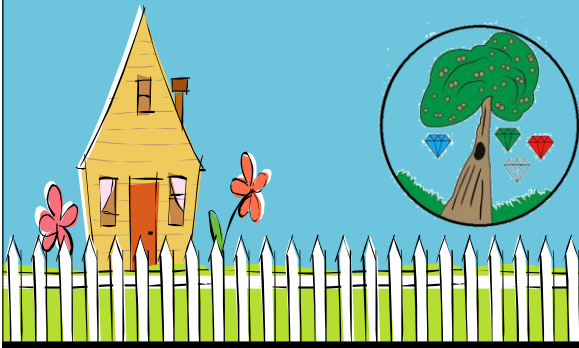


# BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - TfL photographer outside school at drop off time

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 6 trip to Charter drama performance

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Years 1 and 2 Zoolab visit

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 5/6 English workshop

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Readathon sponsorship money due in

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 fire concert trip

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Early Years Celebration Day

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 3 trip to The British Museum

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 maths Workshop

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - school fair

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - last day of term

## News and Reminders

### **The Crisis in Ukraine**

The news at the moment is horrifying, and many children are aware to some extent of the crisis taking place in Ukraine. Naturally a lot of children feel anxious about what they have seen and heard, and there is, understandably a lot of confusion and misinformation causing added worry. While we in school will address misinformation, answer questions and try to reassure children, we feel that it is up to parents and carers to decide how much information they want to share with their children and to have the more in-depth conversations about the war if they see fit. The following links provide suggestions of ways to talk to children about the situation.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/talking-to-your-children-scary-world-news>

<https://www-bbc-co-uk.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002.amp>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

## **Easter Club**

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, due to a lack of staffing we are unable to run an Easter club this year. We know that this will cause inconvenience to some families and we are very sorry about this. In order to avoid this situation in the future we are currently exploring the option of using an external agency to run our holiday clubs. An additional advantage of this is that the provider we are looking at runs holiday provision in all of the school holidays, not just summer and Easter. If you are looking for childcare for the upcoming Easter holiday, here are some local providers:

[www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk](http://www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk) based at Judith Kerr Primary School (see the attached flier) - this is the provider we are considering using at Bessemer in the future.

<https://whippersnappers.org/kids-and-teens/holiday-playschemes-2/> based at Brockwell Lido.

There is also an Easter Club run by Jam on Red Post Hill, we are just waiting for their booking details and a football holiday camp (Soccer Stars FA Easter Holiday Camp) run by one of the football coaches who works at Bessemer, which takes place on Peckham Rye - more details to follow next week.

## **School Lunches**

As you know we are working with our catering provider to make some improvements to lunches at Bessemer. The area manager of ISS will be meeting our school council later this month to answer their questions, hear their suggestions and to get them involved with selecting options for the next round of menus. In addition, Steve, the area manager would like to invite a small group of around six parents to have lunch with him in school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. This will provide an opportunity for these parents to find out about the menus, nutritional information and anything else of concern and then feed back to other parents. If you are interested in joining Steve for lunch and are either a member of the parents' forum, are on Classlist or in a class Whats App group, so able to feed back to other parents and carers, please email me as soon as possible. Steve is also organizing a tasting session either this month or next, which will be an open event for parents and carers to come along, taste the food and ask questions. We'll provide a date for that as soon as we have one.

## **TfL Photographer**

If you are happy to take part in staged photos of the street closure on 9<sup>th</sup> March during drop off time (as explained last week) for use on TfL's website, please could you email the office to let me know.

## **Readathon**

So far, online donations from Readathon sponsorship stand at £339, well done! If you would still like to contribute, the Readathon is raising money for books for children in hospitals. Children can choose to read or listen to audio books and they set their own targets for how much they want to read. The Readathon officially runs from 28<sup>th</sup> February until 4<sup>th</sup> March but you could carry on next week as sponsorship money can be returned to the school office or class teachers, along with the sponsorship form, by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, or paid to 'Read for Good' at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> .



### F@B Update

#### **Spring Fair - help needed!**

Our Spring Fair is happening on Saturday 26th March and we need as many volunteers as possible. Can you spare an hour or two that day? We need parents/carers to help run stalls of all kinds, to set up before the fair, and to tidy up afterwards. We would be so grateful if you could give a little of your time, to make the event a real success.

Sign-up sheets will be in the school office from Monday so please drop by and put your name against one of the shifts — or more if you can! A huge thank you in advance for your help, we really do appreciate everyone getting involved.

### Word of the Week

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

### Sharing Children's Learning

Over the next few weeks all classes across the school are taking part in yoga sessions in addition to their usual P.E. lessons. Here are some pictures of one of this week's sessions:





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Children in Year 4 were archaeologists and excavated the tomb/barrow of a famous warrior king. The children found different objects buried in the sand and then asked a series of questions to find out more about them. They made predictions about what the objects could be for.





## World Book Day

We had great fun on World Book Day yesterday! We had the best turn out ever of brilliantly creative costumes - well done everyone! There were book related activities going on all over the school, for example children in Years 3 and 4 read stories to children in nursery and Reception which everyone really enjoyed! Here are a few photos from the day. Have a look on our Twitter feed to see more pictures and look on the website to see staff talking about their favourite books.







## Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Haddy	Louisa	Douglas		
Sunshine	Harris	Anh	Keyan		
Moonbeam	Athena	Margot	Melody		
1AM	Trey	Mikey	Eustache	Agnes	Faye
1EB	Brandon	Salome	Maia	Donatas	
1NS	Fred	Joel	Aliyah	Phoenix M	
2JW	Johnny	Amelia	Runaah	Noah	Khaliyah
2LT	Abdullah	Penelope	Nicolas	Isobel	
2OF	Elena	Abemelek	Millie-Rose	Kyanna	
3LM	Arda	Akila	Luka	Valentina	
3CB	Eve	Brayden	Owen	Izzy	
3LS	Paul	Johanna	Lucy	Jonathan	Tayo
3JK		Elisa		Jacob	
4SB	Max	Nathaniel	Yabai	Phoebe	
4KL	Brogan	Joe	Tom	Iona	
4HB	Emma	Herbie	William	Marley	Tom
4JB		Hassan	Otis	Heidi	
5RS	Aaron	Max	Thomas	Osian	Bobbi-Rae
5AC	Dayo	Lily	Tomai	Jago	
5LW	Zenji	Georgia	Thomas	Jacob	
5JK		Nyeem		Zach	
6MS	Chako	Latrell	Kyrane	Fatima	
6YH	Elliott	Lamiah	Summayya	Aisha	
6SB	Nasir	Luna	Maia	Aisha	
6LC		Dom	Logan	Caoimhe	

Timetable Rockstars	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Aishah	Violet	Jadene	Sofia	Tolu

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2LT, 3LS and 6MS

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

Have a great Weekend!

*Elizabeth*