

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 29th September 2023

2023-24 Term Dates

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023								
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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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2023-24 Class Assembly Dates

19/10/23	1AM	16/11/23	5FM
23/11/23	3/4CB	30/11/23	4BC
7/12/23		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	4YH

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

This Term's Events

- 04.10.23 – Years 5 and 6 English workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
05.10.23 – National Poetry Day
06.10.23 – Year 2 trip to The National Maritime Museum
11.10.23 – Years 3 and 4 English workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
12.10.23 – Nursery and Reception celebration day, 9.15am
17.10.23 – Year 1 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.10 – 9.40am
17.10.23 – Parents' evening
18.10.23 – Parents' evening
20.10.23 – Last day of half term
30.10.23 – Children return to school
31.10.23 – Deadline for secondary school applications
01.11.23 – Year 2 English workshop for parents and carers
02.11.23 – Years 5 and 6 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
07.11.23 – Year 1 celebration day, 9.10 – 10.10am (parents/carers of half of each class to attend on each day)
08.11.23 – Year 1 celebration day, 9.10 – 10.10am (parents/carers of half of each class to attend on each day)
09.11.23 – Years 3 and 4 maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
16.11.23 – Reception maths workshop for parents and carers, 9.15am
13.12.23 – Years 3 and 4 carol concert
14.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 carol concert
16.12.23 – Winter fair
20.12.23 – Last day of term

29.01.24 – Year 5 Young Voices concert at The O2

Autumn Term Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	11:00 – 11:40
Thurs 28th Sept	2JW	6AC
Fri 29th Sept	1AM	5FM
Thurs 5th Oct	1NS	5OF
Fri 6th Oct	3NI	4BC
Thurs 12th Oct	3/4CB	3KL
Fri 13th Oct	2LT	5RS
Thurs 19th Oct	4YH	6LM
Fri 20th Oct	2LS	6SB

News and Reminders

Parents Evenings

Parents' evenings are taking place on 17th and 18th October. These evenings are an opportunity for parents and carers to meet their children's teachers to find out how they have settled into their new class, how their learning is going and whether there are any specific areas to focus on supporting at home.

Parents' evening appointments will be available for booking on Parentmail from 4pm on Monday. If you have more than one child please leave a small gap between your children's appointments to allow for getting from one classroom to the next and in case your first appointment is running slightly late.

Workshops

This week we have run phonics workshops for parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1 and a maths workshop for Year 2. Next week there is an English workshop for parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6. The dates and times for all of the workshops we are running this term are listed on the previous page. Our workshops aim to inform you about the way that we teach in school and provide you with strategies for supporting learning at home, please come along and find out more!

National Poetry Day, Thursday 5th October

Well done to those children who have shared their National Poetry Day poems on Google Classroom! There is still time for children to get involved – just make a video of your child reading or reciting a poem and upload it to Google Classroom. If you are in need of inspiration, have a look at the poems on the next two pages. Your child is welcome to use one of these for their poetry performance if they would like to.

Here is a reminder of the National Poetry Day details shared last week:

This year's theme: Refuge

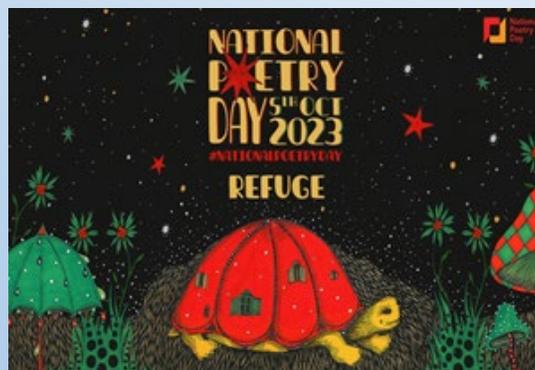
To celebrate National Poetry Day, we are encouraging children to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends.

You will have seen a letter addressed to Parents and Carers, inviting children and families to create and share a video of themselves performing a poem. This can either be related to the theme of 'Refuge' or can simply be one of your children's favourite poems or something that the children have created.

In order for you to get involved, Parents and Carers have been asked to create a video of their child/children performing their poem (adults are welcome to join in too!) and upload this to their year group's Google Classroom page by Monday 2nd October. There will be an assignment entitled National Poetry Day.

Teachers will then, on that day, share these videos with their class. We would also love to put some of these performances on the school website.

We look forward to celebrating poetry day with you!



