratuitos.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/health-advice-and-support/healthy-eating?chapter=8>

### **Campamentos de verano**

Consulte los volantes al final del boletín para conocer una variedad de servicios de cuidado de niños y actividades durante las vacaciones de verano.



## Carnaval

A pesar del clima, ¡todos lo pasamos muy bien en nuestro carnaval anual de Bessemer! Desfilamos, cantamos y bailamos bajo la lluvia y fue maravilloso ver a tantos padres y cuidadores desafiar el aguacero para unirse a nosotros. Gracias a Lauren Todd, Rebecca Steel, Lydia Saunders y Colin Mcguigan por organizarlo.





## Compartiendo el aprendizaje de los niños

Los niños de la recepción realizaron los últimos viajes de este año escolar esta semana, visitando el Parque y Granja Crystal Palace:



### Palabra de la semana

Intente usar las palabras de la semana de este término durante las vacaciones para continuar desarrollando el vocabulario de su hijo. Estas son las palabras que hemos aprendido en este término:

**inevitable**  
**perilous**  
**yearn**

**ludicrous**  
**maintain**  
**roam**

**quest**  
**dubious**  
**daunting**

**immense**  
**squeamish**  
**nostalgic**

Trate de desafiar a su hijo a usar las palabras en oraciones, o unir la palabra a su definición, ¡o inventar juegos propios!

### Actualización de F@B

Muchas gracias a todos los que apoyaron la feria y la rifa de verano de Bessemer. ¡Tuvimos una tarde tan divertida el sábado y la lluvia se mantuvo alejada!

En particular, gracias al increíble equipo de voluntarios que cocinó para nosotros y trabajó en todos los puestos y ayudantes con la instalación y limpieza. ¡No podríamos hacerlo sin ti! Un agradecimiento especial también a los artistas: ¡fueron increíbles!

Estamos realmente encantados de poder anunciar nuestro total de recaudación de fondos del evento. Cuando combinamos el dinero recaudado a través de nuestra rifa de verano, el patrocinio de Urban Village y las recaudaciones de la feria de verano, ¡hemos alcanzado un total MUY impresionante de más de £ 7,000!

Esto va a hacer una gran diferencia en Bessemer. Muchas gracias a todos los involucrados.

Un último mensaje es compartir que les espera una cálida bienvenida a los padres que se unan a nuestro grupo de WhatsApp de F@B, donde conversamos sobre los próximos eventos, compartimos ideas y coordinamos voluntarios para los puestos. Aquí está el enlace:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ld4xuFj6Gzi3QQetELLaf7>

¡Felices fiestas a todos!

### Consejo de seguridad en línea de la semana

Es probable que su hijo pase más tiempo en línea durante las vacaciones, para asegurarse de que estén seguros en línea, consulte este útil sitio web:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>







# Celebrations!

At the end of each year, every year group chooses two children for special achievement certificates in various areas of the curriculum.

	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
<b>Maths</b>	Djene Josiah	Amina Rimas	Richard Leo S	Johnny Holly	Aimanya Ezekiel	Cristobel Eddie
<b>Reading</b>	Laura Eve	Margot P Albie	Isaiah Rene	Nicholas Tobias	Ali George	Victoria Yousef
<b>Writing</b>	Samiya Sophia	Aymar Maya	Phoenix M Agnes	Stella- Lucia Sam	Arda Einass	Brogan Yousef
<b>PE</b>	Ruona Kiyoko	Rebecca Keyan	Salome Fred	Lacey Leo	Owen W Akila	Zahid William
<b>Science</b>	Yousef Riaz	Margaret GC Dougie	Idris Leila	Abdullah Sharon	Carter Rehana	Freya Oscar
<b>Computing</b>		Bella Dylan	Ezra Oscar	Uriel Abemelek	Milo Lucy B	Amani Marley
<b>Humanities / Understanding of the World</b>	Leon Lyra	Ivor Emma	Beau Mikey	Olivia Isobel	Kitty Emily	Gen Adam
<b>Creative</b>	Sadie Florence	Henry Nyeem	Marco Sophie	Olha William	Jonathan Eve	Olesia Hasiba



Gracias a todos por todo su apoyo este año, estamos muy agradecidos por nuestra comunidad Bessemer! Que tengan unas vacaciones muy felices y seguras y esperamos verlos a todos en septiembre.

*Elizabeth*



## Herne Hill Velodrome

Throughout the school summer holidays we will be running holiday club sessions for riders aged 8-16yrs both on the track and mountain biking on our off road trails. Our holiday clubs are designed to enable young people of all abilities to develop their skills at their own pace as well as have fun and make friends during the holidays in an engaging and active day.

Running Monday - Friday from 24th July until 2nd September, no previous experience is necessary as our experienced coaches will be on hand to provide instruction as needed. Running 10am - 3pm with an hour break for lunch, sessions will include lots of fun and games on bikes. We offer sibling discounts and subsidies for those on low income and you are free to book a single session or a number of days. More details about our holiday clubs and how to book are [here](#).

For any youngsters under the age of 8, we will continue to run our extensive schedule of cycling sessions whether your young people need help to learn to cycle, are already pedalling or are looking to improve their bike handling and skills. More details of our under 8 sessions and how to book are [here](#).

# MAYOR OF LONDON

London Borough of Southwark

Date: July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to inform you that City Hall is ensuring all primary school children who attend state schools in London will receive **free school meals** for the full academic year, starting this September.

As Mayor of London, I know parents/carers are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now. That's why I've taken the decision to provide funding to expand on the Government's limited existing free school meals offer. This means all state funded primary school children in London are now eligible for free school meals.

Your borough has been doing wonderful work to deliver universal free school meals for primary school children already and I'm delighted to be able to provide them with the funding to do this for the next year.

The funding we're providing will help up to 270,000 primary school children in London, like yours, access free school meals and could **save your family upwards of £440 across the year.**

Your child will receive their free school meals automatically, but it's vitally important that you still complete your school or borough's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. That's extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development, and targeted support for the children that need it most. Depending on how schemes operate in your borough, it may also entitle you to other benefits like food vouchers during the holidays. There is more information about registration in your borough here: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/free-school-meals>.





# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Those parents/carers whose children already qualify for free school meals under the Government's existing offer must also continue to apply for free school meals as before.**

My administration has taken the unprecedented step of providing this funding because we're deeply concerned by the number of primary school children going hungry in London's classrooms. Eligibility criteria for the Government's existing free school meals offer is strict, which means many parents/carers and children who need this helping hand have been missing out. But from September – thanks to our intervention – that will all change as part of our effort to build a better London for everyone.

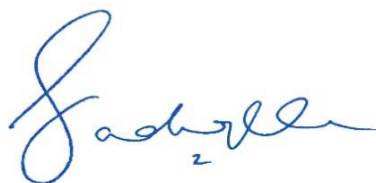
As someone who received free school meals myself, I'm incredibly proud that we're able to step up and provide this crucial lifeline to London's families during such tough economic times. I firmly believe that every child deserves the chance to be able to grow up healthy and thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. But for this to happen, children must be able to access healthy, nutritious meals.

My online hub for families provides all the information you need about our scheme. Please find the link here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>.

Families who are struggling with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost-of-living hub here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living>.

Your school will be in touch with more details of how you can take up the offer of the free school meals. I wish your family a happy and healthy academic year – and I hope they enjoy their free school meals.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London



## **SSFA**

SSFA provides SATURDAY morning Football coaching for 4 - 11 year olds.

We are based at Peckham Rye Park and sessions are conducted by Coach Denzil, Coach Simon and other SSFA Coaching staff.

We also have 2 upcoming Football Camps for 5 - 11year olds from 9am - 3pm.

The first camp is for the 2 day teachers' strike:  
Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July

The second, is our Annual Summer Football  
Camp:

Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July

&

Monday 21st August - Friday 25th August

If you are interested in any of the above, please can you message 07522425931 with your child's name, age and dates/session/camp you wish for them to attend.



Dear parents,

With the holidays fast approaching, we thought we would tell you about some new initiatives running over the summer and beyond. These are part of Southwark Council's Streets for People initiative which aims to improve air quality, by moving away from favouring cars to free up more space for walking, public transport and cycling. You can learn more about Streets for People here:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/streetsforpeople>

### **Free cycle training**

There will be free family learn to ride sessions in Burgess Park every day during August. There will also be sessions for women and girls. Sessions fill up fast, so book your place today.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/joyriders-britain-42543996813>

### **BetterPoints Southwark**

This new app encourages users to record their travel with the free app and rewards users with points that can be spent at participating businesses or donated to charity.

Download the app today for your chance to win an electric folding bike.

<https://southwark.betterpoints.uk/>

### **Summer in Southwark**

This summer we have lots of activities for children and young people across the borough. It's time to get out and enjoy the sunshine. To find out more, click below:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/summerinsouthwark>



# THEATRE TROUPERS

## DRAMA SUMMER SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING

FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS  
IN SOUTHWARK AND  
LAMBETH



5-7 years

**10:30AM-  
12:30PM**

8-11 years

**1PM-  
3PM**

£40

£20 concessions  
£15 per child sibling  
discount

**Monday 14th - Friday 18th August**

- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Build your confidence
- ✓ Forget about your worries for a while

Southwark Playhouse  
Elephant  
Dante Road  
SE11 4RX



**"THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE SHE CAN BE HERSELF" (PARENT, 2023)**





**“THEATRE TROUPE IS A REALLY BIG DEAL FOR ME BECAUSE I DON’T USUALLY TALK TO PEOPLE.” (PARTICIPANT, 2022)**

**Theatre Troupers** is a summer holiday programme for children who like drama, or want to give it a go, and may be going through things that are a bit difficult at the moment.

We know lots of children are struggling, especially since COVID & we want to do something about that!

Theatre Troupe are experts in providing high quality arts projects for good mental health. Our supported activities give every child the chance to relax, express themselves, build self-esteem and gain confidence in social situations.

**We welcome anyone who'd like to meet other people, have fun and have a break from their worries for a while.**

Participants need to be able to work in small groups. For those who find this challenging we can talk to you about our specialist, high support Youth Troupe programmes.

**For more information, and to book a place, please contact Emily on:**

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