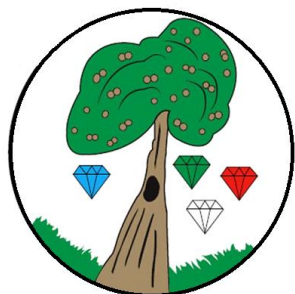


Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

09.01.23 - Activity clubs start this week (except Capoeira and Illustration)

10.01.23 - Year 4 *Food from Different Cultures* day

16.01.23 - 20.01.23 Year 4 classes trips to Sainsbury's

18.01.23 - Illustration Club starts

23.01.23 - Year 2 maths / SATs parent workshop, 9.15am

26.01.23 - Capoeira club starts

30.01.23 - Year 5 London Eye trip

01.02.23 - Year 6 SATs parent workshop, 9.15am

10.02.23 - Tutorial day, school closed to children

13.02.23 - 17.02.23 - Half term break

20.02.23 - Children return to school

21.02.23 - Year 6 JCS trip

01.03.23 - Early Years Celebration Day

Class Assembly Dates

(Parents and carers are invited to watch their child's assembly at 9.15 on the dates below. Assemblies will last approximately 15 minutes.)

Please note the change of date for 3CB.

Friday 27 th January	5RS	Friday 20 th January	2LS
Friday 24th February	3CB	Friday 3 rd February	6AC
Friday 17 th March	5JB	Friday 10 th March	2FW
Friday 31 st March	1NS	Friday 24 th March	4KL
Friday 12 th May	5LW	Friday 5 th May	2OF
Friday 26 th May	1FP	Friday 19 th May	6MS
Friday 30 th June		Friday 23 rd June	4YH

Spring Term Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11.20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 5 th Jan	1NS	2FW	5JB
Thursday 12 th Jan	Sunshine	2OF	5RS
Thursday 19 th Jan	1AM	2LS	5LW
Thursday 26 th Jan	1FP	6AC	4KL
Thursday 2 nd Feb	Rainbow	6MS	4FM
Friday 3 rd	3LM	6CB	Little Stars
Thursday 9 th	3CB	3SB	4YH

News and Reminders

Activity Clubs

We still have a few places left in some of our activity clubs. If you would like to book a place please call or email the office to find out which clubs are available. If you book a club after the ten-week block has started you will only be charged for the remaining sessions.

Most activity clubs start next week. Capoierra club starts on 26th January and only runs for eight weeks. Illustration club will now start on 18th January but will still run for ten weeks, with the last session being in the last week of term.

Lost Property

Our new approach to lost property is that unnamed items are only kept for one week before being disposed of. If your child loses something, please come and look for it as soon as possible in the lost property boxes outside the office. Named items are returned to children when they are found, so please make sure that all of your child's things are clearly labelled.

Toys from Home

Children are not allowed to bring toys from home to school. The only exception to this at the moment is Rubik's cubes in years 5 and 6, which are only to be used at playtimes in the Rubik's cube zone. We will introduce a Rubik's cube zone in the Year 3 / 4 playground soon. Children should not be bringing their own stationary to school, everything they need in school is provided. When children bring in items from home they can cause distractions, arguments and problems if they go missing, so please remind your child that unless there is a specific reason for bringing something in, e.g. for show and tell or because it relates to their topic, they should leave their toys and stationary at home. Children can bring in their own books for reading during the school day if they wish, although every class has a good range of books available to borrow as well.

SATs Workshops

Please note the dates for Year 2 and Year 6 parent workshops regarding SATs which are listed in the diary dates. These workshops will let you know more about how the SATs are carried out and what you can do to support your children before and during SATs.

Little Stars

We have a few places available in our two-year-old provision, Little Stars. Both privately funded full and part time places and government funded 15-hour places are available. If you are interested application forms are available from the school office, where you can also book a tour of the provision. Little Stars is a beautiful nursery setting with highly qualified staff and is part of our Ofsted rated Outstanding Early years department, so please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in a place.

Rubik's Cube Club

Last term a lot of children in Years 5 and 6 developed an interest in Rubik's cubes. As these are a great toy for developing problem solving skills we made an exception to our 'no toys from home' rule and one of our Year 6 pupils, Zac, with support from staff, set up a Rubik's Cube club, based in a special area of the playground at playtimes. It has proved very popular, well done Zac!



A big thank you to F@B for providing the funds for some lovely new furniture for the Rubik's cube zone and outdoor reading area in the Year 5 / 6 playground! More photos will follow when it is all set up.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **diverse / diversity**. 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.

F@B Update

Thank you everyone for your amazing support for this year's winter fair.

We had such a fun day and hope you did too. We started off with mountains of teddies, stacks of chocolate, mounds of food, piles of cakes and lots of sweets as well!

It had all vanished by the end, which left us with buckets of cash to count up - which we bank and then transfer so the school can spend it on things that will inspire learning and fun at Bessemer.

We are VERY excited to announce that together our fair and raffle have raised more than £5,500! Which is completely brilliant! And it means all that hard work has really paid off.

Thank you everyone who came along, baked, donated or ran a stall or helped in any other way. You are all heroes!

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Talking About What We Do Online

The most important thing to remember as a parent is to keep an open dialogue with your child about what they like to do online.

Ask them about their favourite websites and ask them to show you the games they like to play online and play together with them. Having an open dialogue will make it easier for your child to talk to you about what they see online and give them a chance to say when they see something that they don't like.

Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth