

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th June 2023

- 04.07.23 – Year 6 to author talk at Alleyn’s
- 04.07.23 – New Reception parents’ meeting
- 05.07.23 – school closed for industrial action - TBC
- 06.07.23 – Year 6 violin performances (see Year 6 half termly newsletter for each class’ time)
- 06.07.23 – New Year 1 parents’ meeting
- 07.07.23 – School closed for industrial action - TBC
- 10.07.23 – 14.07.23 – Year 2 swimming lessons
- 10.07.23 – KS2 sports day
- 11.07.23 - Early Years and KS1 sports day
- 11.07.23 – 14.07.23 – Year 6 swimming lessons
- 11.07.23 – KS2 house winners’ trip
- 12.07.23 – KS1 house winners’ trip
- 12.07.23 – Year 6 trip to Ruskin Park (am)
- 12.07.23 – 3SB pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 14.07.23 – Carnival
- 15.07.23 – Summer fair
- 17.07.23 - 21.07.23 – Year 3 swimming lessons
- 17.07.23 - 21.07.23 – Year 6 swimming lessons
- 18.07.23 – Year 6 performance
- 18.07.23 – Rainbow class trip to Crystal Palace farm and park
- 19.07.23 – Sunshine Class trip to Crystal Palace farm and park
- 19.07.23 – Year 6 graduation and disco
- 21.07.23 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Class Assembly Dates

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|------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| Friday 30 th June | 6MS | Friday 14 th July | 4YH |
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Library Visits

| | 10:00- 10:40 | 11:00 – 11:40 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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

Industrial Action – School Closure

As you know, there is going to be industrial action by the NEU, taking place on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. With the information we have at present, the decision has had to be made to close to children on the days of the strike as it is impossible for us to maintain health and safety standards and reasonable working conditions with the majority of our teaching staff taking strike action.

As with previous strike days, Little Stars and After School Club will remain open and packed lunches for collection on the strike days are available to order on Parentmail.

As always, we are very grateful for your support and understanding regarding the strike action and will let you know as soon as possible if anything changes with regard to the school closure.

Sports Days

Please see the table below for details of our upcoming sports days.

| | Monday 10 th (KS2) | Tuesday 11 th (EYs and KS1) |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Morning session (heats of all children's races) | 9.30-12.30 | 9.30 – 12.00 |
| Lunch | 12.30-1.30 | 12.00-1.30 |
| Afternoon session (finals of children's races, parents/carer race, teachers' race) | 1.30-2.30 | 1.30-2.30 |
| Debrief and ice lollies | 2.30 | 2.30 |

Parents and carers are invited to join us for the whole day, or as much of it as possible. Please try to come for lunch and bring a picnic to share with your child on the field. If you are not able to do so, please either provide your child with a packed lunch, or order a school packed lunch on Parentmail, selecting either a cheese or tuna sandwich. If you are providing lunch for your child, either by joining them for a picnic or sending a packed lunch from home, please indicate this on Parentmail by selecting 'home lunch' so that we do not order unnecessary school lunches.

All children should wear P.E. kit to school on their sports day. This should include trainers and navy shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings depending on the weather (black or grey please if you don't have navy). Children will be competing in their houses on sports day (KS1 and KS2) so should wear either a school house t-shirt or a t-shirt in their house colour. Children in Early Years can wear their usual school t-shirts.

Children will be on the field all day so must have a water bottle with them as well as a hat and sun cream if the weather is hot.

Swimming

Children in Years 2,3 and 6 will be having swimming lessons at Allyn's in the last two weeks of term. Please make sure you have seen the swimming letters sent to each year group and the updated swimming timetable sent out this week.

75th Anniversary of the NHS

Wednesday 5th July marks 75 years of the NHS. This is a significant milestone in British history and the COVID-19 global pandemic clearly highlighted the vital role its staff play in our lives. In school, we are going to be reflecting on the different ways in which the NHS helps us and how fortunate we are to have it. We will consider not only doctors and nurses but the 350 other roles and careers in the NHS. The Windrush and the NHS has an entwined history - we'll be making links between the two in an assembly.

Please look out for our NHS 'tribute' video that we'll be sharing on our website and on twitter next week.

Sharing Children's Learning

National Windrush Day

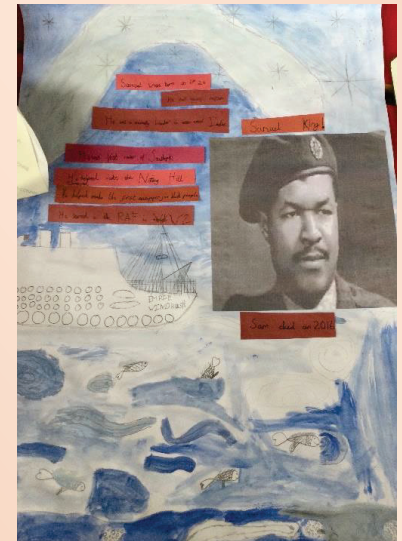
In the newsletter two weeks ago we told you about National Windrush Day, the 75th anniversary of the docking of The Empire Windrush in Tilbury, England. Last week, children completed activities commemorating the Anniversary of the Empire Windrush. On Monday, the whole of KS2 had a live online talk from the author, actress, politician *and* Windrush passenger Baroness Floella Benjamin, run by the National Archives. She shared both her positive and negative experiences of 'Coming to England'. Children then completed a range of activities in classes. Please see some of our learning below:



Children in Key Stage One studied the poem *Windrush Child* by John Agard and practiced reciting it themselves.



After listening to Baroness Benjamin's talk, children looked at the passenger list from The Empire Windrush and learnt about some of the passengers.



Sharing Children's Learning

(Windrush work continued)



Children in Year 6 went to Southwark Park to compete in an athletics competition against other schools this week. Everyone had a great time, the children's sporting behaviour was excellent and Bessemer finished in third place. Well done Year 6!



Children in 5LW had their Junior Roadwatch session this week. They explored a police vehicle and some equipment and then used some of the equipment themselves to identify motorists breaking the speed limit in the local area. These sessions have been really useful in helping children understand the role of the police as well as the dangers of not following the speed limit when driving.



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Nursery have had an exciting week! First they had a visit from firefighters who brought their engine along and children had a great time sitting in the engine and trying out the sirens and hoses:



Later in the week they went on a trip to The Horniman Museum for a music workshop where they learnt about music and dances from around the world. They also enjoyed the animal walk and a trip to the adventure playground.



Finally they had a visit from a paramedic who told them all about their job and answered all their questions. Some of you might recognise the paramedic as a past Bessemer staff member, it was lovely to see Miss Cowap in her new role!



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for the week after half term is **roam**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. Try adding different suffixes to make new words, e.g. **roamer, roamed, roaming**. 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

Summer Fair Saturday 15th July:

This year F@B is organising the biggest Summer Fair we've ever had, we need more Bessemer friends to make it spectacular! Great stalls needing parents to volunteer a shift or donate food. Can you help us get our 20 more volunteers target?

Text (NAME + TIME/FOOD or BOTH) to 07799 416256 and we'll bring you in.

Yrs6 can run stalls with their parents, and F@B can help cover costs of food donations, text to find out more. *The more volunteers the better so all our children can see their families and favourite foods involved!*

Preloved Donations: our popular teddy tombola and books stalls are back! Please donate good condition books, games and teddies to the school office by **next Friday**. Sorry we can't receive other donations like toys, baby items or bric a brac though, no space. But refresh your games and books before the holidays and bring in what you can donate!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Sharing Personal Information Online: Does your child know what information is okay to be shared online and what should be kept private? What information is it okay to share with a trusted friend or family member? What information would you be happy for a stranger to know? What different online places is it okay to share what information? Is what we might share in an email the same thing that we would want shared in a public space like a social media app?

For more information about how to talk to children about sharing information online, please visit:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

| | Star | Writer | Mathematician | Presenter | Scientist |
|----------|------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Rainbow | Georgios | Jake | Nia | | Sam |
| Sunshine | Arthur | Johnny | Freddie | | |
| 1AM | Ferhot | Albie | Ramsay | Nyeela | Omar |
| 1EB | Melody | Malachi | Margot P | Maceo | |
| 1NS | Ruby | Jules | Temu | Sebastian | |
| 2FW | Idris | Fred | Kebreab | Elham | Albert |
| 2LS | Leo S | Vidak | Agnes | Felix | |
| 2OF | Juno | Matilda | Ezra | Richard | |
| 3LM | Abemelek | Olivia | Adam | Harry | Matthew |
| 3CB | Lucie | Callum | Freddie | George | |
| 3SB | Uriel | Arthur | Lucien | Johnny | |
| 4KL | Owen L | Brayden | Aimenya | Sophie | |
| 4YH | Elisa | Akila | Miley | Kitty | Fayo |
| 4FM | Mahnaz | Tayo | George | Johanna | |
| 5JB | Naomi-Rose | Zac | Keran | Princess | |
| 5RS | Marley | Polly | Jake | Otis | |
| 5LW | Oscar | Othniel | Zadie | Abdulai | |
| 6MS | Riley | Alex | Kate | Dayo | |
| 6CB | Reuben | Alexia | Ollie | Thomas | Shabir |
| 6AC | Samira | David | Jaanai | Patsy | |

Individual Timestable Rockstars

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Margot | Leila | Eve | Valentina | Pearl | Fergus |

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

| Key Stage 1 | Lower Key Stage 2 | Upper Key Stage 2 |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2LS | 3CB | 5JB |

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



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



Summer Activities In Southwark



ART IN THE PARK

SCAN ME



A SERIES OF NATURE INSPIRED ART WORKSHOPS IN OUR STUDIO IN BURGESS PARK AND THE OUTDOOR SPACE SURROUNDING IT. THERE WILL BE TWO AT ACTIVITIES AT EVERY SESSION WHICH IS SUITABLE FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL US.

SATURDAY'S 2-4PM

One Hub THINGS TO DO

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FIND ACTIVITIES ACROSS SOUTHWARK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

LITTLE FISH THEATRE

FREE YEAR 6 LITTLE FISH THEATRE SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN 24TH JULY - 4TH AUG 2023 (MON-FRI) AT RYE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD EMAIL INFO@LITTLEFISHTHEATRE.CO.UK




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London Bubble

People make theatre

OUR PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-11 YEARS, USES THEATRE TO DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVE VOICES AND SHARE THEIR STORIES. WE DELIVER:

- SPEECH BUBBLES: DRAMA FOR COMMUNICATION INTERVENTION
- HOLIDAY AND HALF TERM PROJECTS
- PLAYING SAFE: A SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT FOR YEAR 6
- BESPOKE COMMISSIONED PROJECTS



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VPC Volunteer Police Cadets

BE A CADET

DEVELOP YOUR VOLUNTEERING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE VPC. HAVE FUN, EXCITING EXPERIENCES AND LEARN ABOUT POLICING.

FAQ'S




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HEALTHY EATING

SOUTHWARK'S FOOD AND FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2023

FIND OUT ABOUT OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AGED FOUR TO 16 ON BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS, AND HOW TO SIGN UP.




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ANNA FREUD

**MOVING UP! THE TRANSITION
TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**



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**SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S
TRANSITION TO SECONDARY
SCHOOL: GUIDANCE FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS**



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YOUNG MINDS

**SUPPORTING SCHOOL
TRANSITIONS**



Family Advice and Guidance

Free confidential advice and support for you and your family over the phone. To book a slot, please call Nadene on 07776 990 819.

(Telephone Service Mon - Fri, 9.00am - 5.00pm)

Referrals

Family Support referrals must be completed by an Early Help professional, email earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk

To discuss the referral process, please email Elena Salazar:

Elena.Salazar@1stplace.uk.com

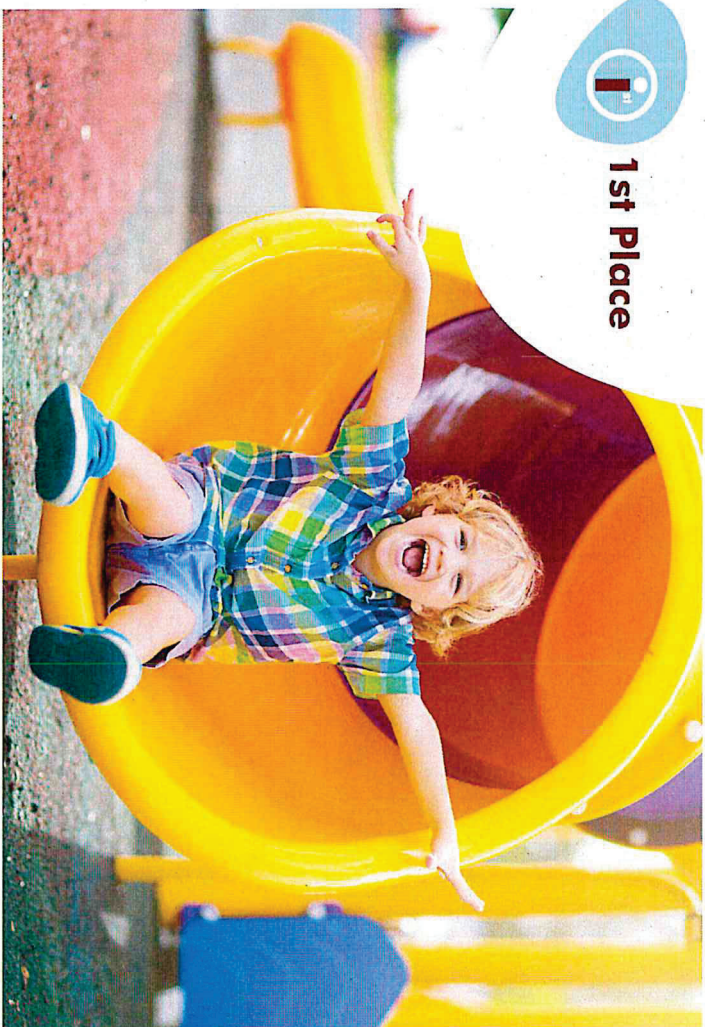
Rose VOUCHERS for fruit & veg

The Rose Vouchers for Fruit & Veg Project gives vouchers to buy fruit and veg locally to families on low incomes or with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), who have children under 5 years old. to find out more go to www.1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers



Find 50 low or no cost family activities in the free 50 Things app.

Download from Google Play or Apple Store.



1st Place Summer Timetable

24th July - 1st September 2023

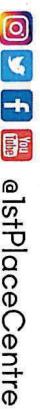
Packed full of activities for you and your little ones!

1st Place Children & Parents' Centre
12 Churnleigh St
Burgess Park
SE5 0RN

Victory Children & Family Centre
Elba Place
SE17 1PT

E-mail: BBWCFCA@1stplace.uk.com Phone: 020 7740 8070

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <p>Chatter Box (drop-in) Victory Children & Family Centre 10 am - 11.30 am July 24th 31st August 7th 14th 21st</p> <p>A session where we share advice and support on the development of your child's early speech and language skills.</p> | <p>Healthy Movers (drop-in) Victory Children & Family Centre 10 am - 11:30 am July 25th August 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th</p> <p>Join us for a lively Stay and Play focussing o getting moving including tips and ideas.</p> | <p>SENsational (drop-in) 1st Place Children & Parents' Centre 10 am - 11:30 am July 26th August 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th</p> <p>See session description on Monday.</p> | <p>Baby Stay & Play (drop-in) 1st Place Children and Parents' Centre 1:30 pm - 3 pm July 27th - 31st August</p> | <p>50 Things Stay & Play (drop-in) 1st Place Children and Parents' Centre. Sessions are linked to 50 Things To Do Before You're Five activities.</p> |
| <p>SENsational (drop-in) 1st Place Children & Parents' Centre 2 pm - 3:30 pm July 24th 31st August 7th 14th 21st</p> <p>A session planned to support young children with additional and special educational needs.</p> | <p>Babytime (drop-in) Victory Children & Family Centre 2 pm - 3:30 pm July 25th August 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th</p> <p>A session for young babies. On this informative session we offer tips and advice on your babies learning and development while your little one explores our cosy play area, and we will sing songs and rhymes together.</p> | <p>Outings BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL Outings will be from 11 am - 4 pm.</p> <p>For all outings we will meet at Victory Children and Family Centre.</p> <p>If you wish to meet us at the venue, this can be discussed when you book.</p> <p>We can offer support to travel but this is limited.</p> <p>To book, contact Judy. 07760624136 Judy.Morris@stplace.uk.com</p> | <p>27th July Trough Painting... #3 Make your mark</p> <p>3rd August Rhymes and their value #6 Rhyme time</p> <p>10th August Explore bubbles #8 Bubbles</p> <p>17th August Stories & their value #10 Sharing books</p> <p>24th August Peekaboo #32 Where have I gone</p> <p>31st August Signs to support communication #39 Talking signs</p> | <p>28th July Trips on Buses take the bus The wheels on the bus # 28</p> <p>4th August Visit a Playground outside 1st Place and play in fountains (bring towels and change of clothes)</p> <p>#26 Splash Splash Splish</p> <p>11th August 1st Place 1 mile challenge (walk our 1 mile route in the park and get a certificate)</p> <p>#27 Little People Park Keeper</p> |
| <p>This session encourages the development of early attention and social communication skills through play. Our Centre is accessible with a beautiful beach area, calming sensory space and outdoor play area. This session particularly supports children with Autism, Global Developmental Delay, ADHD or any other additional need.</p> <p>Respite spaces are sometimes available, but these must be pre-booked. For more information, please call Libby 07759523217.</p> | <p>Rose Voucher Collections 9:30 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm Victory Children & Family Centre</p> <p>Families Matter DWP drop-in service Wednesdays 10 am - 12 pm</p> <p>1st Place Children & Parents' Centre, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN</p> <p>Advisors from the Department for Work & Pensions will be available to offer support and advice on a range of topics including benefits, upskilling & training, CV writing, job interviews, childcare once you're in work and more.</p> <p>www.southwork.gov.uk/familiesmatter</p> | <p>2nd August Kew Gardens</p> <p>9th August Crystal Palace Park</p> <p>16th August Blackheath Park & Greenwich Park</p> <p>23rd August Ruskin Park</p> <p>30th August Mudchute Farm</p> <p>Rose Voucher Collections 9:30 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm 1st Place Children & Parents' Centre</p> | <p>18th August Sand castle competition at Bananas On The Beach. Prizes for best sandcastle. #5 Squidgy Sand</p> <p>25th August Explore our mud area and make potions and mud pies. #17 Hocus Pocus potions</p> <p>1st September Picnic in the Park Bring a rug and a picnic, play in the park and join us in a big sing along to finish the session. # 30 Yummy picnic</p> |  <p>Download from Google Play or Apple Store.</p> |