

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th March 2023

- 22.03.23 – Year 3 trip to The Petrie Museum (3LM and half of 3CB – see letter for more details)
- 23.03.23 – Year 3 trip to The Petrie Museum (3SB and the second half of 3CB)
- 23.03.23 – Years 1 and 2 Zoolab workshop
- 20.03.23 - 24.3.23 – Science Week
- 29.03.23 – Reception Unicorn Theatre trip
- 31.03.23 – Last day of term
- 17.04.23 – Children return to school

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.

Friday 24 th February	3CB	Friday 3 rd February	6AC
Friday 17 th March	5JB	Friday 10 th March	2FW
Friday 31 st March	1NS	Friday 21 st April	4KL
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

Please note there have been changes of date for a number of these visits, the table below now has the corrected dates.

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11.20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 23 rd Feb	1NS	2FW	6AC
Friday 10 th March	Sunshine	2OF	5RS
Thursday 9 th March	1AM	2LS	5LW
Friday 31 st March	Butterfly	1EB	4KL
Friday 17 th March	Little Stars	3LM	5JB
Thursday 23 rd March	Rainbow	6MS	4FM
Friday 24 th March	Ladybird	6CB	Lauren Todd's English group
Thursday 30 th March	3CB	3SB	4YH

News and Reminders

Science Week

Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for information about our fantastic science week which is taking place next week and some suggestions for exciting science activities to try at home.

Easter Events

There are a number of fliers at the end of the newsletter detailing a range of activities taking place over the Easter holiday.

Packed Lunches for Trips

When your child is going on a school trip it is essential that you indicate on Parentmail whether they are bringing a packed lunch from home or require a school packed lunch. If you do not choose a lunch option it will be assumed that you are providing a packed lunch and a school lunch will not be ordered.

KS2 Snacks

Children in KS2 (Years 3-6) are not provided with a morning snack in the same way as Early Years and KS1 children, however they are allowed to bring in a snack of fruit, vegetables, plain breadsticks or plain rice cakes from home. The period between breakfast and lunch is quite long and children may struggle to maintain concentration in class if they are hungry. Please provide your child with a small snack each day, or please speak to their teacher if you are unable to do so.

Red Nose Day Competition Winners

Children across the school took part in a competition to design a new red nose. We had lots of great entries, well done everyone! Here are the winners:

Reception winners:
Giorgios and Lola

Year One Winners:
Humaira, Ava and Olivia

Year Two Winners:
Sophie, Faye, Valentina and Otis



Year Three winners:
Lucy, Safa and Daniel



Year Four winners:
Valentina, Violet and Rihanna



Year Five winners:
Sophie, Jake and Olesia



Year Six winners:
Raheemah, Dayo and Amelia



**RED
NOSE
DAY**

We raised £350
for Comic Relief
today, thank
you and well
done everyone!

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 5 used clay to make Day of the Dead sugar skulls as part of their Mexico topic:



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **decline**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and try using it in different ways in sentences. You could try adding a suffix to make a new word, e.g. **declining**. 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

To mark the end of term and upcoming holidays we're planning an after-school event on Friday 31 March. Please join us for a very special Bessemer Egg Hunt and cake stall event.



Speaking of which we wanted to do a shout out to all the fantastic Bessemer bakers! Can you help us once again by volunteering to bake cakes or cookies for this event?

All cakes and cookies can be brought on the day - please ensure they are nut-free and include a label with ingredients (including letting us know if your cakes are gluten free or vegan). Thank you!

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Sharing Personal Information Online:

Does your child know what information is okay to be shared online and what should be kept private? What information is it okay to share with a trusted friend or family member? What information would you be happy for a stranger to know? What different online places is it okay to share what information? Is what we might share in an email the same thing that we would want shared in a public space like a social media app?

For more information about how to talk to children about sharing information online, please visit:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2/>

Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



Bessemer Primary School's Science Week 20th - 24th March

Royal Institution Science Shows

Children from Reception to Year Six will be taking part in 'explosive food' science shows from the Royal Institution of Science. These shows are jam-packed with experiments, explosions and hands-on participation by the children. They



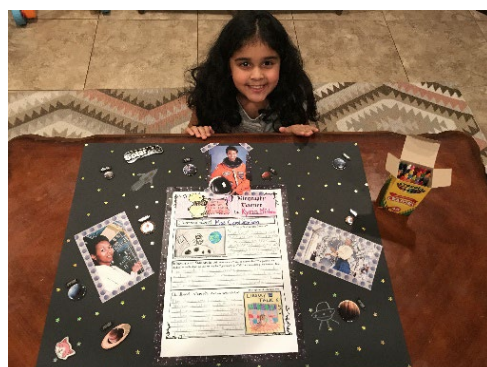
will be finding out about the explosive nature of food in this show packed with exciting chemistry and physics demonstrations.

Zoolab visit KSI

As part of the 'Animals Including Humans' part of our curriculum children in Years One and Two will be visited by Zoolab. The children will meet a variety of mammals, insects, amphibians and arachnids. Who will be brave enough to hold them?

Inspiring Scientist Poster Competition

Can you think of a scientist that has inspired you? Perhaps it's someone from the past or someone in the present day. Make your poster as colourful and vibrant as you can and don't forget to include lots of facts. For inspiration look at the 'smashing stereotypes' list on the British Science Week website.



<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/smashing-stereotypes/> The competition closes on **Friday 24th**. The most interesting entries will be displayed around school. Winners will be revealed in assembly on the 31st March.



Science Week Home Experiment Ideas

Wizards brew

You will need: Containers, vinegar, food colouring, glitter, washing-up liquid, bicarbonate of soda.

How to do it: Add all the ingredients together and watch the results!

Zooming Balloons

You will need: String, plastic straws, two fixed points (chairs), balloons, tape, bulldog clip.

How to do it: Thread the straw onto the string and secure the string between two fixed points. Blow up the balloon and close the end with the clip. Tape the balloon to the straw and remove the clip. Watch the balloon zoom along!

Nice Ice!

You will need: Ice cubes, table salt, large bowl, spoon, glass, orange juice.

How to do it: Fill a glass $\frac{3}{4}$ full with your juice, and place in centre of the bowl. Pack ice cubes evenly around the glass. Sprinkle salt into the ice cubes, stir juice every 10 minutes. Watch the results.

Rockets

You will need: Film canisters, stomach seltzer, bi-carbonate of soda, water.

How to do it: Crumble a little of the stomach-seltzer into the canister, add the water to the top of the canister, put the lid on and stand back. The time this experiment takes depends on the ratios of ingredients so you must be patient and stand well back until the reaction has taken place.

Bouncing Raisins

You will need: Fizzy lemonade, raisins, tall containers, food colouring.

How to do it: Combine ingredients and watch the raisins bounce up and down. Watch until the raisins become saturated and too heavy for the bubbles to carry them to the surface.

Flubber/Goo

You will need: Cornflour, PVA glue, food colouring, water, tray, spoon.

How to do it: Mix water, food colouring and PVA in the tray. Next, mix warm water and cornflour. Then combine altogether and watch the mixture transform.

Fish Bowl Spinners

You will need: Card and colouring pencils, tape, string.

How to do it: Draw a fish on one side of a circular piece of card and a bowl on the other. Hang the card using string and spin. The fish appears to be in the bowl, as an optical illusion!

Crest Award Home Challenges

Check out the home learning activities on the crest award website below. Key stage one can try some of the 'star home challenges' and key stage two can try 'super star home challenges.'



<https://primarylibrary.crestawards.org/>