

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

www.thegemfederation.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Sarah Beard

Address: Dylways, London, SE5 8HP

Email: bessemer@gemfed.co.uk

Telephone: 020 7274 2520

Head of School: Elizabeth Whitehead

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th June 2024

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3						1			1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
							30	31																			

January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31	

School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
-----------------	------------	--------------	---------------

2024 Class Assembly Dates

		25/1/24	2JW
1/2/24	6AC	8/2/24	6LM
7/3/24	2LT	14/3/24	1NS
21/3/24	6SB	28/3/24	3KL
2/5/24	5RS	9/5/24	2LS
16/5/24	3NI	23/5/24	5OF
20/6/24		27/6/24	4VG

Class assemblies are on Thursdays at 9.15 and last for approximately 15 minutes. Parents and carers are invited to come along and find out more about their children's learning across the curriculum.

Dates for your Diary

17.06.24 - 19.06.24 – Year 6 residential trip
20.06.24 – Spanish Day
20.06.24 – 3/4CB, 4VG and 4BC trip to Natural History Museum
25.06.24 – Year 4 to author talk at JAGS
28.06.24 – Year 6 Ruskin Park trip
01.07.24 – New Reception parents' meeting
01.07.24 – Reception trip to Crystal Palace Park (SS & ½ of MB)
04.07.24 – 3NI and 3KL trip to Natural History Museum
05.07.24 – Year 6 enterprise project sale, 3.15pm
08.07.24 – Reception trip to Crystal Palace Park (RB & ½ of MB)
10.07.24 – EYs and KS1 sports day
11.07.24 – KS2 sports day
12.07.24 – New Reception starters picnic, 12 - 1pm
12.07.24 – Reception to Year 1 transition meeting 9.15am
12.07.24 – Year 6 Peckham Rye Park trip
13.07.24 – Summer Fair, 12-3pm
16.07.24 – Year 6 performance 6pm
19.07.24 – Carnival 2.30pm
22.07.24 – Year 6 trip to Oxygen
23.07.24 – Year 6 graduation 2.15pm
24.07.24 – Class parties
24.07.24 – Year 6 disco – rescheduled
25.07.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Summer Term Library Visit Dates

	10:20- 11
Thurs 16 th May	3KL
Fri 17 th May	1AM
Thurs 23 rd May	2LS
Fri 24 th May	3NI
Thurs 6 th June	2JW
Fri 7 th June	2LT
Thurs 13 th Jun	1NS
Fri 14 th June	3/4CB
Thurs 21 st June	5RS
Fri 22 nd June	5FM
Thurs 27 th Jun	Rainbow
Fri 28 th June	4VG
Thurs 4 th July	5OF
Fri 5 th July	Moonbeam
Thursday 11 th July	Sunshine
Friday 12 th July	4BC
Thursday 18 th July	6LM
Friday 19 th July	6AC and 6SB

News and Reminders

Supporting Southwark

Members of our federation staff are often asked by Southwark to provide support to other local Schools. At Southwark's request, Sarah Beard is currently providing leadership support at Goodrich Primary School. This means that she will be spending three days a week at Goodrich for the rest of this term at least. She will still spend one day a week in both Bessemer and Keyworth and despite her reduced physical presence she remains very firmly in her post as our executive headteacher!

Key Stage Transitions

While all transitions in school are important for children, it is often the transitions from one Key Stage to the next which are the most significant, therefore we have put some actions in place to support with this.

Early Years to Key Stage One:

There is a transition meeting for parents and carers of children moving from Reception to Year 1 at 9.15am on 12th July. Please try to attend as there are a number of differences in routines, procedures and expectations in Key Stage One and this meeting will support you in understanding the changes and helping to prepare your children.

Key Stage One to Key Stage Two:

Please remember that as part of their transition to Year Three, children in Year Two should be dropped off in the Key Stage One playground, via the red gate from Monday. The playground will open at 8.50am and all children should be in the playground by the time the bell rings at 9am. Children in breakfast club will be taken to the playground by staff. For the first week parents and carers are welcome to come into the playground with children, after that we ask that you leave them at the gate to help them get used to the dropping off procedures in Key Stage Two.

We will send out further information about the transition to Year 3 later this term to allow you to discuss it with your child over the holidays.

Key Stage Two to Key Stage Three:


There is a flyer attached at the end of the newsletter offering support with the transition to secondary school. Please also try to attend any transition events offered by your child's secondary school.

If you or your child have any concerns about their transition to their next class, whether this involves changing Key Stage or not, please speak to your child's class teacher. Please also look back at the whole school newsletters from the end of last half term which listed suggested activities to do at home to ease any worries over transition.

Inclusion Support

Join Our Q&A Session with Lucy Stone, Educational Psychologist

Are you concerned about your child's learning and development? Curious about how to support their educational journey? Do you want to know what an Educational Psychologist does? Engage directly with Lucy with an opportunity ask questions and find out more information.

 Date: Friday 21st June 2024

 Time: 09.15

 Location: Bessemer Primary

Please RSVP by emailing lknight@gemfed.co.uk to express your interest

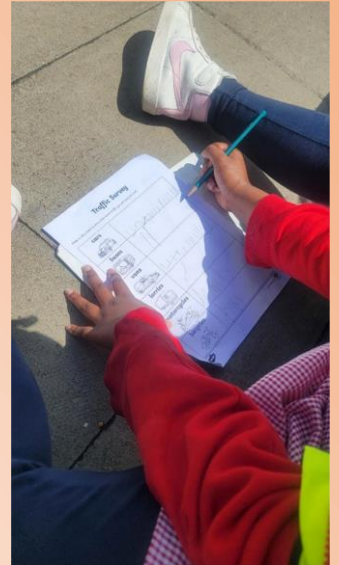
There are a number of flyers at the end of the newsletter detailing other inclusion support events.

Lost Property

We have just donated or disposed of three bags of un-named school uniform and water bottles. Please, please make sure that your child's belongings are named; all named items in the lost property boxes were returned to their owners successfully.

Sharing Children's Learning

Children across the school have been taking part in Fieldwork Fortnight, going out and about in the local area to apply their geography skills. This week children have been carrying out traffic surveys, mapping out land use on Lordship Lane and assessing how environmentally friendly the local area is:



Sharing Children's Learning

This week Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in drama/transition workshops facilitated by the Old Vic Theatre. They worked on team-building, communication and self-management skills and produced some excellent snippets of drama. We were one of only five schools chosen from over 100 applicants!



Children in Netball Club went to Goose Green to play a match on Monday and won 6-2, well done Netball Club!



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Years 3 and 4 went to the Science Museum this week to learn more about their Electricity science unit:



Word of the Week

Read the riddle and try to work out the Word of the Week from the clues. Tell your teacher what you think the word is on Monday, if you're right you'll get a gem! We'll announce the answer in assembly on Tuesday next week. Remember to use the Word of the Week as much as you can in your speech and writing to earn more gems and to make the word a permanent part of your vocabulary!

Find me under t, I am an adjective

I have 5 letters

I am a synonym for shy

Can you use these clues to guess the Word of the Week?

The answer to last week's riddle was **catastrophe** - did you guess the word and use it to earn gems? Keep using it to make sure it remains part of your vocabulary!

F@B Update

F@B update

We are hard at work planning lots of summer fun.

First up news of our **summer fair** on Saturday 13 July – we hope you can join us!

We are looking for volunteers to help us with this event. If you can help please text Nikki on 07786 197570 – and let her know if you can help with set up (9-12), stall shift 1 (12-1.30), stall shift 2 (1.30-3) or clean up (3-5).

Uniform stall - after school Friday 28 June

Swimming costumes and beach towels planned (donations welcome!) alongside our usual uniform offer 😊

Summer Raffle is live!

You can get Bessemer summer raffle tickets online now – the prizes look AMAZING!

Click here to get your tickets:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-summer-raffle-2024>



Online Safety Tip of the Week

This week's tip of the week looks at how we can set a good example to our children by being a 'Digital Role Model'.

As parents and carers, we are the most significant adult in our child's life - and one of their biggest influences. How we interact with technology and the online world will impact on how they relate to the technology themselves.

We might have developed habits, like spending too long on our phone, responding to emails during time spent together, over sharing on social media, or being critical of the content they like to see online.

This interesting article, by Vodafone, explores some of the ways we can be better 'Digital Role Models' for our children:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/setting-an-online-example-digital-role-model-your-children/>



[How to set an example and be a digital role model for your children](https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/setting-an-online-example-digital-role-model-your-children/)

Your actions as a parent are crucial in shaping your kid's attitudes, and this includes how you feel, act and behave with technology.

www.vodafone.co.uk

The key points they share are:

- Understanding children's online world by finding out about the apps, games and influencers they like to access online
- Lead by example with limits and restrictions to your own internet use
- Asking permission before sharing images or posts about your child online
- Not being critical of the videos and activities they enjoy doing online - as long as they are not harmful
- Talk to them about your own activity online - this is a great way of encouraging dialogue about what they might be doing online too





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Rudy	Tobi	Safiyatu		
Sunshine	Nickell	Daksha	Olivia		
Moonbeam	Ben	Lev	Phoenix		
1AM	Leon	Eve	Larry	Sara	Lydia
1NS	Jolyon	Laura	Johnny G	Arabella	
2JW	Phoebe	Nyeela	Aymar	Ferhot	Malaki
2LS	Ruby	Emma	Temu	Jojo	Keyan
2LT	Jose	Helene	Henry	Ibrahim	
3KL	Shackleton	Beau	Agibu	Grace	
3NI	Rene	Henry	Seren	Jacob	3NI
3/4CB	Kyanna	Theo	Oscar	Nikolas	
4BC	Abemelek	Harley	Khaliyah	Olha	Holly
4VG	Uriel	Aubrey	Callum H	Radin	
5RS	Fox	Izzy	Tofarati	Carter	
5OF	Kelvin	Arda	Sami	Akila	
5FM	Ezekiel	Rayanne	Johanna	Janessa	
6LM	Olesia	Naomi-Rose	Curtis	Princess	Jayden
6SB	Eddie	Jake	Toren	Summer	
6AC	Ramatulai	Rose	Allegra	Tofunmi	

Individual Timetable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teddy	Johnny	Ismay	Olha	Lorelie	Marley

Timetable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1AM	3/4CB	5FM

House Winners	Rubies!
------------------	----------------



Parent/Carer Workshop:

Supporting Children's Transitions to Secondary School

Delivered by Groundwork's Mental Health Support Team (Southwark)

Topics Covered:

- **Addressing Common Worries**: Understand how to manage your child's concerns about new routines, getting lost, academic pressures, and making new friends.
- **Increasing Independence**: Learn how to guide your child's growing independence while ensuring they feel safe and supported
- **Support**: Talk to Educational Mental Health Practitioners and other parents in Southwark



4/07/24



1-2pm

Or

6-7pm

For a [link to access the online workshops](#), please contact:

rebecca.skinner@groundwork.org.uk

rosa.kornfein@groundwork.org.uk



Parent / Carer Workshops Online

Thursdays 1pm - 2pm

MARCH

7

Talking to
Teens

APRIL

18

Working with
Difference

MAY

9

Online Safety &
Social Media

JUNE

6

Sleep Hygiene
for Teens

JULY

4

Transitions to
Secondary
school

SEPTEMBER

12

CBT & Anxiety

OCTOBER

3

CBT & Low Mood

NOVEMBER

7

Self Esteem

For more
information, please
contact
rebecca.skinner@
groundwork.org.uk
or rosa.kornfein@
groundwork.org.uk

These sessions will be held **ONLINE**

Run by Southwark MHST - Groundwork London



Parent / Carer Workshops Online (evening)

Thursdays 6pm - 7pm

MARCH

7

Talking to
Teens

APRIL

18

Working with
Difference

MAY

9

Online Safety &
Social Media

JUNE

6

Sleep Hygiene
for Teens

JULY

4

Transitions to
Secondary
school

SEPTEMBER

12

CBT & Anxiety

OCTOBER

3

CBT & Low Mood

NOVEMBER

7

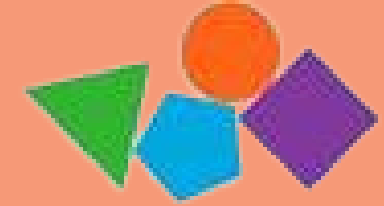
Self Esteem

For more
information, please
contact
rebecca.skinner@
groundwork.org.uk
or rosa.kornfein@
groundwork.org.uk

These sessions will take place **ONLINE**

Run by Southwark MHST - Groundwork London





Southwark Children and Family Centres
Peckham, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

The Incredible Years Autism Programme offers great strategies for promoting children's language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy, and building positive relationships. It provides evidence-based strategies for parents and carers to enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of the valuable role that they play in promoting their children's development.

Starting Wednesday 25th
September 2024 10am -12pm,
every Wednesday for 14
weeks

Book your place
02038485780
Childrenscentre@ivydale.
southwark.sch.uk

Rye Oak Children & Family Centre
Whorlton Road SE15 3PD





Southwark Children and Family Centres
Peckham, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

INCREDIBLE YEARS

AUTISM

Virtual

COFFEE



MORNING

Wednesday 3rd July 10-11am

Join us to find out about the IYA Parenting Programme and how to refer. Information for both parents and professionals.

Contact Sue for further details on 0203 848 5780 or sspencer@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk

Teams Meeting ID: 368 934 008 983

Passcode: TF44mt



The Neurodiversity Family Hub
Advocate - Facilitate - Empower
Young people & families

WITH SEN
SPECIALIST
SUPPORT

May / June / July
2024

Thursdays
Term Time



2 after school club:
6/10 yrs old
11/18 yrs old

28 May24
Visit to
HMS Belfast



30 May 24
Mountain Bike
riding



8 June 24
Bost Festival
Come and talk to us



Scan and book



Sundays
Monthly
Family Connect
2pm-4pm for
the entire family



✉ info@theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org

🌐 <https://theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org>

📞 44 (0)7428 648710



The Neurodiversity Family Hub
Advocate - Facilitate - Empower
Young people & families

BOOK YOUR
TICKETS & more
info on the
QR code



FAMILY CONNECT

FOR FAMILIES WITH NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN

A Sunday gathering where families with neurodiverse children
come together to bond and thrive.

Sunday (Monthly)
02:00-04:00pm

Mint Street Park
Adventure Play ground
London - SE1 1QU

Tube: Borough , London
Bridge, Elephant and Castle



Contact & Safeguarding lead: Sonay Ozkutayli -

info@theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org / Phone : +44 (0)7428 648 710

<https://theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org>



The Neurodiversity Family Hub
Advocate - Facilitate - Empower
Young people & families



11-18 YEARS OLD

Snacks Available
Donations
Welcome

A NEURODIVERSE TEEN SAFE SPACE

A safe after-school space to chill, play games, make some arts.
Be yourself and meet other people.

Every Thursday (term Time)
03:30-06:30pm

Mint Street Park
Adventure Play ground
London - SE1 1QU

Tube: Borough , London
Bridge, Elephant and Castle



Contact & Safeguarding lead: Sonay Ozkutayli -

info@theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org / Phone : Phone : +44 (0)7428 648 710

<https://theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org>



The Neurodiversity Family Hub
Advocate - Facilitate - Empower
Young people & families



FOR FAMILIES WITH NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN

Share a cuppa, have an informal chat, exchange tips and hints, and find your non-judgmental community.

1st Friday of the Month
08:30am-10:30am - In person

56 Southwark Bridge Road - SE1 0AS



2nd Friday of the Month
12:30-1:30pm - Online
Wisdom&Wonder with your
own expertise or experts

Contact & Safeguarding lead: Sonay Ozkutayli -

info@theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org / Phone : Phone : +44 (0)7428 648 710

<https://theneurodiversityfamilyhub.org>