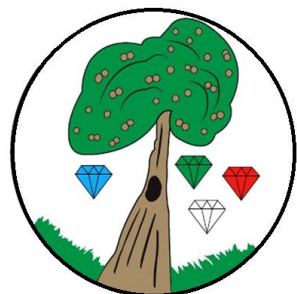


Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th May 2023

- 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 30 th June	6MS	Friday 23 rd June	4YH
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Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	11:00 – 11:40
Thurs 8 th June	1AM	1NS
Fri 9 th June	Ladybird	4FM
Thurs 15 th June	2FW	2OF
Fri 16 th June	Sunshine	2LS
Thurs 22 nd June	Little Stars	5LW
Fri 23 rd June	Rainbow	5JB
Thurs 29 th June	3LM	4KL
Fri 30 th June	3CB	3SB
Thurs 6 th July	1FP	5RS
Fri 7 th July	Butterfly	Lauren Todd’s English group
Thurs 13 th July	6AC	6MS
Fri 14 th July	4YH	6CB
Thurs 20 th July	1AM	

News and Reminders

Warmer Weather

Hopefully when we return to school after half term we will be enjoying summer weather. School uniform in the summer months consists of either a red and white checked dress or navy shorts, skirt or trousers with a white polo t-shirt. P.E. kit should be navy shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms with either a white polo t-shirt or a school gem house t-shirt.

Please make sure that your child always has a named water bottle in school and brings a named hat for playtimes. Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Children can bring named sun cream in to school to reapply as needed, but adults in school are not able to do this for them.

Volunteer Readers

We are always very happy to welcome parents and carers as volunteers to listen to children read in school. If you can spare a regular time slot each week, preferably during the afternoons (but this can be flexible in some year groups) and would be interested in volunteer reading please get in touch via the school office or your child's class teacher. We are particularly keen to welcome back any previous volunteer readers for whom we have already processed DBS checks.

Year Two SATs

Our Year Two children have been completing their SATs over the last two weeks and are now finished. Everyone has worked really hard and done their absolute best, well done Year Two, have a fantastic and well deserved break next week!

Key Stage One Gate

In order to ensure children's safety, the Key Stage One gate is supervised at the beginning and end of the day so that no children leave the school premises without an adult. Please could you keep your children with you when leaving Key stage One at the end of the day as they will not be allowed through the gate without you and the exit is easily blocked when a number of children are stopped and asked to wait for their parents or carers.

Next half term we will be introducing some changes to drop off time in Year 2, as part of the transition to Year 3, when children will be dropped off in the playground rather than at the classroom door. Year 2 parents and carers will receive an email with further details about this.

Resources Wanted!

We would be very grateful for any donations of good quality, sturdy toys for our Early Years and Year 1 provision and our After-School Club. If you have any unwanted items such as toy cars, train tracks, construction toys such as Lego, Duplo or building blocks, sand toys, or other outdoor toys, small world toys such as dolls houses, cars and other vehicles, dinosaurs or other animals or any complete board games please take them to the school office.

We would also gladly accept any large cardboard boxes or other interesting materials such as big cardboard tubes, piping etc which could be used for junk modelling projects.

Children in Year 6 are collecting 500ml size plastic bottles for their science work after half term. If you have any please could you rinse them out and take them to the school office.

Times Tables Rockstars Competition

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details of a Times Tables Rockstars competition. This would be particularly beneficial for children in year 4 who will be taking part in the national times tables check after half term.

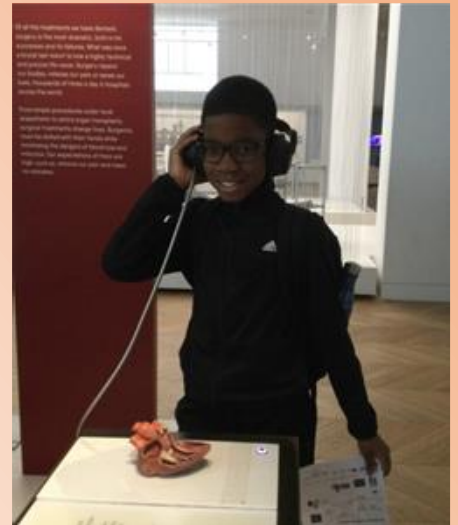
Sharing Children's Learning

Year 4 visited the British Museum this week as part of their topic: *The Kingdom of Benin*. The children were able to view some magnificent and priceless pieces of pots and bronzes from Benin culture and civilisation. They also sketched the famous Benin bronzes and have written persuasive letters for the bronzes to finally be returned to their owners.



Sharing Children's Learning

As part of their *History of Medicine* topic Year 6 visited The Science Museum this week.



Children in Reception went to Sainsbury's this week as part of their *Growing* topic to explore different varieties of fruit (including fruit children may be unfamiliar with such as papaya). They came back to school and made fruit skewers out of the fruit they purchased.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for the week after half term is **maintain**. 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. **maintained**, **maintaining**. 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

🏠 Save the Date: Summer Fair on Saturday, 15th July 🏠

Our summer fair will be held on Saturday, 15th July from 12-3pm. Mark your calendars, and we'll be asking for volunteers after half-term.

Urban Village, our generous supporters, have offered to donate £15 for every estate agency board put up to promote the summer fair. Please email Claire at clairewhite06@hotmail.co.uk with your name, address, and postcode if you are OK to have a board displayed in your front garden. Unfortunately, they are unable to put up boards outside council blocks or blocks of flats.

🙏 A Special Thanks for Your Support 🙏

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to raise funds for Bessemer. We have been able to help fund the Year 6 trip, the school disco, new equipment for the nature garden, furniture for the playgrounds and much more. If you haven't had the chance to contribute yet, we invite you to make a one-off or regular donation at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/friends-at-bessemer> If easier, here's our snazzy QR code:



🌟 Wishing You a Fantastic Half-Term 🌟

Your F@B team

Online Safety Tip of the Week

For people with SEND, including children, the Internet can be a valuable resource with games, videos and activities, opportunities for making friends and interacting with others, and a space where they can feel safe and calm.

There may be additional challenges for people with SEND when using the Internet, which may need consideration and management.

Childnet has put together some suggestions for parents for how to support children and young people to navigate life online.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/supporting-young-people-with-send-online/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Rufus	Lariah	Vladislav		Arthur
Sunshine	Iliana	Eleanore	Jhane		
1AM	Albie	Gwen	Alexis	Yaseerah	
1EB	Haddy	Ivor	Melody	Henry	Helene
1NS	Emma	Jojo	Nathaniel	Lucas	
2FW	Kebreab	Elham	Isaiah	Henry	
2LS	Trey	Grace	Eustache	Hari	
2OF	Jake	Ezra	Temi	Rene	Faye
3LM	Holly	Sam	Daniel	Camila	
3CB	Eve	Jadon	Theo	Cavalli	
3SB	Aishah	Uriel	Arthur	Runaah	Amelia
4KL	AJ	Owen	Milo	Aimenya	
4YH	Akila	Azariah	Elisa	Rayanne	
4FM	Stephen	Virtue	Max	Lenny	
5JB	Princess	Nathaniel	Killian	Olivia	
5RS	Zahid	Haven	Summer	Khadijah Tani	Yabai
5LW	Ainoa	Grace	Una	Joe	
6MS	Bradley	Nife	Tomai	Jago	
6CB	Shabir	Georgia	Fergus	Zenji	
6AC	Patsy	Thomas P	Woody	Elizabeth	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Margot P	Oscar	Abemelek	Virtue	Lukas	Thomas P

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LS	4FM	6AC

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



Have a great half term break!

Elizabeth

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BESSEMER MAY HALF TERM ROCKS!

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*** ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE ***

**PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL ***

ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *

