

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th March 2023

- 29.03.23 – Reception Unicorn Theatre trip
- 31.03.23 – Last day of term
- 31.03.23 – F@B Easter egg hunt and cake sale after school
- 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

After School Activity Clubs

Some of this term's after school activity clubs have now finished. The clubs listed below have their final session next week.

Club	Rescheduled Session
Multi Sports	27.3.23
Time Travellers	27.3.23
Illustration	28.3.23 and 29.3.23
Percussion	28.3.23
KS2 Gymnastics	29.3.23
KS1 Football	29.3.23
Year 3 / 4 Football	30.3.23
Capoeira	30.3.23
Mini Athletics	30.3.23
Coding	30.3.23
Taekwondo	31.3.23

We will be sending out the information about next term's activity clubs early next week, booking will open mid-week and remain open over the holiday.

After school Sports Clubs

If children are attending a Bessemer sports club after school they should wear their school P.E. kit on that day. Children are not allowed to wear football strips as P.E. kit or for after school activity clubs, including football club (there is not enough time for children to change into kit before their after-school club).

Easter Holiday Activities

There are some flyers attached alongside this newsletter (new ones are being added each week, so please keep checking) with details of various activities running in our area during the holiday, including Arts and Crafts, Cycling, Football, Sports Camp and Southwark's Food and Fun initiative.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 96%, which is in line with our attendance target, well done everyone! Attendance at Bessemer is at or above target nearly every week, which means the majority of children have good attendance. Attendance is important to us because it is directly related to children's academic success and their wellbeing in school. We regularly contact families of children with attendance below target as we want to do everything we can to ensure that children are in school, accessing learning and other opportunities.



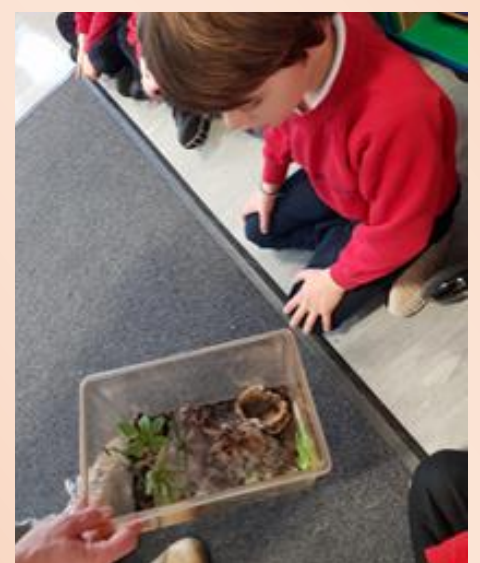
Sharing Children's Learning

Children across the school have had a great time this week taking part in Science Week activities. Children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed science shows delivered by The Royal Institution, thanks to funding from F@B – thank you to everyone who made this happen through their support and donations! If you want to continue with the fun of Science Week at home, have a look at the science activities at the end of the newsletter.



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic time meeting different animals during their Zoolab workshops on Thursday.



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Children in Year 3 went to the Petrie Museum this week to learn more about The Ancient Egyptians. Everyone had a great time and discovered lots of interesting information.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **prudent**. 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. **prudence**. 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

It's really hard for all our schools right now with so many budget cuts. That motivates us all to help and we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the amazing fundraising achievements of our school community and PTA. We have raised an amazing £27,500 this year so far!

In the last few months F@B has been able to support Bessemer with playground furniture, books, chicken food, forest school activities AND this week's fantastic science week workshops.

Well done and thank you all!

We hope you can help us to raise lots more money to support all kinds of activities that the school is struggling to fund.

Coming up next it's our Egg hunt and cake sale next Friday after school. Please come if you can - bring cakes and cash for this fun event. We can't wait to see you there!

E-Safety Tip of the Week



More and more households own smart-speakers, but what conversations should we be having with children about how to use them safely and responsibly?

The UK Safer Internet Centre has compiled a guide with advice surrounding talking to children about responsible use of smart speakers, what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens and how to set parental controls on different devices.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers>



Celebrations!

Certificates

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Laura	Arthur	Lucy		Teddy
Sunshine	Amber	Blessing	Kei		
1AM	Sarai	Alexis	Yaseerah	Albie	
1EB	Haddy	Isaac	Taylan	Rebecca	
1NS	Sebastian	Keyan	Bella	Lucas	Rimas
2FW	Charlotte	Elham	Henry	Mattias	Fred
2LS	Sophie	Ismay	Leonel	Oscar	
2OF	Faye	Beau	Ben	Temi	
3LM	Callum	Samuel C-G	Salima	Lacey	
3CB	Lucie	Cavalli	Ricardo	Fred	William
3SB	Amelia	Suraya	Leo	Sharon	
4KL	Gloria	Bailey	Ruby	Brayden	
4YH	Azariah	Emily	Francesco	Valentina	Janessa
4FM	Khadijah	Johanna	Stephen	Tiger	
5RS	Alexander	Rufus	Jade	Marley	Leandra
5JB	Rocco	Yousef	Curtis	Genevieve	
5LW	William	Christabel	Freddie	Oscar	
6MS	Riley	Hazna	Dayo	Samantha	Nife
6CB	Zenji	Ollie	Alice	Jess	
6AC	Jack	Abdul	Remi	Tillie	

Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jules	Juno	Daniel	Milo	Olesia	Janaai

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **1NS**, **4KL** and **5JB**

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



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



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/>