

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th July - Year 3 and 4 sports day

Monday 11th July - Year 1 Sealife Centre trip

Tuesday 12th July - Year 5 and 6 sports day

Wednesday 13th July - KS1 and EYFS sports day

Friday 15th July - Carnival, 2pm

Tuesday 19th July - Year 6 performance, 6pm

Wednesday 20th July - Year 6 disco, 6-7.30pm

Thursday 21st July - class parties

Thursday 21st July - Year 6 graduation, 2pm

Friday 22nd July - prize assembly

Friday 22nd July - last day of term, 2pm finish

News and Reminders

Sports Days

We have sent out information about the order of events on sports days this week. Each day events will start at 9.45am (except Nursery, please see the Nursery newsletter for details of their sports day activities). Parents and carers are welcome to arrive from 9.30am onwards and can of course arrive and leave at any time throughout the day. Access to and from the field will be via the office and the 2JW courtyard.

Children should wear P.E. kit to school, including a t-shirt in their house colour if possible (this does not need to be an official house t-shirt).

Please remember that you need to let the office know if your child usually has a school packed lunch for trips but does not need one for sports day, or if they do not usually have a school packed lunch but need one on this occasion. Please observe the packed lunch guidance of no sweets or chocolate bars, no fizzy drinks and no nut products or uncut grapes for packed lunches and picnics.

It is due to be very hot next week so please ensure your child has sun cream on and brings a hat and water bottle.

We are very grateful for our continued access to JAGS' field and ask that when children join you for their picnic at lunchtime they are reminded to continue to follow our school rules and treat their surroundings with respect, e.g. picking up their litter, not swinging on tree branches etc. We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on sports days, don't forget your running shoes!

Safety Outside School

In previous newsletters we have shared concerns from our neighbours about children riding their bikes and scooters too quickly down the hill towards school as this can cause collisions with people coming out of their gateways, please continue to remind your children that if they are riding on the pavement they must be aware of pedestrians.

Unfortunately this week one of our nursery children was knocked over and hurt by a cyclist on the pavement outside school. We know that it is necessary to cross part of the pavement to access the Greendale cycle path, but please could adults and older children dismount while doing this, particularly at busy times such as drop off and pick up.

Finally, please could all parents and carers who drive to pick up children park in designated parking spaces. Parking on double yellow lines, across barriers, on the pavement or in the middle of the road creates a very unsafe environment for children coming out of school.

AST Parent Workshop

Please see the attached flier from the Autism Support Team for a workshop focused on helping parents and carers of children with ASD to support their children through puberty and the changes this brings.

The Inclusion team and Supporting Transitions

At this time of the year, it is sometimes difficult for the inclusion team to meet with all parents and carers individually to discuss children. Please rest assured that if your child is already known to the team, all strategies and relevant information will be passed onto your child's new teaching team so you do not need to contact us to discuss this. However, if you have a specific concern about your child you can of course contact us to discuss this as usual.

In addition, our transition procedure is for a handover to take place in school. Your child's current teacher will meet with their new teacher and share known information and strategies in place for all children for whom reasonable adjustments have been made. Your child will also have the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher before the end of term.

Library Challenge

The attached Southwark Libraries flier provides information about this summer's reading challenge. Visiting the library and taking part in these challenges is a great way to keep your child reading over the summer. Daily reading throughout the holiday is really important to enable your child to maintain their current levels. You could also help children to keep up their writing levels by encouraging them to write a holiday diary, postcards and letters.

Summer Club

There is still time to book a place in Summer Club. The information for the Reception - Year 6 club is attached (this includes children starting reception in September). Please contact the office to book a place in the Little Stars / Nursery summer club.

After School Club Menu

Following feedback from children and parents ISS have made some changes to the After School Club tea menu which will be in place from Monday.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **premature**. 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. Try adding the suffix *ly* to change the word to **prematurely**, e.g. *The crowd thought their team was going to win and started to celebrate prematurely.* 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

Last Friday the weather was glorious, the playground was buzzing, the food was delicious... and we are absolutely delighted to announce that the Summer Fair raised **over £2,000** for Bessemer! An enormous thank you to everyone who came to join the fun, and special thanks to our volunteer crew of parents, pupils and staff who made it all happen.

Summer Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our summer raffle, which once again has an amazing prize list including a JAGS sports club membership; a Mont Blanc pen; jewellery; beer and wine; works of art; a Google Home Mini; a Guardian Masterclass; and vouchers for lots of local businesses. And it only costs 50p to enter! The draw takes place on 15 July so don't miss out, buy your tickets now at <https://bit.ly/3yik7zu>

Second Hand Uniform

Do you have any old uniform suitable for ages 3-6? We are collecting for a stall at a special event for the new families joining Bessemer in September. If you have any pre-loved items in the smallest sizes (which are still in good condition) please bring them to the school office by Thursday 14 July.

Spending Update

Back in April we reported that we had provided £20,000 to Bessemer for new playground apparatus in the Year 3/4 playground. We are pleased to add that we have also passed funds to the school as follows:

- £2,000 for playground equipment
- £3,000 for Years 2 and 3 trip coaches
- £1,450 for the Nature Garden and chickens

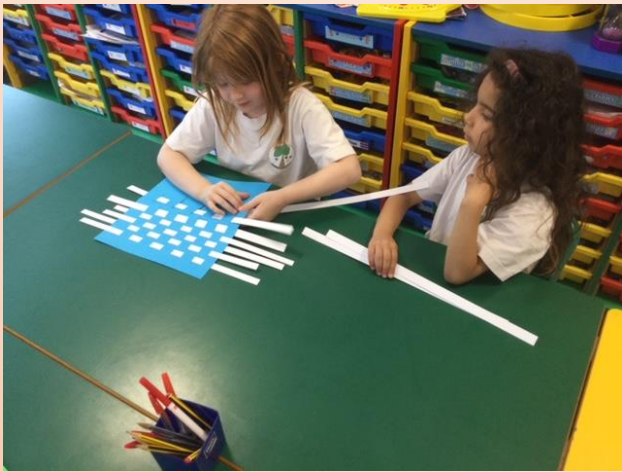
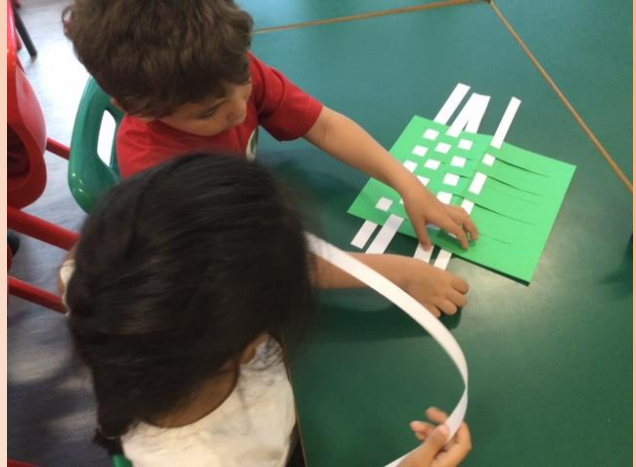
We will also be supporting the Year 6 trip and Year 6 disco this summer.

Sharing Children's Learning

Everyone at Bessemer is very busy preparing for Carnival! Attached is a letter explaining the details of this year's event and here are some pictures of some of our preparation. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sharing Children's Learning



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Haddy	Theo	Sarai		
Sunshine	Harris	Georgie	Ellie Mae		
Moonbeam	Nyeela	Taylan	Melody		
1AM	Eustache	Hari	Grace	Sarah	
1EB	Maia	Ezra	Brandon	Salome	Ben
1NS	Aliyah	Elliot	Joel	Seren	
2JW	Florence	Rose	Noah	Suraya	
2LT	Theo	Isobel	Sofia	Lucie	
2OF	Olha	Matthew	Amelia	Camila	
3LM	Camai	Fayo	Michael	Hannah	
3CB	Fox	Amelia	Eve	Bailey	Emily
3LS	Jacob	Einas	Ezekiel	Olha	
3JK		Polly		Robhin	
4SB	Rufus	Tosita	Haven	Grace	
4KL	Genevieve	Freya	Alexander	Abdulai	
4HB	Eisa	Summer	Marley	Olivia	
4JB		Yabai	Emma	Phoebe	
5RS	Remi	Sofia	David	Alameen	
5AC	Kobi	Lukas	La'Niya	Alice	
5LW	Eva	Thomas	Reuben	Osman	
5JK		Amelia		Kiran	

Timetable Rockstars	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Ezra	Salima	Arda	Alexander	Janaai	Abdul

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2OF, 3LS and 5RS

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

Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth