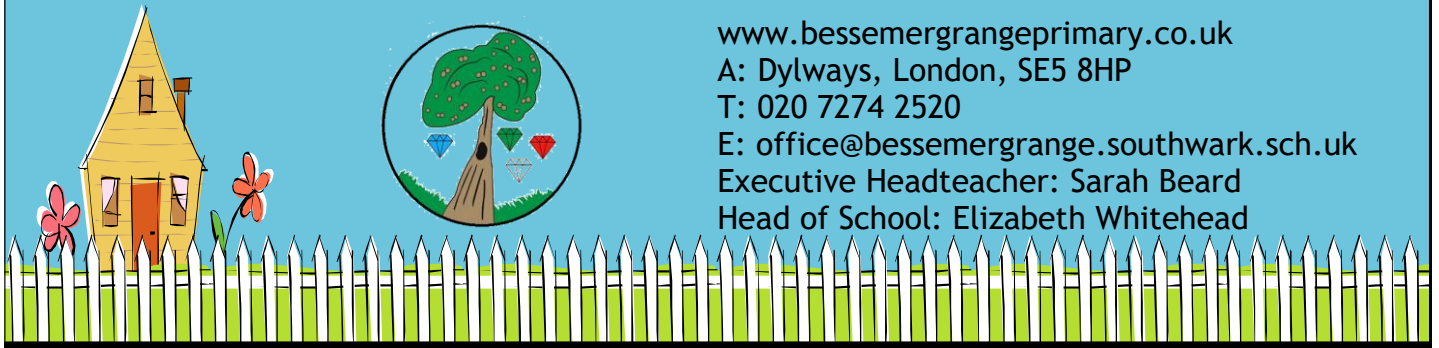


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Dates for your Diary

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

Tutorial Day

Next Friday is tutorial day, when school is closed for children. Please make sure that you book an appointment on Parentmail by 9am on Monday morning.

Looking After Mental Health

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. While we have an ongoing focus on children's wellbeing, next week we will have a particular focus on looking after our mental health. The theme planned by Place2Be, *Growing Together* 'is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck.' Activities during the week will aim to support children in this area.

For many parents and carers, the pandemic has brought up a challenging theme; how do you navigate your own mental health whilst looking after your children's?

Now and Beyond are hosting a parenting post-pandemic webinar with Lorraine Candy and a panel of parents with expertise in mental health. You can get more information and sign up for free here - www.nowandbeyond.org.uk/parenting-post-pandemic

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week this week is **vigour**. 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. **vigorous**, **vigorously**. Children will receive gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

Safer Internet Day

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY, 4.30PM

To mark **Safer Internet Day 2022** on Tuesday 8 February, **Parent Zone** is hosting a free and interactive 30-minute virtual event for parents – exploring everything you need to know about online gaming.

The interactive event will be led live on YouTube by deputy CEO Sophie Linginton and will explore topics including:

- How do you know if a game is suitable for your child?
- How do you set effective boundaries around gaming?
- What are the signs of excessive gaming – and what should parents do?

And they'll be answering your questions too! To ask a question to Sophie, simply log into a YouTube account and fire away. We'd love to hear what you want to know, or simply what you think. You can also send in your questions in advance to members@parentzone.org.uk

The event runs from 4.30-5.00pm and there's no need to register – all you need to do to join is click this link:

<https://youtu.be/s6dz2GoR6uM>

For more advice about online gaming, browse the library of [parent guides](#) to the latest games and platforms. And read all about setting up new [consoles](#) safely here.

F@B Update

Spring Fair

Save the date, the Spring Fair is on **Saturday 26 March**. It's been a long time since we had a fair, so we can't wait to bring you lots of super stalls, delicious food and drink, and fun games.

The success of the event depends on a wonderful crowd of volunteers. If you were one of the lovely people who signed up for the Winter Fair (which couldn't take place) we'll be in touch soon to see if you can help at the Spring Fair. And if we don't already have your details and you'd like to help out, please send an email to fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk.

Easyfundraising

We receive a small donation every time you shop online using Easyfundraising, at no extra cost to you. In total, we've been able to spend an extra £4,500 on new equipment and other items for the school thanks to Easyfundraising shoppers. As the name suggests, it's very easy – just go to <https://bit.ly/2XoeZM7> to sign up.

Sharing Children's Learning

This week Year 6 invited their parents and carers to watch them perform woodwind concerts to demonstrate everything they have learnt in music this year. 6YH children have been learning the clarinet:



Children in Year 1 have been dancing to music from around the world in P.E. this week:



School Trips

This week children in Year 5 went on a trip to The London Eye after reading *The London Eye Mystery* in English. It was fantastic to bring the book to life, and a perfect day to admire the views. Everyone had a great time!



Year 1's Trip to The Horniman Museum, a message from Ms Matheson:

On Monday Year 1 went to the Horniman Museum as part of their study of the 'Polar Regions.' We participated in a workshop run by Lucy and had to get into our imaginary aeroplane to fly all the way to the Arctic. We discussed what animals we might find there and learnt about the life of the Inuit people, and how they survived in the past compared to what they have access to now. We found out that Inuit's use animal skins to make their clothing because it is warm and can be waterproof. We saw some toys that the children used including little hand-made dolls, boots that the Inuit people had made and also tools that they have made to help them catch their food. We pretended to go inside an igloo, and found out that they had to use a dish to light a fire using animal fat and two stones to start a spark.

We also had a look around the aquarium. We enjoyed reading the information about the animals on the boards and showed great excitement when we managed to find them in their tanks. They can be a bit sneaky and camouflage or hide under rocks and in or behind coral.

A big thank you to all of our parent helpers. We had a fantastic time on our first trip out since we started school!



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Rebecca	Ferhot	Margot		
Sunshine	Casper	Rimas	Louie O		
Moonbeam	Santiago	Joseph	Manon		
1AM	Lina	Harry	Agnes	Leonel	
1EB	Talya	Nikolas	Faye	Alex	Agibu
1NS	Charlotte	Idris	Kebreab	Shakleton	
2JW	Tobias	Stella	Sharon	Amelia	
2LT	Holly	Alkyoni	Theo	Cavalli	
2OF	Sammy	Sam	Adam	Daniel	Leo
3LM	Bryan	Florence	The whole of 3LM!	Michael	
3CB	Milo	Eve	Bailey	Isaac	
3LS	Bill	Lucy	Molly	Max M-H	Max E
3JK		Robhin		Khadijah	
4SB	Edie	Ramatulai	Leo	Zac	Rufus
4KL	Olivia	Tate	Cyra	Rose	
4HB	Rocco	Yusuf O	Zadie	Tofunmi	Emma
4JB	Grace	Jeanne	Genevieve	Otis	
5RS	Jasper	Osian	Remi	Bobbi Rae	
5AC	Leo B	Nife	Alice	Kobi	
5LW	Amelia	Alexia	Rose	Thomas	Jessica
5JK		Samuel		Amelia	
6MS	Missy	Navjot	Caoimhe	Chako	
6YH	Elvis	Lamiah	Maksim	Wilfred	
6SB	Matilda	Andy	Sam	Pedro	
		Evie	Luna	Andy	

Timestable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rockstars		Arthur	Johanna	Khadijah	Jago	Abdullahi

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2JW, 3LS and 6YH

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

Have a great Weekend!

Elizabeth