

# Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

- 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 4 multiplication check
- 12.06.23 – 16.06.23 – Year 1 phonics screening / Year 2 rescreening
- 13.06.23 – Year 5 to science workshop at Alleyn's
- 16.06.23 – Year 3 to author talk at Alleyn's
- 21.06.23 – Fire fighters visit to Nursery
- 22.06.23 – National Windrush Day (75<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- 22.06.23 – Year 4 to author talk at Alleyn's
- 23.06.23 – Year 2 athletics competition at Burgess Park
- 29.06.23 – Nursery trip to The Horniman Museum
- 29.06.23 – 5LW Junior Roadwatch Scheme session
- 04.07.23 – Year 6 to author talk at Alleyn's
- 05.07.23 – 3SB pizza making workshop at Pizza Express
- 06.07.23 – Year 6 violin performances (see Year 6 half termly newsletter for each class' time)
- 07.07.23 – Early Years and KS1 sports day
- 10.07.23 – KS2 sports day
- 11.07.23 – house winners' trip
- 12.07.23 – house winners' trip
- 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 30 <sup>th</sup> June	6MS	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July <b>NEW DATE</b>	4YH
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## **Library Visits**

	<b>10:00- 10:40</b>	<b>11:00 – 11:40</b>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	1AM	1NS
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Ladybird	4FM
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	2FW	2OF
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunshine	2LS
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Little Stars	5LW
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rainbow	5JB
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June	3LM	4KL
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	3CB	3SB
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	1FP	5RS
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Butterfly	Lauren Todd's English group
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	6AC	6MS
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	4YH	6CB
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	1AM	

## News and Reminders

### **Home Reading**

As you know, we have had a particular focus on reading this year. As part of this, every child who is below expected levels in reading has had a 1:1 reading session with an adult nearly every day throughout the year. Our data shows that this is one of the most successful interventions that we have ever run as these children have made excellent progress in reading this year.

Of course, the best progress has been made by the children in this group who have daily reading sessions at home as well as in school, which is why home reading remains so important. Daily reading at home also ensures great progress for children who are on track or above in reading so are not part of the school's daily readers' programme. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this progress by facilitating regular home reading!

Please make sure that you listen to your child read every day. For younger children and early readers this will mean listening to them read their school reading book and helping them to apply their phonic knowledge and other strategies as well as asking questions to check their understanding of what they have read. There are suggestions for supporting reading and comprehension skills in the back of the school reading scheme books. For more confident readers this will include asking them to read parts of their chosen book out loud so that you can check for fluency, accuracy and expression, but also asking them questions about what they have read when they have been reading by themselves.

Please keep up with daily reading during school holidays and weekends so that we can continue to ensure the best possible progress for our children. When your child reads at home, please sign their reading diary as this enables them to collect their reading stickers and certificates as rewards.

### **House Captains**

Thank you to last half term's house captains, Aaron, Raheemah, Thomas P and Remi. This half term our house captains are Georgia, Shabir, Fergus and Rose.



### **Packed Lunches**

Please remember that we are a Healthy School. This means that we expect children's packed lunches to meet our Healthy School standards. Children are not allowed crisps, cake, sweet (chocolate/sugar covered) biscuits, chocolate bars, sweets or drinks other than water in their packed lunches and will not be allowed to eat these items in school if they do bring them.

On school trips packed lunches are considered more of a treat, so the rules are more relaxed, but children are still not allowed to bring sweets, large chocolate bars (biscuits with some chocolate on are acceptable) or fizzy drinks, and packed lunches should still contain healthy items as well as treats. If children bring sweets to school or on trips they will be confiscated and will not be returned unless an adult comes to school to collect them. For health and safety reasons, no packed lunches can contain nuts or nut products or uncut grapes.

### **Resources Wanted!**

Thank you for all of the donations we have received so far, they have been distributed to classes and are much appreciated! We are still requesting any donations of good quality, sturdy toys for our Early Years and Year 1 provision and our After-School Club as well as any junk modeling materials such as large cardboard boxes or other interesting items.

Children in Year 6 are still collecting 500ml size plastic bottles for their science work this half term. If you have any please could you rinse them out and take them to the school office next week.



## Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Old Operating Theatre this week, to learn more about *The History of Medicine*.



Children in 3CB and 3LM went to Pizza Express and made their own pizzas to learn more about nutrition as part of their *Animals, Including Humans* topic. Children in 3SB will be having their turn next month.





## Sharing Children's Learning

Children in 5RS had their Junior Roadwatch session this week, during which they explored a police vehicle, learnt about the dangers of speeding on the roads, tried out some police equipment and spoke to motorists who they caught speeding in the local area.



Children in Year 1 enjoyed a brilliant author talk from Marcela Ferreira, author of *The Queen Next Door*.



Children in Year 2 took a memorable trip to Whitstable yesterday as part of their *Seaside* topic. Everyone had a wonderful time!





## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week for the week after half term is **dubious**. 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 the word of the week as much as possible so that it becomes 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

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year! We hope everyone enjoyed the break.

We have lots of exciting things happening during this half term and so would love to share some very important F@B dates with you for your calendars and ask for some support.

- Firstly, we have the **F@B Annual General Meeting** coming up on **Friday 16th June at 9am**, straight after drop off in the Bottom Hall. Please do join us if you can as it's a wonderful opportunity to meet the new committee members being voted in and to be involved in the planning of the year to come. We'd love to see some new faces and it's a great opportunity to learn a little more about what we get up to.
- The sun is shining and so we have a **Play Street** planned for after school on **Friday 23rd June!** ☀️ As always, we'd love some volunteers to help set up and pack away and to help us sell some ice creams and snacks. 🍦🔍 If you can spare an hour or so after school for this, please let us know by emailing us at [fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk](mailto:fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk).
- The last date for your diaries is the **Summer Fair** which is coming up on **Saturday 15th July**. 🌈☀️ We will start recruiting volunteers for this and planning stalls/asking for donations in earnest soon, but in the meantime, if you have any ideas for the fair, please do reach out to us! Tickets are already on sale for the summer raffle and cost just 50p each!

To buy yours go to: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-summer-raffle-2023> or scan this QR code:



This year's prize list is bigger than ever and includes:

- 📺 Amazon fire tablet
- 📦 Goodies from many local enterprises
- 🌿 Gardening services
- 🧱 Epic Lego
- 🍷 whiskey, beer, wine, cognac, Prosecco, champagne, gin
- 🏏 3 months JAGs membership
- 🎾 free tennis lesson
- 🍕 pizza at Made of Dough, Rocca and Franco Manca
- ... and much, much more!

Lastly, a big thank you to all who signed up to have an Urban Village fair sign. We're thrilled to say that we managed to hit our target! 🎉

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

Child Safety Week is an annual campaign dedicated to raising awareness about child safety and promoting measures to protect children from harm. You can find out how to protect your child from harm online:

[https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclid=aw.ds&gclid=CjwKCAjw1YCKBhAOEiwA5aN4AXn7T0b9vil3J3Yee4raDj6BkiA8-9YxRrKCbQEYnPuS90lb5dm0pRoCvy0QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclid=aw.ds&gclid=CjwKCAjw1YCKBhAOEiwA5aN4AXn7T0b9vil3J3Yee4raDj6BkiA8-9YxRrKCbQEYnPuS90lb5dm0pRoCvy0QAvD_BwE)



# Celebrations!

## Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
<b>Rainbow</b>	Jolyon	Dora	Lydia		
<b>Sunshine</b>	Blessing	Jasper	Troy		Tammany
<b>1AM</b>	Johnny	Kenza	Nyeela	Ava	Amina
<b>1EB</b>	Ibrahim	Stephany	Margot C-G	Olivia	
<b>1NS</b>	Theo	Ruby	Louie	Dylan	
<b>2FW</b>	Seren	Kebreab	Idris	Shackleton	Elham
<b>2LS</b>	Lina	Felix	Sarah	Vidak	
<b>2OF</b>	Beau	Juno	Ben	Donatas	
<b>3LM</b>	Harry	Callum	Matthew	Abemelek	Kyanna
<b>3CB</b>	Penny	Billy	Riccardo	Theo	
<b>3SB</b>	Suraya	Rose	Safa	Florence	
<b>4KL</b>	Frankie	Isabel	Amelia	Bailey	
<b>4YH</b>	Andrea	Fayo	Alexis	Gabriel	Elisa
<b>4FM</b>	Lucy B	Bill	Max M	Tiger	
<b>5JB</b>	Zac	Lottie	Lenny	Leo	Freya
<b>5RS</b>	Hasiba	Tani	Jeanne	Yabai	
<b>5LW</b>	Allegra	Tate	Rose	Zadie	
<b>6MS</b>	Leo	Riley	Dayo	Dora	
<b>6CB</b>	Ibrahim	Josh	Freida	Amelia	
<b>6AC</b>	Max	Joy	Cameron	Zac	

## Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Temu	Felix E	Aishah	Hameed	Brogan	Zenji

## Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2OF	4KL	5RS

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



Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*