

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March - school fair**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - virtual parent workshop - Supporting Children with Fears and Worries (more details in this newsletter)**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Year 1 reading and phonics workshop for parents**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - last day of term (finish at usual time)**

## News and Reminders

### **Saying Goodbye**

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to three wonderful members of staff at the end of this term.

I know that everyone will be very sad to say goodbye to Charmaine Grinnam, who has been an invaluable point of contact in the office and support for Bessemer families and staff for the last five years. We will all miss Charmaine enormously and wish her the very best of luck in her new post.

We are also saying goodbye to Ana-Doris Garcia, a much-loved member of our Early Years team who is returning to live in Spain after seven years at Bessemer. Ana-Doris will be sorely missed by all the children, staff and parents that she has supported over the years and we send her on her way with all our love and best wishes.

Finally, we are also saying goodbye to Mairead Greenhill, another member of our Early Years team, who is moving on to an exciting new job in a different field. Mairead joined us during the pandemic, taking on roles in Little stars and Reception and quickly became a highly valued team member. We wish her the best of luck in her new career.

### **Online Learning**

If your child is absent with Covid but is not really unwell and could complete work at home, please let us know and we will ensure that online learning is available on Google Classroom. This will consist of links to Oak Academy lessons and any class work that can be completed without having been in the lesson.

### **Lost Property**

We have a lot of lost property building up again, if your child has lost something in school please come to the office and have a look for it. Please, please could you all ensure that your children's items are named, there are so many identical jumpers with no names in! In future, unclaimed and unnamed uniform will be donated to F@B for their uniform stalls.

## Managing Your Child's Fears and Worries: Virtual Parent Workshop

30<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 - 7.30pm

We know that children have been feeling more anxious since the lockdown's and school closures, so The Nest Southwark will be holding a virtual parent workshop with tips on how to manage your child/ren's fears and worries.

[Click here to join](#)

## October Gallery Events

Family events coming up at the October Gallery ([www.octobergalleryeducation.com](http://www.octobergalleryeducation.com)):

### Print Fun Day

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am - 2.30pm - More information and book your FREE tickets [HERE](#)

### Family Art Day

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10am-12pm - Drop-in art making session for ALL the family

## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week this week is **bamboozle**. 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

### **The Spring Fair is Tomorrow!**

This Saturday, 26 March, from 12.00 to 3.00, it's our first school fair in over two years! It's going to be so much fun, the weather's going to be lovely, and every penny we raise will give much needed funds to Bessemer.

- Don't forget to bring cash, as only a couple of stalls will have a card reader
- Come hungry: there will be jollof rice, cakes galore, barbecued burgers and much more
- Come thirsty: the bar will have Partizan beer and fruity punch (with or without rum)
- We have fun for every budget, with free street toys to play with, and games from just 20p
- And there's more! A bouncy castle; teddy and chocolate tombolas; crafts in the Nature Garden; a nail and (temporary) tattoo parlour; gift stalls; an egg hunt...

We can never have enough cakes, so if you are able to make some for the fair, please bring them on the day between 9.00 and 11.00. NB cakes must not contain nuts, and need a list of ingredients to display on the stall.

Thank you all for your support. We can't wait to see you there!

### **School Uniform**

Kids grown out of their uniform? Time for some summer dresses or shorts? The pre-loved uniform stall returns after school on Friday 22 April. Come and stock up - everything will be freshly laundered and ready for a new home. All items are free, or you might like to make a donation to F@B. If you have old uniform you'd like to donate, please bring it to the stall on the day.



## Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated money on Red Nose Day, we raised over £400 for Comic Relief. Have a look on our Twitter feed, which you can access through the front page of our website, to see pictures of more Red Nose Day fun.



## Sharing Children's Learning

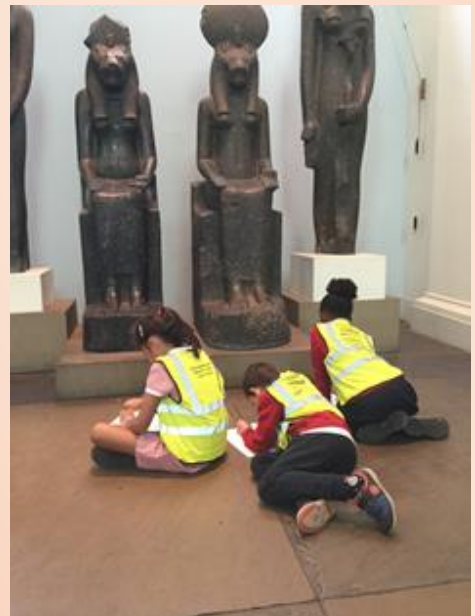
Year 5 children came over to Year 1 this week and spent a lovely afternoon in the sunshine sharing books and reading together.





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Children in Year 3 went on a trip to the British Museum this week as part of their Ancient Egyptians topic.



## Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Harrison	Zek	Callum		
Sunshine	Ellie Mae	Sebastian	Zak		
Moonbeam	Abdulai	Manon	Alexis		
1AM	Leo	Lina	Rafa	Hari	
1EB	Hunter	Maia	Temi	Agibu	Gabriel
1NS	Phoenix M-S	Seren	Mohammed	Marco	
2JW	Suraya	Remy	Rose	Malachi	Johnny
2LT	William Nadia	Ricardo	Isobel	Eve	
2OF	Camila	Leo	Daniel	Radin	
3LM	Emily	Carter	Valentina	Akila	
3CB	Polly	Florence	Isaac	Sophie	
3LS	Ezekiel	Bill	Rehana	Einas	Johanna
3JK		Paul		Isabel	
4SB	Jeanne	Kiera	Rufus	Nathaniel	
4KL	Jake	Brogan	Joe	Ainoa	
4HB	Yusuf O	Lukas	Marley	Naomi-Rose	Amani
4JB		Rose	Herbie	Olivia	
5RS	Osian	Alameen	Woody	Cameron	
5AC	Kobi	Samantha	Samuel	Leo B	
5LW	Rose	Alice	Nyeem	Joshua	
5JK		Amelia		Shabir	
6MS	Navjot	Lex	Guillermo	Arnold	
6YH	Rebekah	Tolu	Sofia	Abdullahi	Elvis
6SB	Nathan	Andy	Dominic	Shamiya	
6LC		Hattie	Luke	Luna	

Timestable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rockstars		Uriel	Lorelie	Polly	Patsy	Abdullahi

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2JW, 3LS and 6YH

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

Have a great Weekend!

*Elizabeth*