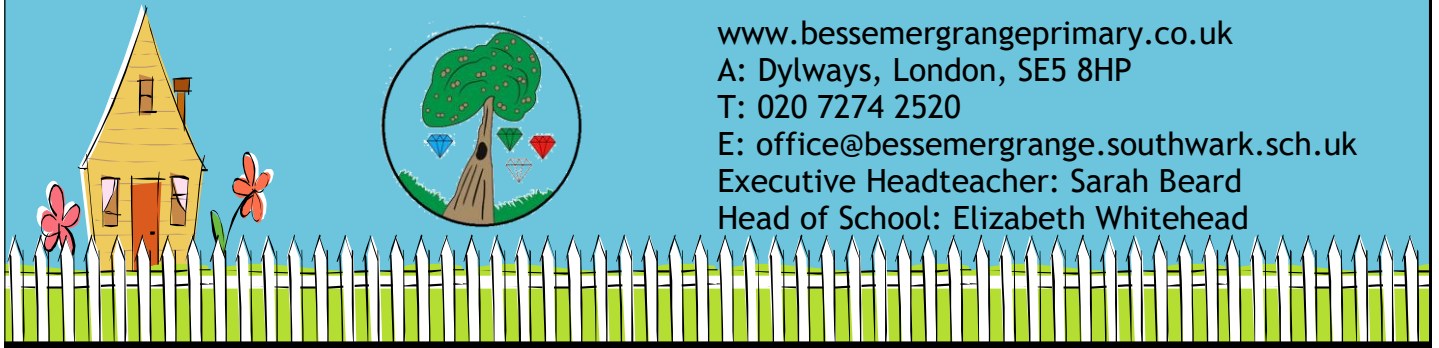


BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 31st January - Year 1 Horniman Trip

Tuesday 1st February - Year 6 Woodwind Concert

Tuesday 1st February - Year 5 London Eye trip

Friday 4th February - NSPCC Number Day

Friday 11th February - Tutorial Day, school closed for children

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February - Half term break

Monday 21st February - Children return to school

News and Reminders

Punctuality and Attendance

Please make sure that your child arrives at school by 8.55 every morning (earlier if you have siblings to drop off in different year groups) so that they are ready to line up or go into class at 9am. Lessons start promptly in the mornings and children who are late miss out on important maths or English teaching. For the same reason it is really important that children attend school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to come in. Poor attendance has a real affect on children's progress.

Covid Testing

Public Health have asked that we remind all parents of the importance of twice weekly asymptomatic testing using Lateral Flow Tests. They also suggest that if we inform you of multiple Covid cases in your child's class you consider testing your child with a LFT even if they do not have symptoms.

Social Media

Most social media platforms, for example, Tik Tok, require users to be at least 13 years old and are not appropriate for use by primary school children. If your child does use social media please talk to them about the way that they use it, set guidelines around what they are allowed to use it for and check it regularly. We often deal with incidents in school which start as disputes or 'teasing' on social media and these can become safeguarding concerns.

School Lunches

We have been working with our catering company to make some improvements to school lunches and address some issues raised by children and parents. The area manager of the catering company is very keen to work with us on the areas of concern and I hope that children will see an immediate improvement. In addition, the catering company has offered to hold a tasting event during which parents will be able to taste the food, look at the menus and talk to the staff. The area manager has also agreed to meet with the school council to take suggestions from the children and children will also be invited to be part of a tasting panel to help to choose the options for the next round of menus. As soon as we are able to set a date for the tasting event we will let you know.

The Parent Forum

We held a meeting of the Parent Forum this week, during which parent representatives from various classes gathered to discuss the feedback received from the parent survey. We had a very productive session and will be sending out a response to some of the issues that were raised next week.

Tutorial Day

Friday 11th February is tutorial day, when school is closed to children to allow parents and carers to attend appointments with class teachers to discuss children's progress. Appointments will be available to book on Parentmail next week.

NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday, 4th February, is NSPCC Number Day. Children will take part in fun number activities during the day and can come to school dressed in outfits that represent numbers, whether shop bought or homemade, if they would like to.

Activity Clubs

Activity clubs got off to a great start this week! There are a few places left in some clubs, please call the school office if you would like to book a place.

Financial Support

The support group *Young Mums* has partnered with *Income Max* to provide financial advice and support for families. Please follow this link for more information: <https://ymsn.co.uk/moms-money/>

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week this week is **disclose**. 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. You could also try adding different suffixes, e.g. **disclosed**, **disclosure**. Children will receive gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

Sharing Children's Learning

Coaches from Top Marks Sports Coaching have been working in school at lunchtimes to help improve the playgrounds for everyone. Coaches are working with our staff to implement a more active and engaging play experience for the children. So far they have introduced games such as four square, cricket and tennis.



Coaches from our partners at PESSN are working in PE lessons with our staff to continue to develop our P.E. provision.



Children in Year 6 practised the art of calligraphy as part of their *Japan* topic:



Year 3 enjoyed one of their weekly trips to the nature garden:



Football - An Update from Mr Booth

Year 5 Football Competition

Our year 5 competition has begun at lunchtimes. Well done to all the teams that are taking part. There has been some brilliant football played so far!



Year 6 Football

The latest round of Year 6 football happened last Thursday with both our sides winning their matches.

The girls won 7-1 against Robert Browning whilst the boys won 4-1 against Surrey Square.

Boys' League

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	+	-	GD	Pts
1	Bessemer	4	3	1	0	33	8	25	11
2	St Josephs Camberwell	4	2	2	0	17	10	7	10
3	Michael Faraday	4	2	0	2	31	21	10	8
4	Surrey Square	4	1	1	2	15	9	6	7
5	Charles Dickens	4	0	0	4	2	50	-48	4

The boys have played all of their fixtures and have won their mini league. The team will now progress to a finals day against other sides that won their respective leagues.

Girls' League

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	+	-	GD	Pts
1	Goodrich	5	4	0	1	26	8	18	13
2	Bessemer	5	4	0	1	26	15	11	13
3	St Josephs Camberwell	4	4	0	0	20	0	20	12
4	Bellenden	4	2	0	2	12	12	0	8
5	Charles Dickens	4	1	0	3	7	15	-8	6
6	Robert Browning	4	1	0	3	5	22	-17	6
7	Goose Green	6	0	0	6	0	24	-24	6

The girls have one game left to play and are currently second in their league.

Year 6 Lunchtime Football Competition

Year 6 - your turn for a lunchtime football tournament in school will be after the Year 5's finishes. Next week you will be able to sign up (it is 6 players per team and must be a mixture of boys and girls).

Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Simon	Ezra	Haddy		
Sunshine	Stephany	Ibrahim	Ava		
Moonbeam	Nyeela	Adam	Temu		
1AM	Ismay	Oscar	Trey	Eustache	Vidak
1EB	Koji	Jake	Ben	Gabriel	
1NS	Aaliyah	Charlotte	Wilfred	Idris	Fred
2JW	Uriel	Harley	Suraya	Florence	Malachi
2LT	Isobel	Jadon	Freddie	Cavalli	
2OF	Millie-Rose	Ethan	Radin	Harry	
3LM	Luka	Andrea	Finn	Emily	Fayo
3CB	Frankie	Owen	Florence	Amelia	
3LS	Ruby H	Tiger	Stephen	Lucy	
3JK		Kitty		Polly	
4SB	Phoebe	Othniel	Yabai	Sophie	
4KL	Khadijah	Alexander	Christobel	Tani	Brogan
4HB	Polly	Torren	Lukas	Tom	
4JB	Naomi-Rose	Hasti	Olivia	Florence	
5RS	Jack M	Joy	Alameen	Jaanai	Thomas P
5AC	Lukas	Jago	Kate	Riley	Nife
5LW	Eva	Zenji	Fergus	Alice	
5JK		Kiran		Nyeem	
6MS	Taznim	Phoebe	Kyrie	Ryo	
6YH	Iris	Tolu	Sofia	Rebekah	
6SB	Ralph	Bert	Evie	Isaac	Nasirw
6LC		Elliott	Jacob C	Luke	

Timetable Rockstars	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Riccardo	Alirida	Tom B	Raheemah	Rebekah

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2JW, 4HB and 5RS

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

Have a great Weekend!

Elizabeth