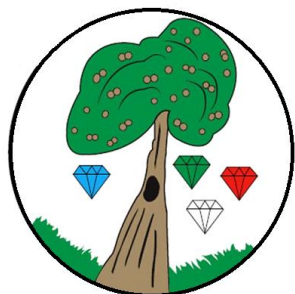


Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th February 2023

- 28.02.23 – Year 1 trip to Tales on Moon Lane
- 01.03.23 – Early Years Celebration Day (am)
- 01.03.23 – Reception trip to Tales on Moon Lane (pm)
- 03.03.23 – World Book Day (dress up)
- 08.03.23 – Year 3 Ancient Egyptians workshop
- 10.03.23 – Rescheduled Year 3 and 4 parent workshop - reading**
- 22.03.23 – Year 3 trip to The Petrie Museum (3LM and half of 3CB - letter to follow with more details)
- 23.03.23 – Year 3 trip to The Petrie Museum (3SB and the second half of 3CB)
- 23.03.23 – Years 1 and 2 Zoolab workshop
- 23.03.23 - 24.3.23 – Science Fair
- 24.03.23 – Reception trip to Sainsbury's
- 29.03.23 – Reception Unicorn Theatre trip
- 31.03.23 – Last day of term

Class Assembly Dates

(Parents and carers are invited to watch their child's assembly at 9.15 on the dates below. Assemblies will last approximately 15 minutes.)

Friday 24 th February	3CB	Friday 3 rd February	6AC
Friday 17 th March	5JB	Friday 10 th March	2FW
Friday 31 st March	1NS	Friday 21 st April	4KL
Friday 12 th May	5LW	Friday 5 th May	2OF
Friday 26 th May	1FP	Friday 19 th May	
Friday 30 th June	6MS	Friday 23 rd June	4YH

Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11.20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 23 rd Feb	1NS	2FW	6AC
Thursday 2 nd March	Sunshine	2OF	5RS
Thursday 9 th March	1AM	2LS	5LW
Thursday 16 th March	1FP	Butterflies	4KL
Friday 17 th March	Little Stars	Ladybirds	5JB
Thursday 23 rd March	Rainbow	6MS	4FM
Friday 24 th March	3LM	6CB	Lauren Todd's English group
Thursday 30 th March	3CB	3SB	4YH

News and Reminders

NEU Industrial Action

There is further strike action planned by the NEU teaching union on Thursday 2nd March. This will result in the school being closed to children as the majority of teachers are NEU members. Little Stars will be open as usual as it is not staffed by teachers. After School Club will also be open and available for booking on Parentmail as usual.

We will not be opening school at lunch time on this occasion, however we are offering the option of collecting a school packed lunch for any child who would like one. This needs to be booked on Parentmail by Monday 27th February and can then be collected from the school office between 12 noon and 1pm on March 2nd.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and understanding of our teachers during these strikes, it really is very much appreciated.

After School Activity Clubs

After school activity clubs which run on Thursdays and will therefore be cancelled due to the strike (Capoeira, Year 3/4 football, Mini Athletics and Coding) will be rescheduled for Thursday 30th March.

As so many of our activity clubs have now been rescheduled due to the strike days and tutorial day, here is a list of all additional sessions that will be running to avoid any confusion! Activity clubs will have their last session in the week beginning 20th March unless they have a rescheduled session as listed below.

Club	Rescheduled session
Illustration	28.3.23 and 29.3.23
Forest School	23.3.23 (in addition to 22.3.23)
KS2 Gymnastics	29.3.23
KS1 Football	29.3.23
Year 3 / 4 Football	30.3.23
Capoeira	30.3.23
Mini Athletics	30.3.23
Coding	30.3.23
Taekwondo	31.3.23

World Book Day / Reading Week

We have added some new activities to our World Book Day / Reading Week celebration. The activities taking place will be:

- Story sessions at Tales on Moon Lane for Reception and Year 1
- An author talk from Rachel Chivers Choo for Years 2-5
- A pre-recorded author talk from Polly Ho Yen (author of The boy in the Tower) and activity for Year 6
- A 'pop up book shop' organized by F@B where all children can choose a free second-hand book to take home
- A poetry competition on the theme 'Friendship' – the deadline has been extended to 9th March
- A competition to design your own book cover – use the template provided by school and give entries to class teachers by 8th March
- Reading quizzes throughout the week
- Dress up day on Friday 3rd March – come as your favourite book character!

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Fire Safety

If you would like The London Fire Brigade to visit your home for a free fire safety check you can book this using the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/book-a-home-fire-safety-visit/>
Free installation of smoke alarms is also available.

KS2 Snacks

Please only send fruit, vegetables, plain bread sticks or plain rice cakes for your KS2 child's morning snack, they will not be allowed to eat other snacks in school time. While we know there are other healthy snacks, we do not want teachers to spend lesson time checking whether different snacks meet our Healthy School guidelines, so it is easier and fairer to apply these limitations.

Forest School

As we explained before half term we are preparing to run our own forest school provision and need some resources. If you have any of the following items that you are able to donate please take them to the school office, and please watch this space for further requests as our provision develops.

Old pots and pans

Metal or plastic jugs and bowls

Mixing utensils

Buckets

Vegetable peelers

Large paint brushes

Thank you!

Netball

Well done to the Year 6 children who took part in a netball tournament this week, they played very well, won some of their matches and finished in second place overall.



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 6 went on a Junior Citizens trip to the Old Kent Road fire station this week and learnt some important life skills in preparation for moving on from primary school.



Number Day Winners

Two weeks ago we celebrated NSPCC Number Day by dressing up in number related clothing, taking part in fun maths activities and designing and making number hats. There was a competition to choose the most creative number hats and prizes were awarded for the best in each year group. The winners were announced and given their prizes in assembly before half term. The winners were:

Year 1 - Amina 1AM

Year 2 - Sarah 2LS

Year 3 - Nadia 3CB

Year 4 - Ruby 4KL

Year 5 - Princess 5JB

Year 6 - Cameron 6AC



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **meagre**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and the different ways in which it can be used 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

Hi everyone, we have a request for help...

We need donated chapter books (please bring them to the school office) and also volunteers for our World Book Day book swap which takes place next week.

Every child in every class will get a chance to come choose a book to take home at the swap event which takes place next Wednesday 1 March and Friday 3 March. It's a lovely way to celebrate world book day and support all the kids to grow their enjoyment of reading.

To pull this off we are going to need some help... Rhiannon is putting in A LOT of work and needs some volunteers to lighten the load! Ideally she's hoping for 1-2 people to help with set up from 2.00-3.30 on Tuesday 28 Feb.

Then a couple of people for each of four shifts:

Morning of Wednesday 1 March (9-12.15)

Afternoon of Wednesday 1 March (12.15-3.30)

Morning of Friday 3 March (9-12.15)

Afternoon of Friday 3 March (12.15-3.30)

Obviously, with any volunteering all efforts are appreciated - so whether you can spare an hour or a half day or even a full day you're still a complete superstar! 😊

And if you've got a buddy you can rope in then so much the better.

Please help if you can and please let us know any availability as soon as possible - thank you!

Please text Alan 07899043150 letting him know what times you can do.

Thank you sooooo much!!!

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Finding out about popular children's games...

Do you wonder what games your children are playing online? Here is a list of some of the most popular in a parent's guide to help you know more about them.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/?utm_source=Parents+Newsletter&utm_campaign=d84d1d53f4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_01_26_10_38_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a3bb0c0dc7-%5B%5D#popular-games



Celebrations!

Certificates

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Vladislav	Djene	Jake		Mylah-Monae
Sunshine	Sorrel	Iliana	Nevaeh		
1AM	Ferhot	Yaseerah	Alexis	Albie	
1EB	Margot P	Santi	Maceo	Rebecca	
1NS	Nathaniel	Elliot	Maya	Zak	Lucas
2FW	Jacob	Idris	Shackleton	Phoenix M-S	Wilfred
2LS	Shafi	Leo	Agnes	Wolfie	
2OF	Ben	Alex	Faye	Salome	
3LM	Elena	Olivia	Abemelek	Ethan	
3CB	Cavalli	Jadon	Alkyoni	Mariatu	Sophie
3SB	Safa	Harley	Arthur	Francesca	
4KL	Isaac	Florence	Gloria	Emily	Eve
4YH	Azariah	Ozgur	Michael	Arda	
4FM	Jonathan	Paul	Mahnaz	Jacob	
5RS	Khadijah	Haven	Jayden	Eddie	
5JB	Naomi-Rose	Freya	Princess	Lottie	Genevieve
5LW	Oscar	Yusuf	Abdulai	Allegra	
6MS	Leo	Dora	Kate	Samuel	
6CB	Ibrahim	Nyeem	Jacob	Serene	
6AC	Jaanai	Tillie	Bobbi	Joy	Woody

Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Margot P	Agnes R	Theo	Andrea	Brogan	Victoria

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2OF, 4YH and 5RS**

This week's house winners: Diamonds!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth