

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



**Part of The Gem Federation**

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## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- 30.01.23 – Year 5 London Eye trip
- 31.01.23 – Year 5 hockey trip (selected pupils)
- 01.02.23 – Teachers’ strike, school closed for children
- 03.02.23 – NSPCC Number Day (number related dress up)
- 06.02.23 - 09.02.23 – Mental Health Week
- 06.02.23 – Nursery train journey trip
- 08.02.23 – Year 6 SATs workshop
- 09.02.23 – Dress to Express for Mental Health Week
- 10.02.23 – Tutorial day, school closed to children
- 13.02.23 - 17.02.23 – Half term break
- 20.02.23 – Children return to school
- 21.02.23 – Year 6 JCS trip
- 01.03.23 – Early Years Celebration Day
- 23.3.23 - 24.3.23 – Science Fair
- 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.)

**Please note the change of date for 4KL**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	5RS	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	2LS
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	3CB	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	6AC
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	5JB	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	2FW
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1NS	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>4KL</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	5LW	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	2OF
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	1FP	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	6MS
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	4YH

## **Spring Term Library Visits**

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11.20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1NS	2FW	5JB
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sunshine	2OF	5RS
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1AM	2LS	5LW
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1FP	6AC	4KL
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Rainbow	6MS	4FM
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3LM	6CB	Little Stars
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3CB	3SB	4YH

## News and Reminders

### **Industrial Action**

Please remember that school is closed for children on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February due to industrial action by the teachers' union the NEU. Children can attend school for lunch between 12 and 1pm and After School Club between 3.30 and 5.45pm if you have booked this on Parentmail.

### **Therapeutic Support**

We have been very privileged over the last few years to have been in a position to provide therapeutic support for children within the Gem Federation. We currently have Xavia Sommerville, a psychotherapist, who works with a number of children from Bessemer and Keyworth delivering psychotherapy sessions. Sadly, Xavia will be leaving the federation at half term to continue her career development and the current financial situation means that, very sadly, we are unable to recruit another therapist. We will continue to deliver ELSA sessions in school for children in need of emotional support and will also be able to signpost families towards external support if needed. We are very sorry to be losing Xavia and wish her all the best in her future career.

### **NSPCC Number Day**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February it is NSPCC Number Day. Children will take part in fun maths activities and are invited to dress up in clothes which have number on them or relate to numbers, e.g. clothing with spots that can be counted. We have been thinking of ways in which children can make Number Day costumes, e.g. by adding cut out numbers or stickers to a t-shirt. We will be collecting donations for the NSPCC on the gates in the morning.

### **Mental Health Week**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February is Mental Health Week. In school we will be focusing on wellbeing and looking after our mental health and children will take part in wellbeing activities during the week. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February children are invited to *Dress to Express*, wearing clothes which they feel express their personalities. A reminder email will be sent out just before Mental Health Week.

### **Year 6 Football**

Good luck to our Year 6 football teams who are representing our district of London in the Inner London County Cup on Saturday in North London. Have a great day!

### **Water Bottles**

Please make sure that your child's water bottle is made of plastic or metal, glass water bottles are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons. Water bottles must only contain water, not juice, and should be clearly named.

### **Parking**

We have received more complaints from our neighbours and from school parents and carers about parking outside school at pick up time. Please do not park on the pavements, across the barriers or on the yellow lines as this creates dangerous conditions for children and their families. If you need to drive to school at drop off or pick up time, please try to park on roads further away from school to avoid creating congestion outside the school gates. Our neighbours have contacted the council about the situation, attaching photographs of illegally parked cars, so there is a risk that you will receive a parking ticket if you are not parked in an allocated bay. Please also ensure that you turn off your car engine when dropping off and picking up children as allowing your engine to idle creates unnecessary air pollution.

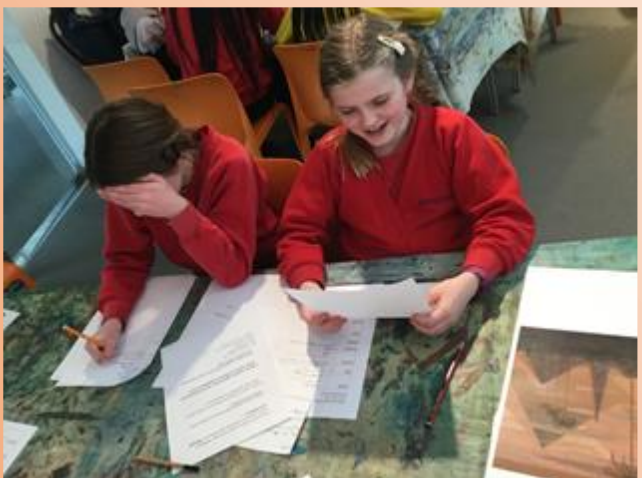
## Sharing Children's Learning

As part of their *Food and Agriculture* topic children in Year 4 visited Vauxhall City Farm this week. They attended an educational workshop, where they learnt about the various forms and stages of farming. Afterwards, they explored the farm and were able to pet and feed a variety of animals.



## Sharing Children's Learning

Children in year 6 went to Dulwich Picture Gallery today and enjoyed a poetry workshop, using works of art as inspiration for their own poems.



## Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Laura Dunphy and Ned Symes on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Ralph!



## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **emerge**. 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

Calling all online shoppers!

One of the simplest ways to raise money for Bessemer is by getting set up with Easyfundraising here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bessemergrangepta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=clipboard&utm\\_content=rm-cpl](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bessemergrangepta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm-cpl)

There's an app for phone shoppers or there's a toolbar add on for PC users. When you shop an Easyfundraising pop up reminds you to see if a % donation is available and if there is it gets added on. It doesn't cost you anything!

Thank you! 😊

## E-Safety Tip of the Week

What age can my child use social media apps?

Social media platforms have age restrictions attached to them for the children's safety. You can see below what the rules are for each platform:

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



# Celebrations!

## Certificates

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Rufus	Georgios	Sophia		
Sunshine	Josiah	Ruona	Eve		Emily
1AM	Athena	Nyeela	Ferhot	Georgie	
1FP	Melody	Helene	Margot P	Taylan	
1NS	Humaira	Ruby	Keyan	Theo	Temu
2FW	Mattias	Joel	Isaiah	Max	Idris
2LS	Ismay	Leila	Sophie	Leonel	
2OF	Beau	Koji	Richard	Agnes	
3LM	Harry	Holly	Kyanna	Matthew	
3CB	William	Lucie	Adeola	Holly	
3SB	Esme	Runnah	Sharon	Tobias	
4KL	Bailey	Frankie	Aimenya	Isabel	
4YH	Finn	Gabriel	Elisa	Kitty	
4FM	Tofarati	Max M-H	Max E	Rehana	
5RS	Heidi	Dexter	Hasiba	Hasti	
5JB	Iona	Curtis	Genevieve	Olesia	
5LW	Tofunmi	Cyra	Flora	Ainoa	William
6MS	Yasmin	Simba	Leo	Tomai	
6CB	Rose	Kayla	Alexia	Fergus	
6AC	Lola	Jack	Patsy	Zac	

## Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Agnes R	Samuel C-G	Valentina	Jade	Thomas P

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2OF, 3LM and 6AC**

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



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*