

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th June 2024

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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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

03.06.24 – 14.06.24 – Year 4 multiplication check
03.06.24 – 15.06.24 Fieldwork Fortnight
10.06.24 – 14.06.24 Year 1 phonics screening
10.06.24 – Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
11.06.24 - Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
11.06.24 – Years 3 and 4 trip to The Science Museum
12.06.24 - Year 6 *Take the Lead* workshop in school
14.06.24 – Year 1 trip to The Science Museum
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
04.07.24 – 3NI and 3KL trip to Natural History Museum
05.07.24 – Year 6 enterprise project sale, 3.15pm
10.07.24 – EYs and KS1 sports day
11.07.24 – KS2 sports day
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

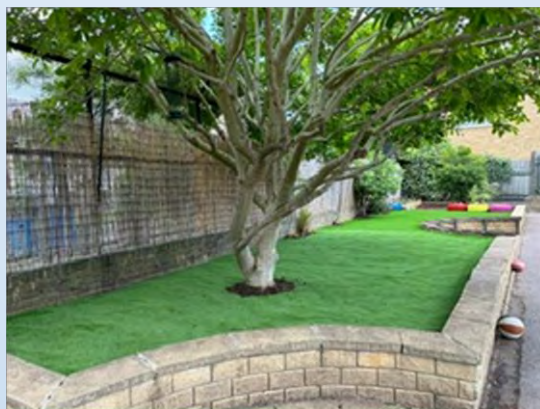
House Captains

Congratulations to this half term's house captains; Rufus, Yabai, Khadijah and Polly.



Year 3/4 Playground


A huge thank you to two of our Bessemer families; Thanks to Rhiannon who arranged the donation of a great piece of astroturf and to Lizzie, Gilbert, Buster and Wilfred who spent a lot of their half term break installing it in the 3/4 playground, which involved a lot of hard work to make the ground ready and then fit the astroturf and do some planting. The results are amazing and the children absolutely love it, thank you!



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

Workshop Announcement: Understanding the EHCP Process

Join us for an enlightening workshop on Thursday 13th June at 09.00 led by Felicienne Mallia, a representative from the local authority, where we will delve into the intricacies of EHCPs (see poster at end of newsletter for the agenda).

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

Sharing Children's Learning

As part of their topic *The History of Medicine* children in Year 6 visited The Old Operating Theatre this week:



Sharing Children's Learning

Children from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a visit from author Banji Alexander this week. Banji likes wearing hats so he invited all of the children to wear funny hats to the author talk during which he shared his book *Lockdown Looms*.



Sharing Children's Learning

A group of children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a tennis tournament at North Dulwich Lawn Tennis club this week. It was organised by LPESSN as part of the school games. Our children came home with a trophy as the winners of the Southwark heats! They will now represent Southwark in the next round against other London boroughs. They played really well and had a fantastic day.



Children in Year 5 had a fire safety talk in school by a firefighter from the Croydon fire brigade which provided excellent advice about avoiding fire risks and staying safe in the event of a fire:



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 C, I'm a noun.

I have 11 letters and the last one is e.

My first three letters are an animal often kept as a pet.

I am a synonym for disaster.

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

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

Thank you everyone for your amazing support last half term!

We sold lots and lots of ice cream and delicious cakes

We had a brilliant time celebrating Eid - with delicious food and lots of money raised!

We met our £900 target for Urban Village sponsored boards

We raised an AMAZING £6,000 with Bill Laurance's fundraising concert at St Faiths.

Summer raffle prizes

Next up, we are planning a Bessemer fundraising raffle this summer term and really need you help to get our prize list together this week!

Prizes can be anything that a Bessemer family could enjoy eg vouchers, toys, wine, or gifts from a local business, home cooked food or cake or gardening services...

If you are able to help please message Nicola for details: 07967 044379

Thank you so, so much!!!

Ps please do mark the summer fair date in your calendar- it's Saturday 13 July!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Online Gaming and Neurodivergence:

In April, Internet Matters, in partnership with Roblox, published a report of their study about neurodivergent young people's relationships to online gaming.

The report found that neurodivergent young people spend a lot of time playing online games: 93% play Roblox, over 9 in 10 are playing video games with other people online, over 9 in 10 are playing video games by themselves offline and more than 4 in 5 are making their own content online, e.g. livestreaming themselves as they game.

They found that there were lots of benefits for young people from gaming online (it makes them happy, improves communication and they make friends online), and that most young people had an awareness of online safety and how to get help. The findings helped Internet Matters and Roblox find better ways to support young people and their carers to stay safe while gaming online.

Here are some short videos, aimed at young people who are neurodivergent, to help understand how to stay safe online:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/AOXJJN-m4Yg>



A more detailed summary, and the full report, can be found at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/neurodivergent-young-peoples-experience-video-games/>



Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Felix	Avisha	Ray		
Sunshine	Youssef	Theo	Felix R		
Moonbeam	Kassie	Gabriel	Alaia		
1AM	Ruona	Eimi	Teresita	Blessing	
1NS	Freddie	Vincent	Nia Bella	Ben	Jolyon
2JW	Georgie	Amina	Kenza	Callum	Johnny
2LS	Manon	Dylan	Imaan	Harrison	
2LT	Malachi Santi	Isobel	Haddy	Henry	
3KL	Shafi	Eustache	Makai	Micah	
3NI	Marco	Jake	Martha	Felix	Richard
3/4CB	Elijah	Salome	Nikolas	Kebreab	
4BC	Lacey	Leo	Winnie	Amelia	
4VG	Holly	Olivia	Cruize	Runaah	Safa
5RS	Andrea	Elisa	Emily W	Tayo	Jacob
5OF	Valentina	Olive	Mahnaz	Lenny	
5FM	Neron	Finn	Gabriel	Molly	
6LM	Nathaniel	Amani	Leo	Iona	
6SB	Hasiba	Hillary	Otis	Jeanne	
6AC	Una	Abdulai	Othniel	Freddie	Silas

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Florence	Casper	Oscar	George	Janessa	Khadijah

Timestable Rockstars Half term competition Winning Class:

4BC!

**House
Winners**

Sapphires!



Understanding the EHCP Process Workshop

Join us for an enlightening workshop led by Felicienne Mallia, a representative from the local authority, where we will delve into the intricacies of EHCPs.



Understanding the EHCP Process: How the panel decides whether to agree to an assessment



Dispelling Misconceptions: A diagnosis doesn't automatically mean a child requires an EHCP



Importance of Reasonable Adjustments: Supporting children with additional needs effectively



School Applications: When and why schools make EHCP applications, including financial thresholds



Realistic Expectations: Why an EHCP doesn't guarantee 1:1 adult support and its potential drawbacks



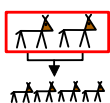
Transition Planning: Applying for EHCPs for secondary transition by Year 5 and available supports



Alternative Supports: Exploring other avenues to assist SEN children transitioning to secondary



Challenges and Limitations: Understanding the constraints of EHCPs and how to navigate them



Application Guidance: Step-by-step process for parents to apply for an EHCP



Thursday 13th June @ Bessemer 9.00

For more details see information in newsletter above



Transitions to Secondary School: An opportunity to think about how we can reduce your child's worries and build their independence to support a successful transition to secondary school.

Links to workshops:

Gem Federation Transitions 02/07 1-2pm
Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 338 685 137

Passcode: BHf6Gw

Southwark Wide P/C Transitions 04/07 1-2pm

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 353 478 954 189

Passcode: no8EdX

Southwark Wide P/C Transitions 04/07 6-7pm

Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 311 305 559 75

Passcode: aGkrzR

N.B- For the Gem Federation specific workshop has been cancelled due to only receiving 4 responses across the entire Federation. If you have time we encourage you to attend the Southwark wide transition workshops.



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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



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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**

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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



And expert advice,
advocacy, and
parental groups.



8 June 24
Bost Festival
Come and talk to us



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



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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

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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



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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

