

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th July 2024

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023							
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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- 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
- 25.07.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish

News and Reminders

We're on First Name Terms!

From September all members of staff at Bessemer will be known by their first names. At the moment there is a lack of consistency in this area, with children referring to some members of support staff by their first names, despite all our efforts over the years to change this. We find this inequality uncomfortable, so, in line with our core values of being *Progressive, Respectful* and *Self Aware and Supportive* we have decided that we will all be on first name terms. This means that in September all children will return to school calling their teachers and all other staff by their first name only - no titles will be used.

Saying Goodbye

It is that time of year when, very sadly we have to say goodbye to some much-loved Bessemer staff. This year we have to say goodbye to Emily Bull and Christian Booth who are both moving out of London, Azra Garner and Margarita Mircheva who are moving on to new career paths, Sevinc Yukselir who is leaving to train as a teacher and finally Mandy Starnes, who is leaving us after more than 30 years at Bessemer, a truly amazing period of long service! We are so grateful for everything they have done for Bessemer and we send them on their way with all of our best wishes for the future and, we hope, lots of very fond memories! We are also saying a temporary goodbye to Kate Lewis who is leaving us for a term, but who will be returning in January.

End of Term Events

It was lovely to see you all at Carnival this afternoon, look out for photos in next week's newsletter. We have a few more events taking place before we break up on Thursday:

House winners' Trip – The children in Diamonds are the winners for this term! They will be going on their reward trip to the cinema on Monday, please make sure you have given permission on Parentmail if your child is in Diamonds.

Year 6 Graduation – Two adults per Year 6 child are invited to come along and watch the Year 6 graduation at 2.15pm on Tuesday. During graduation children are presented with their leaving certificate, leavers' t-shirt and a portfolio of their work from their time at Bessemer. We also enjoy watching a montage of photos of the children over the years and this year we're promised a second chance to enjoy some of the songs from their Year 6 performance!

Class Parties – Class parties are taking place on Wednesday afternoon and children can wear their own clothes to school on Wednesday.

Year 6 Disco – The Year 6 disco is taking place from 5.30 – 7pm on Wednesday. Children should come in outfits of their choice and snacks and drinks will be provided. The disco takes place in the bottom hall and children should be picked up afterwards from the main building at 7pm unless you have emailed school with permission for them to leave by themselves.

Toy Day – Children are allowed to bring a toy or activity from home to play with on Thursday. Please do not send any electronics or valuable items. Children are responsible for looking after their own toys.

Reading Books

Please make sure that all of our Collins Big Cat reading books are returned to school on Monday, including any old books that might not have been returned over the year. In order to maintain our sets of books we do need to charge parents for missing or damaged books, so please try to return them all.

Smile Train

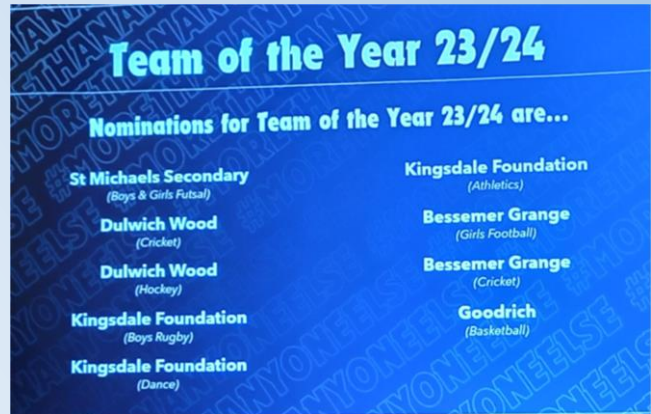
A huge well done to all the children (and adults!) in Year 5 who raised £2000 for the Smile Train charity through their sponsored run!

News and Reminders

Sports News

Congratulations to our Year 6 girls' football team who have played brilliantly this season and are the 2023-24 PESSN League champions!

The girls' football team was also nominated for Team of the Year, alongside the cricket team made up of children from Years 4 and 5, who competed very successfully against Year 6 teams from other schools recently. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 6 Performance

On Tuesday evening we enjoyed a fantastic performance of *The School O Vision Song Contest* by our Year 6 children. The performance was absolutely brilliant and very funny! The children and staff had clearly worked very hard and it really paid off, well done Year 6! These are some photos from the dress rehearsal, if any parents would like to share photos or videos of the evening performance we'd love to see them, please email them to the office.



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



Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core values of being *Connected to the Community* and *Creative and Practical*

Children in Nursery had a great time at Ruskin Park this week:



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 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 C, I'm a noun

I have 10 letters

My first 7 letters spell an object you could use to find the right direction

Synonyms for me include: sympathy, concern or pity

The answer to last week's riddle was **ample** - 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

Summer fair thank you!

On Saturday we held our summer fair and we are delighted to say that the event raised an amazing £5,000!

It was a super fun day with skittles, bouncy castle, acrobats, musicians, crafts fun and lots of tasty treats. Massive thanks to everyone who helped us to make it happen!

Our summer raffle has also been very successful with £1900 raised!

If you won a prize please do collect it from the school office before the end of term. Thank you 😊

Playtime fun

Look out for a special appeal to raise funds for work on the playgrounds in early years and years 5&6.

School are hoping work will begin over the summer - from minor repairs and repainting, replacement of old equipment to laying of astro turf, and hopefully we'll see a pirate ship sailing into the early years play area!



Chicken care

And finally... we are welcoming new volunteers to the chicken crew. 🐔

If you would like to get to know our school chickens - and help take care of them this summer - please do sign up for one of our inductions via this doodle poll:

Doodle

doodle.com



Online Safety Tip of the Week

Roblox is an extremely popular game amongst children. But what is it, what is the age rating, and how can we keep children safe while using it? Please follow the link to the Internet Matters site to find out more in their parent safety guide.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Ava	Samuel	Yohnathan		
Sunshine	Ada	Sienna	Hilal		
Moonbeam	Kassie	Victoria	Phoenix		
1AM	Teresita	Kiyoko	Lucy	Hamilton	Jhane
1NS	Adonai	Leila	Jago	Jeremiah	
2JW	Ferhot	Abdullai	Callum	Gwen	
2LS	Louie	Bella	Dylan	Ellie Mae	
2LT	Haddy	Margot P	Jose	Evie	
3KL	Mikey	Makai	Shackleton	Eustache	
3NI	3NI	Jake	Sarah	Martha	
3/4CB	Elena	Daniel	Idris	Ismay	
4BC	Malachi	Fran	Esther	Presenter	
4VG	Johnny	Alkyoni	Tariq	Uriel	
5RS	ALL	Camai	Hameed	Khadijah	
5OF	Florence	Akila	Max M	Ozgur	
5FM	Stephen	Tiger	Paul	Johanna	
6LM	All of the Year 6 children are stars for their fantastic performance of <i>The School O Vision Song Contest!</i>				
6SB					
6AC					

Individual Timestable Rockstars End of Year Winners

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teddy	Kenza	Leonel	Aishah	Andrea	Pearl

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

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

**House
Winners**

Diamonds!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth



AUGUST

Tues 27th - Fri 30th

9:30am - 12:30pm



**£95 for
4 days**

**4 days of athletics activities,
technique training & games!**

7 - 9 Years



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The full 4 days are preferred (but not necessarily essential) as children will be working on different techniques each day with certificates on the Friday. Bessemer families get a 15% discount using the code 'BESS24'.

Soccer Stars Football Academy (SSFA)

- Birthday parties
- Half-term/Inset day camps
- Football sessions

If you are interested, please enquire by messaging the following number: 07522425931

   The following is information regarding our upcoming camp:

The camp will be based at Peckham Rye Park
(Colyton/Homestall Road entrance).

The camp is for 5 - 11year olds and the time and dates are:

9am-3pm

Monday 29th July
Tuesday 30th July
Wednesday 31st July
Thursday 1st August
Friday 2nd August

&

Monday 5th August
Tuesday 6th August
Wednesday 7th August
Thursday 8th August
Friday 9th August

The price is £30 per child, per day.

If you are interested, please can you reply with your child's name, age and dates you wish for them to attend to:



07522425931.





Summer CAMP



FREE PLACES & LUNCH*

available for eligible families



4 weeks of fun!

29 July - 2 August

5 August - 9 August

12 August - 15 August

Mon 19 - Thur 22 August

10:00am - 2:00pm

 Dulwich Hamlet Football Club, Champion Hill, Edger Kell Way, London, SE22 8BJ

Ages 4-16 years

Suitable for children and young people from Reception to School Year 11

REGISTER NOW

Book FREE* places via
www.southwark.gov.uk/children/1052
or scan QR code



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Activities Include:

**Multi-Sports | Fun Games |
Football Tournaments | Arts & Crafts**

The London Borough of Southwark's Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme offers healthy meals and enriching activities for children and young people.

*Free places are only available for those eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

For more information, contact us:



dynamiccoachinguk.com



07756 826105



admin@dynamicmail.co.uk



COST

FREE places and lunches are available during the summer holidays for children and young people eligible for Free School Meals, subject to availability.

Paid places are also offered for those not eligible. If paying for a place, please provide a packed lunch (no nuts) and a drink.

★ **£15 per day**

★ **£55 for all 4 days**



Scan QR code to book paid places

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Council
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SUMMER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the summer holidays.



“ The training instructors were amazing. Amazing service and advice. Thank you! ”

Southwark parent

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are available and booking up fast! Training is in small groups with two fully qualified instructors.

Locations: Dulwich Park & Burgess Park.

Please bring your own bikes to Dulwich Park. Bikes are available on request at Burgess Park.

BOOK NOW

Places are limited so for more info or to book please visit

www.cycleconfident.com/southwark or call **020 303 16730**



SPORTS FOCUS COACHING

Summer Camp



Nerf Guns, Football, Floor is Lava, Easter Arts & Crafts., Tennis

Where: Bessemer Grange Primary School, Dylways

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Week 1: Monday, 29th July - Friday, 2nd August

Week 2: Monday, 5th August - Friday, 9th August

Week 3: Monday, 12th August - Friday, 16th August

Times & Prices:

9:00 - 12:00 £25

12:00 - 15:00 £25

9:00 - 15:00 £33

Early drop off 8:30 additional £3.50

Late Collection 17:00 additional £5

Dodge Ball, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited

To book

www.sportsfocusuk.co.uk

For further info

Email: bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk

or Call: 07946 007937



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SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



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31ST JULY, 1ST, 2ND, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH & 30TH AUGUST
0900 -1500

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AGES 5 TO 14
ALL LEVELS OF FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE WELCOME

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

FREE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

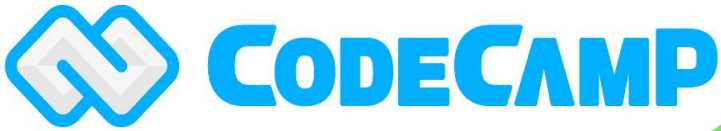
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10AM - 2PM EVERYDAY

LIMITED PLACES

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Monday
29th July–
Friday
23rd August

Day Camp with pool time,
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Mermaids, Trampoline,
Early drop off and Late pick up



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Valid from 8th July
7 weeks: £180
4 weeks: £120

Includes two adults
and all children living
in one household



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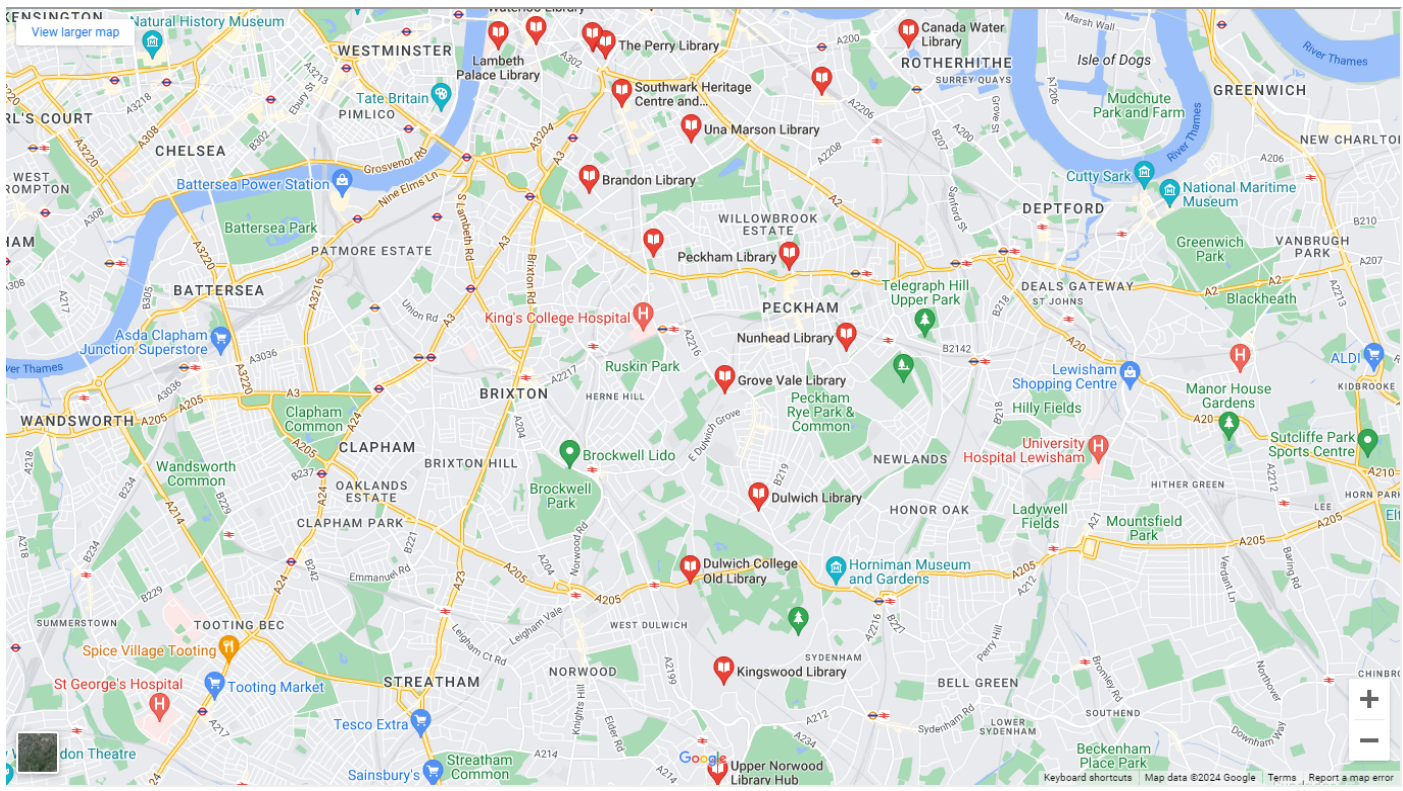


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The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children ages 4 to 11 years to keep reading during the school summer holidays. They can choose any book they enjoy to read, from chapter books, comics or even information books. On their reading journey they will find lots of fun characters and join them in a creative story. There are stickers to collect for their special folder and after reading 6 books they earn a certificate. Each week children will be entered into a prize draw and get the chance to win fun prizes. It's free to take part and children can sign up at any Southwark Library.

Date: 13 July 2024 to 7 September 2024
Time: 9am to 5pm

www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries





Summer Holiday Family Activity Days

at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

Family Wildlife Discovery Day

Sunday 28th July 10am till 3pm

Have fun finding minibeasts in the garden with pond dipping, bush beating, sweep netting, crafts and games.

The following can be booked as a single day or as both days:

Summer Nature Savers

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th July 10am till 3pm

On Monday you will find out about bees and hoverflies and how you can help them with nesting sites, watering pools and hoverfly lagoons. Play the pollinator game, crafts and seed sowing.

On Tuesday you will hunt for caterpillars in the garden and learn how to help butterflies by making a butterfly bar and puddle.

Crafts, games, story.

Southwark residents only. One adult may bring up to 3 children.

£3 To book see qr code or visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events



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To find out more about the London Wildlife Trust and for other events visit
www.wildlondon.org.uk/events
Or email dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk