

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th November 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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This Year's Class Assembly Dates

Class assemblies take place at 9.15 am on Thursday mornings and last for about 15 minutes. Parents and carers are invited to come along and watch their children present their learning from their half termly topic.

Years 1,2 and 3		Years 4,5 and 6	
Thursday 21 st November	1NS	Thursday 28 th November	5FM
Thursday 30 th January	3/4BW	Thursday 6 th February	6LM
Thursday 13 th February	2SD	Thursday 13 th March	6MS
Thursday 20 th March	2LT	Thursday 27 th March	4BG
Thursday 3 rd April	3LS	Thursday 8 th May	5RS
Thursday 15 th May	3NI	Thursday 22 nd May	4GS
Thursday 5 th June		Thursday 12 th June	6SB
Thursday 19 th June	1ST	Thursday 26 th June	5OF
Thursday 3 rd July	1JM		

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming Events for the Autumn Term

- 03.12.24 - Year 5/6 reading workshop for parents, 9.15am
03.12.24 – Year 5 *A Christmas Carol* workshop in school
06.12.24 – Year 1 theatre trip
09.12.24 – 3LS and 3/4BW trip to The Natural History Museum
09.12.24 – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
10/12.24 – Little Stars Christmas sing along and stay and play, 11am
10.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance, 2pm
11.12.24 – Reception Christmas performance, 2pm
12.12.24 - Little Stars Christmas sing along and stay and play, 3pm
13.12.24 – 3NI, 4BG and 4GS trip to The Natural History Museum
14.12.24 – Winter fair, 12-3pm
16.12.24 – Year 1 and 2 carols, 3pm
17.12.24 – Year 3 and 4 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm
18.12.24 – Nursery carols, 3pm
18.12.24 – Year 5 and 6 carol concert at St Faith's, 5.30pm
18.12.24 – Children's Christmas lunch and Christmas dress up (Christmas jumpers or accessories)
19.12.24 – Class parties (children can wear their party clothes all day)
20.12.24 – Last day of term, 2pm finish, no After School Club

Autumn Term Library Visits

Each term every class has the opportunity to visit Grove Vale library. Children spend some time exploring the library, younger children often have a story session and then all children borrow a book to bring back to school with them. If you are able to accompany your child's class on their library visit please speak to their class teacher.

Date	10:20- 11am	Date	10.20-11am
Thurs 19 th September	6LM	Thurs 24 th October	3LS
Fri 20 th September	6MB	Fri 25 th October	2LT
Thurs 26 th September	6SB	Thurs 7 th November	2SD
Fri 27 th September	5RS	Fri 8 th November	1JM
Thurs 3 rd October	5FM	Thurs 14 th November	1NS
Fri 3 rd October	5OF	Fri 15 th November	1ST
Thurs 10 th October	4GS	Thurs 21 st November	Moonbeam
Fri 11 th October	4BG	Fri 22 nd November	Rainbow
Thurs 17 th October	3/4BW	Thurs 28 th November	Sunshine
Fri 18 th October	3NI	Fri 29 th November	Ladybird
		Thurs 5 th December	Butterfly

News and Reminders

Online Safety

This week children in KS2 attended online safety workshops delivered by Childnet. We organised these workshops because issues involving the internet and social media have become the largest part of our safeguarding workload and are becoming increasingly concerning. While we teach online safety constantly in school we felt the children would also benefit from expert input from an external provider. The workshops were focused on the various ways that children need to keep themselves safe online, e.g. avoiding inappropriate content and knowing what to do if they see something inappropriate, keeping their personal details private (which extends much further than just not giving out your phone number or address to strangers online) and protecting their privacy and being kind on social media.

We also organized a parent workshop after school with the same provider. The workshop was great, with lots of practical, helpful tips and advice. It was disappointing that so few people were able to attend, but the feedback from those who were there was very positive, so we are sharing a recording of the workshop for parents and carers to watch <https://vimeo.com/1005450813/9c8f63d869>. Please note the link will expire in two weeks. Some resources from the workshop are also available from the school office.



Grove Vale Library



Bessemer has won a Reading Challenge trophy thanks to all the Bessemer children who took part in the reading challenge over the summer holidays! Well done everyone!

Children in Ladybird class enjoyed their library visit today:



News and Reminders

Christmas Events

This time of year is very busy, with lots going on in school! Here are the details of the events we have planned:

When?	Who?	Where?	What?
10.12.24 at 11am 12.12.24 at 3pm	Little Stars	Little Stars	Join your Little Stars child for one of these sessions for a Christmas sing along and then some creative rice cake decorating!
10.12.24 and 11.12.24 at 2pm	Reception	The top hall	Come to one of these performances to watch your child in 'Cockadoodle Christmas'. Due to space restrictions we ask that only 2 adults per child attend. You can take your child home after the performance.
14.12.24 from 12-3pm	Everyone	school	Please come and support our amazing F@B at the Winter Fair.
16.12.24 at 3pm	Years 1 and 2	The top hall	Parents and carers please come and watch KS1 children sing some festive favourites! Children can bring a festive hat or other accessory to wear.
17.12.24 at 5.30pm	Years 3 and 4	St Faith's	Parents and carers, please come to our annual carol concerts – children are picked up from school and brought to the concert by parents or carers, we do not take any children from school. Children can wear their festive outfits and accessories. Time to practice the actions to The Twelve Days of Christmas everyone!
18.12.24 at 5.30pm	Years 5 and 6		
18.12.24 at 3pm	Nursery	TBC	Parents and carers please come and watch Nursery children sing some festive favourites! Children can wear festive clothes or accessories all day.
18.12.24	Everyone	school	Children have their Christmas lunch in school. If your child usually has packed lunch and you want them to have Christmas lunch please let the office know next week. Children can wear festive jumpers, outfits or accessories all day.
19.12.24	Everyone	school	All classes will be having their class parties and children can wear party clothes to school. Classes will let parents and carers know if they would like food donations.

Activity Clubs

All activity clubs have now finished except for Percussion, KS2 Gymnastics and 5/6 Wellbeing, which have their last session next week and Gothic Literature which is offering two extra sessions (these must be booked and paid for on Parentmail).

As next term is so short, we are opening booking for next term's clubs on Monday 9th December.

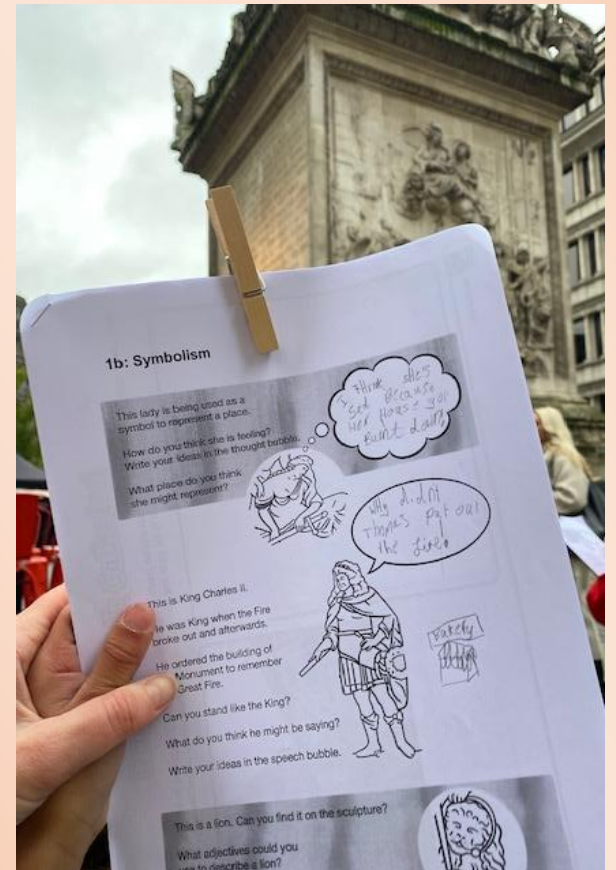
Home Reading

If you received a letter because your child had not completed enough home reads last half term, please ensure you are now reading more regularly. Your child should have at least 20 reads recorded since the half term break, we will be contacting you again soon if this is not the case.

Sharing Children's Learning

Demonstrating our core value of being *Creative and Practical*

As part of their *Great Fire of London* topic, children in Year 2 enjoyed a trip to The Guildhall this week. They attended a workshop about The Great Fire and then went exploring to find Monument and Pudding Lane.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **furtive**. 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 in school for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

F@B Update

Winter Fair: Volunteers needed!

There's just 2 weeks left until our winter fair on Saturday 14 December.

This fantastic event is only possible thanks to our amazing volunteer crew. Can you lend a hand?

If you can volunteer please text Nikki on 07786 197570 with your availability. The options are:

- set up (10-12)
- stall shift 1 (12-1.30)
- stall shift 2 (1.30-3)
- clean up (3-5)

Please feel free to mention if there's a particular stall you'd like to help with.

Thank you!

Time for a tree?

If you're getting excited about Christmas and looking for a tree to brighten your living room, then look no further!

Dulwich Pot and Plant will donate £10 to every Bessemer family who buy a tree from them. Just quote the code: **Bessemer24**

Raffle tickets on sale now

Tickets for the winter raffle are just £1 each and available online (please buy and share the link with friends + family - the prize list looks amazing! 🎁)

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

Online Safety Tip of the Week

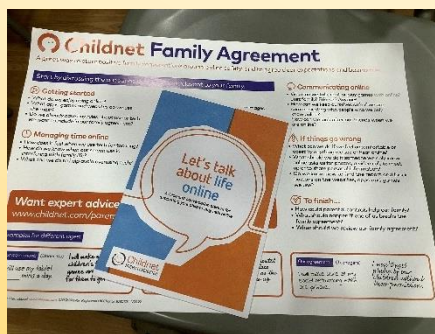
This week, pupils in KS2 and parents had a visit from Georgia from Childnet. She talked to them about how great the internet can be – as a way of staying connected to friends and family, entertaining ourselves, and finding out about new things. She also talked to them about ways to keep themselves safe while online.

If you are a parent, and you missed this week's parent talk, you can still watch recorded version of the Childnet parent's presentation by following this link.

The recording includes the same content Childnet delivered for us (minus any questions from the audience). This recording can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/1005450813/9c8f63d869>

Please note – the link will expire in 2 weeks.





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Francis	Fox	William		
Sunshine	Vivian	Isaac	Anaiah-Rose		
Moonbeam	Ellie	Ivor	Teddy		
1JM	Phoenix	Inoa	Roman	Luna	
1NS	Dylan	Arlo	Amir	Louie	Cormac
1ST	Atreen	Jude	Alaia	Joe	
2SD	Jolyon	Jeremiah	Mylah Monae	Lola	
2LT	Lydia	Blessing	Larry	Sorrel	Dora
3LS	Elliot	Adam	Ibrahim	Louie	
3NI	Ava	Jules	Haddy	Ivor	
3/4BW	Elham	Ruby	Melody	Ramsay	Y3 Jerome Y4 Juno
4BG	Micah	Ismay	Marco	Sophie	
4GS	Stiven	Matilda	Phoenix M	Joel	
5RS	George	Cavalli	Elijah	Olia	
5OF	Amelia	Suraya	Uriel	Eve	Callum
5FM	5FM	Esther	Elliot	Millie-Rose	
6LM	Fox	Izzy	Rehana	Emily	
6SB	Edward	Emily	Max E	Alice	
6MS	Jonathan	Ruby	Aimanya	Bill	Lori

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Liam	Djene	Haddy	Nikolas	Fran	Edward

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
1ST	4GS	6LM

House
Winners

Sapphires!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth