

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

28.04.23 – F@B Eid celebration  
 02.05.23 - School closed, industrial action  
 09.05.23 – 12.05.23 – Year 6 SATs  
 10.05.23 – Year 4 trip to The Science Museum  
 15.05.23 – 19.05.23 – Year 2 SATs  
 15.05.23 – 17.05.23 – Year 6 residential trip to The Bushcraft Centre  
 17.05.23 – Year 5 trip to Alleen’s *Space* lecture  
 17.05.23 – Year 1 trip to The Horniman Museum  
 22.05.23 – Year 4 trip to The British Museum  
 23.05.23 – Year 6 trip to The Science Museum  
 23.05.23 – Reception trip to Sainsbury’s  
 26.05.23 – Year 1 Singing Festival  
 06.06.23 – Year 6 trip to The Old Operating Theatre  
 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 4 multiplication check  
 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 1 phonics screening / Year 2 rescreening  
 29.06.23 – Nursery trip to The Horniman Museum  
 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 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	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	6MS	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	4YH

## **Library Visits**

	<b>10:00- 10:40</b>	<b>11:00 – 11:40</b>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunshine	2LS
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Little Stars	5LW
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Rainbow	5JB
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> May	3LM	4KL
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	3CB	3SB
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	1FP	5RS
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Butterflies	Lauren Todd’s English group
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May	6AC	6MS
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	4YH	6CB

## News and Reminders

### **Industrial Action**

As you know, the NEU trade union is continuing to take industrial action on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This industrial action is taking place because there is still no agreement on pay between the government and the NEU. NEU members have rejected the offer that they have received because it is lower than requested and intended to be taken from schools' existing and already overstretched budgets.

As on previous strike days, we have decided that we are unable to keep Bessemer open during the teachers' strike while maintaining a safe environment for pupils and safe and reasonable working conditions for remaining staff. However, the wellbeing and education of our children is at the heart of everything that we do at Bessemer and our teachers do not take any action which could affect this lightly. As this strike action falls just before the Year 6 SATs it has been decided that Year 6 will remain open to ensure that the strike action does not cause additional worry to Year 6 children or their families or affect their performance in their SATs, which we know they have worked so hard for. Therefore, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May will be a normal school day for Year 6. Little Stars will also remain open as usual on the strike days as it is not staffed by NEU members.

After School Club will remain open on the strike day and is available for booking on Parentmail. School packed lunches can also be ordered for the strike day, they must be ordered on Parentmail and can then be collected from the office between 12 and 1pm on the days of the strike. Breakfast Club will be available for Year 6 only and must also be booked on Parentmail.

We continue to be very grateful for the support we are receiving from our Bessemer community during this time, it is very much appreciated by all our staff, thank you!

### **House Captains**

Thank you to last term's house captains Jacob, Josh, Fergus and Georgia. This half term our house captains are Aaron, Thomas, Raheemah and Remi.



### **After School Activity Clubs**

There are still a few places available in some of our after-school activity clubs. Booking on Parentmail is now closed, but if you would like to book a club please call the school office where staff will be able to make the booking for you. If your child is entitled to pupil premium and you would like to ask about reduced price places (plus a limited number of free places) in activity clubs please speak to a member of the office staff.

Activity Clubs scheduled on strike days will be rescheduled for the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Coronation Celebrations**

The coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. To celebrate this, children can come to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May dressed in the colours, red, white and blue or anything royal! Please see the attached menus for our celebration coronation lunches next week.

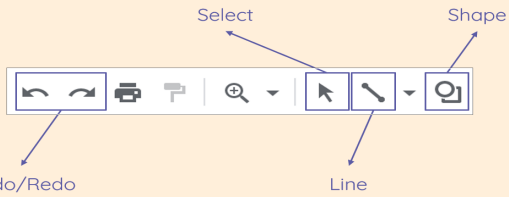
### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Year 6 parent Izzy, who raised £5000 for the charity CRY running the London Marathon last weekend! The charity provides free heart screening to prevent cardiac death in children <http://www.c-r-y.org.uk>

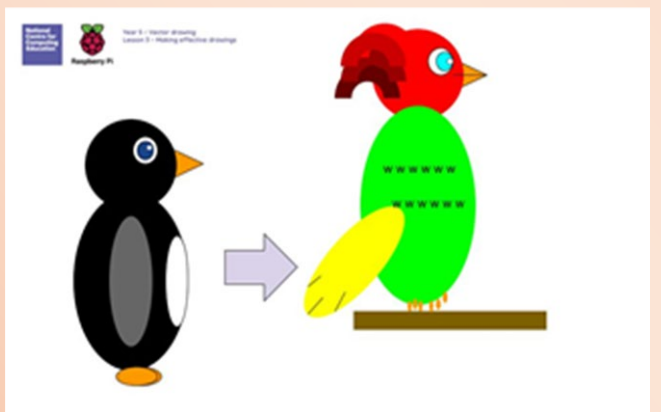
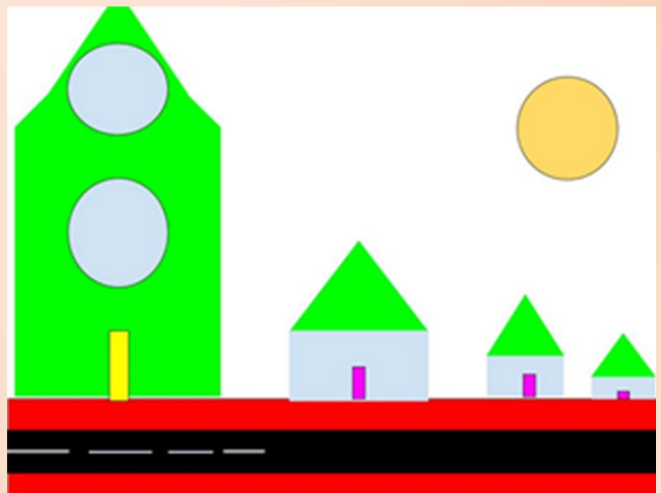
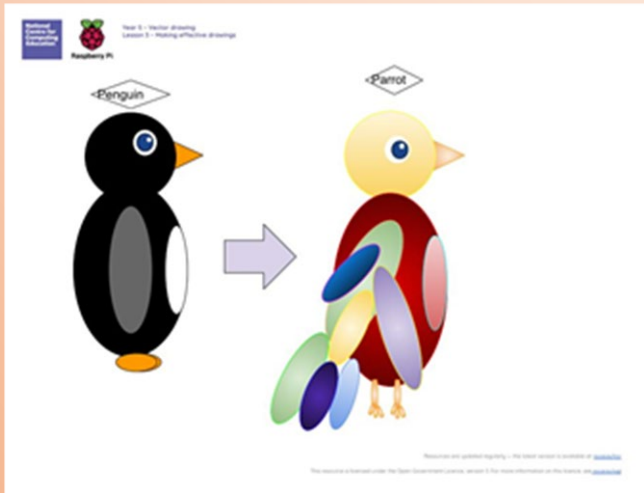
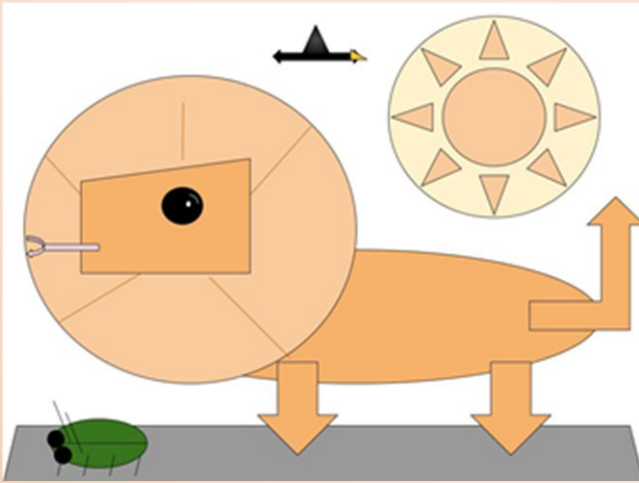
## Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 5 have been doing Vector drawings using *Google Drawings* in Computing this term:

For this activity, you will need to know these tools:



Open [nccce.io/gdrawing](https://nccce.io/gdrawing) and create a simple picture of a building.



## Sharing Children's Learning

In Biology last week children in Year 6 learnt more about the working of the human heart by making their own working models demonstrating the function of the heart.



### Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **ludicrous**. 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, **ludicrousness**. 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 these words as much as possible so that they become 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









A date for your diary: Bessemer's summer fair will take place on Saturday 15 July.

We're getting plans together now and if you have any ideas or suggestions for F@B we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch via [fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk](mailto:fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk)

Alongside all the food and fun we'll be running a summer raffle. Can you or your workplace help?

The winter raffle raised a whopping £1,400 and we're hoping that the next one will be just as good if not better but we need some great prizes:

Previous prizes have included:

-  new, gift-boxed jewellery
  -  beer, wine and whisky
  -  boxes of chocolates
  -  works of art
  -  gardening services
  -  toys
  -  family photoshoot
  -  tickets for a family day out
- ...and much more.

If you can donate something similar (or know somebody who can) please contact Emily on 07960 415 004

Thanks so much in advance.

### E-Safety Tip of the Week

Live video chat and streaming have become common ways to communicate ideas and connect with friends and loved ones. Most people's smartphone cameras allow them to have 1:1 and group conversations online. Many social media sites allow live-streaming where individuals can broadcast directly to their followers and even to the general public. For advice on how to support your child around video calls and live streaming, you can click this link to visit the Childnet.com advice page.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/video-chat-and-webcams-parents/>





# Celebrations!

## Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Lydia	Eimi	Georgios		Teresa
Sunshine	Freddie	Florence	Josiah		
1AM	Dougie	Johnny	Nyeela	Gwen	
1EB	Taylan	Melody	Olivia	Stephany	
1NS	Rayha	Harrison	Maya	Elliot	Emma
2FW	Makai	Shackleton	Idris	Henry	Charlotte
2LS	Grace	Leonel	Wolfie	Ismay	
2OF	Faye	Nikolas	Talya	Finn	Juno
3LM	Salima	Millie Rose	Sam	Amelia	
3CB	Alkyoni	Riccardo	Jadon	Billy	Lucie
3SB	Florence	Safa	Runaah	Arthur	
4KL	Owen	Violet	Neron	Lorelie	
4YH	Finnbar	Camai	Hannah	Andrea	
4FM	Max	Mahnaz	Jacob	Molly	
5JB	Emma	Keran	Killian	Leo	
5RS	Jake	Leandra	Tom C	Alexander	
5LW	Hassan	Herbie	Oscar	Edie	Grace
6MS	Alice	Lily	Samantha	Jago	
6CB	Jacob	Kayla	Nyeem	Osman	
6AC	Jack	Remi	Aaron	Patsy	Samira

## Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Zak	Charlotte	Callum	Bailey	Yusuf	Amelia

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2LS**, **3CB** and **6CB**

Congratulations to 4FM who won the Easter holiday Timestable Rockstar competition!



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



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*



# **A FEAST FIT FOR A KING!**

**King's Crown  
Chicken Sausage Roll  
Sovereign's Twist**

**With Royal Roasties  
Golden Coins & Crown Emeralds**

**Followed by  
Royal Cookies**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**



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# **THE COMMONWEALTH BIG LUNCH**

**Australian BBQ Chicken  
Singapore Noodles**

**With Caribbean Wedges &  
Vegetable Medley**

**Followed by  
British Jelly**

**4<sup>th</sup> May**



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# THE CELEBRATORY SALAD BAR



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