

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th May 2023

- 05.05.23 – Year 2 athletics competition (JAGS)
- 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 Allyn'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 (JAGS)
- 06.06.23 – Year 6 trip to The Old Operating Theatre
- 06.06.23 – 3LM pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 07.06.23 - 3CB pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 4 multiplication check
- 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 1 phonics screening / Year 2 rescreening
- 22.06.23 – National Windrush Day (75th anniversary)
- 29.06.23 – Nursery trip to The Horniman Museum
- 05.07.23 – 3SB pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 07.07.23 – Early Years and KS1 sports day
- 10.07.23 – KS2 sports day
- 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 th May	5LW	Friday 5 th May	2OF
Friday 26 th May	1FP	Friday 19 th May	
Friday 30 th June	6MS	Friday 23 rd June	4YH

Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	11:00 – 11:40
Fri 5 th May	Rainbow	5JB
Thurs 11 th May	3LM	4KL
Fri 12 th May	3CB	3SB
Thurs 18 th May	1FP	5RS
Fri 19 th May	Butterflies	Lauren Todd's English group
Thurs 25 th May	6AC	6MS
Fri 26 th May	4YH	6CB

News and Reminders

Policies

All of our school policies are available to parents and carers on the Gem Federation website for anyone who would like to find out more about our systems and procedures, e.g. our behaviour system, safeguarding or admissions. If you have any questions about any of our policies please contact a member of the leadership team via the school office.

Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Timestable Rockstars

Unfortunately we no longer have school subscriptions to Mathletics or Reading Eggs; these subscriptions cost £7000 and due to our limited budget we have had to prioritise other subscriptions which we feel are more in line with our curriculum and home learning requirements.

We encourage families to use Timestable Rockstars at home which is great for developing fast recall of multiplication and division facts, an essential skill for developing confidence in maths. There are no Timestable Rockstars winners at Bessemer this week due to the limited number of children who have used it recently, so let's try to change that next week and see if we can move Bessemer up the local area leaderboard!

We hope that all children are using their school reading scheme books or free reading books from the class book corners to practice reading at home every day, however for anyone really missing Reading Eggs there are lots of online reading activities available on BBC Bitesize.

Punctuality

The school gates open at the following times every morning:

Key Stage 2 – 8.45am

Key stage 1 – 8.50am

Early Years – 8.55am

The opening times are staggered so that you can drop siblings off on time in different key stages and all children are either in their line in the playground or in their classroom by 9am. All gates are then closed by 9.05am. for Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents and carers this means that you need to have finished dropping your child off and have left school by then. Please ensure that your child is in school on time every morning. While we understand that occasionally, unforeseen circumstances can make you late and this is unavoidable, children arriving after the gates have closed means that adults are called away from teaching to let them in, which disrupts the learning of other children.

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are overflowing again! When we find items which are named we ensure they are returned to their owners. Any unnamed items are usually only stored in the lost property boxes outside the office for a week before being disposed of. We have not disposed of any lost property since the Easter holiday due to the shortened weeks, so if your child has lost anything please come and have a look before the boxes are cleared out at the end of next week.

Packed Lunches

As a school with a gold Healthy Schools award it is very important to us to encourage healthy eating. Children are not allowed crisps, chocolate bars, cake, sweets or drinks other than water in their daily packed lunches and they will not be allowed to eat these items in school.

There are more relaxed rules around packed lunches for trips as these happen more rarely and are seen as a treat. The guidelines for school trip packed lunches are included in trip letters. Packed lunches must never contain nut products.

Girls' Football

Please see the attached fliers for a girls' football camp and club trials.

Sharing Children's Learning

Bee-Bots are small, programmable robots which children use to learn early programming skills. Children start exploring Bee-Bots in Early Years, here are some Reception children trying them out:



Children in Year 1 learnt to program the Bee-Bots to follow a planned series of simple instructions to reach their destination:



Children in Year 2 designed floor mats for the Bee-Bot robots, drawing in objects as obstacles, then programmed the Bee-Bots to move around the floor mat avoiding these. They checked whether their codes worked and read them back with their groups and then debugged them if necessary.



Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

In celebration of the King's coronation tomorrow children dressed up in red, white or blue or anything 'royal' today. They also enjoyed celebration coronation lunches, complete with crowns, during the week:



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **quest**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences.

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 huge thank you to everyone who supported our Eid Celebration last week! It was a lovely sunny afternoon and we enjoyed delicious curry, salads, rice and other treats.

We are very grateful to all the parent cooks and volunteers who brought food and lent a hand with setting up and running the stalls.

Thank you Amie, Aysha, Luba, Christine, Nafisah, Henry, Yandire, Alan and all the other people who helped. Together we have raised an amazing £900 for Bessemer!



E-Safety Tip of the Week

Understanding TikTok!

TikTok is a hugely popular app where people can view and share short videos, up to 60 seconds long, of dancing, lip-syncing, comedy and popular songs, among other things. It is particularly popular with young people. But what is the age restriction on the app? Below is a link to the answers to many popular questions parents have about TikTok.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Sophia	Johnny	Rufus		
Sunshine	Tammany	Samiya	Lyra		
1AM	Georgie	Amina	Athena		Arthur
1EB	Adam	Ibrahim	Henry	Rebecca	Santi
1NS	Rimas	Zak	Harrison	Keyan	
2FW	Marco	Phoenix M	Mattias	Charlotte	
2LS	Wolfie	Leo S	Aidan	Valentina	
2OF	Felix	Donatas	Agibu	Alex	
3LM	Lacey	Kyanna	Radin	Matthew	
3CB	Theo	George	Penny	Eve	
3SB	Khaliyah	Malachi	Rose	Aishah	Tobias
4KL	Gloria	Emily	Owen	Fox	
4YH	Kitty	Hannah	Emily	Janessa	
4FM	Tofarati	Ezekiel	Jonathan	Einas	
5JB	Emma	Phoebe	Victoria		
5RS	Haven	Eddie	Khadijah	Eddie	
5LW	Ramatulai	Othniel	William	Silas	
6MS	Yasmin	Alice	Kiran	Simba	
6CB	Reuben	Thomas	Alexia	Rose	
6AC	Lola	Raheemah	Abdul	Bobbi	

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



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth

GIRLS UNITED CLUB TRIALS

Register your interest

**Club & Development Teams
Monday 15th May - U11-U13
Friday 19th May - U8-U10
Monday 22nd May - U14, U15
and U16**

WHITSUN FOOTBALL CAMPS

Ages 5 - 14
All levels
of football
experience
welcome

SIGN UP



Charter North
Dulwich
31st May,
1st & 2nd June
0900 - 1500

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