Take A Deep Breath

by Joseph Coelho

**Close your eyes,
imagine the sea.**

**Take a deep breath...
and let it out.**

**Close your eyes,
imagine the waves splashing your feet.**

**Take a deep breath...
and let it out.**

**Close your eyes,
imagine your toes in the sand.**

**Take a deep breath...
and let it out.**

**Close your eyes,
imagine the sun on your face.**

**Take a deep breath...
and let it out.**



Joseph Coelho is a British children's author, poet and playwright who has been appointed at the Waterstones Children's Laureate. Joseph grew up in a block of flats in Roehampton in South West London.





My Treasures

by Kate Wakeling

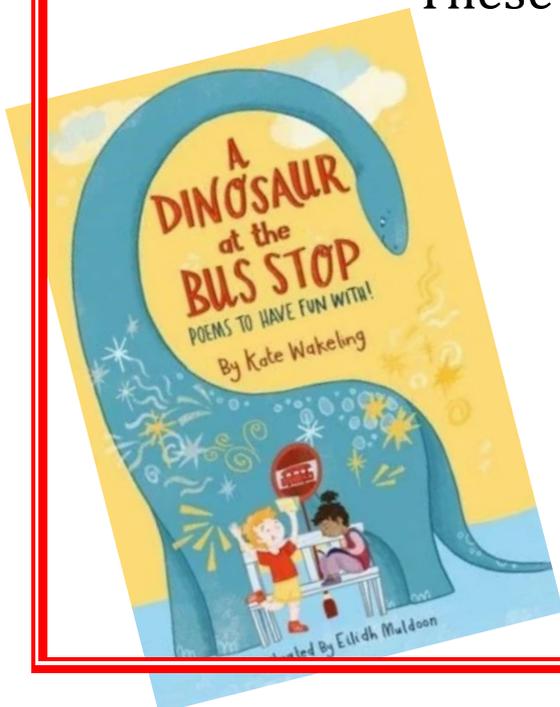
These are treasures that I keep,
I hold them close before I sleep.

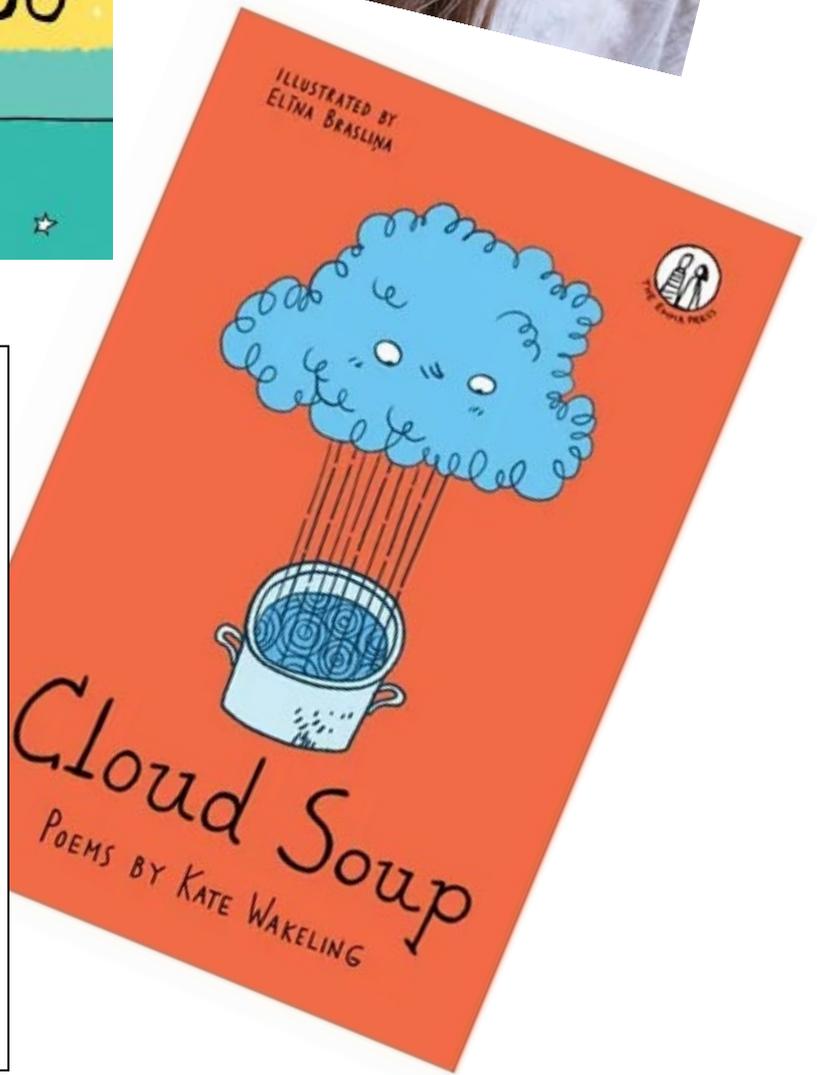
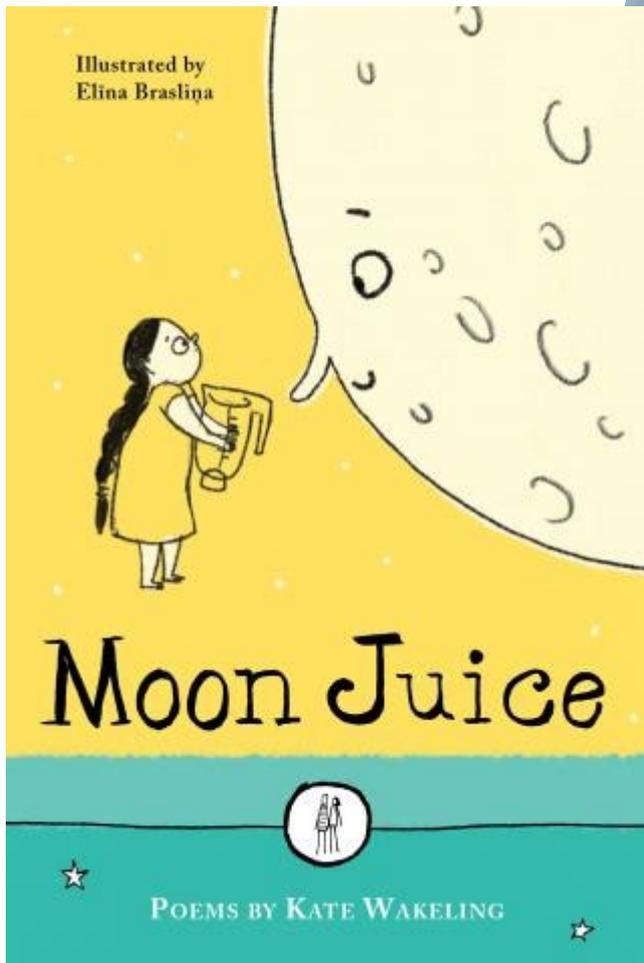
A silver coin,
a twisty shell,
a leaf that has a lovely smell,

a birthday badge,
an apple pip,
a very shiny paperclip,

an acorn cup,
a curly straw,
the key to a forgotten door.

These are treasures that I found,
I keep them safe,
I keep them sound.



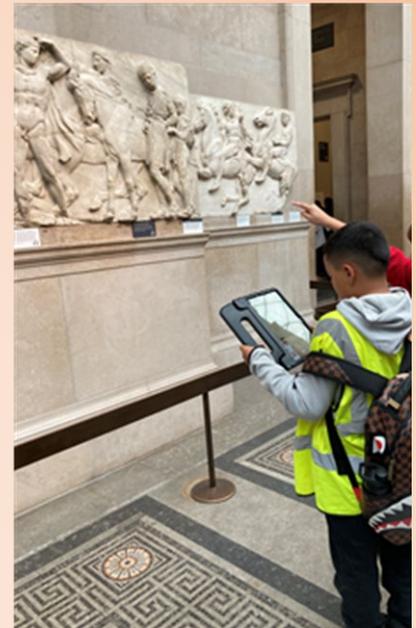


Kate Wakeling

Kate Wakeling grew up in Yorkshire and Birmingham. Her first collection of children's poems, *Moon Juice*, won the CLiPPA Prize in 2017 and was nominated for the Carnegie Medal. Her second, *Cloud Soup*, was a Book of the Month in the Guardian and the Scotsman and shortlisted for the 2022 CLiPPA

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 6 visited The British Museum this week as part of their *Ancient Greeks* topic:



Word of the Week

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

F@B Update

Two weeks until the Bessemer fun run: Saturday 14 October, 1.15pm

We hope you can join us to run, or cheer, or both. It's a great event and everyone can take part - whether your goal is to keep running the whole way around, win the race or beat your personal best time.

We're hoping this event will help us raise lots of money to support music, reading, equipment and trips for all Bessemer pupils.

Runners can choose to enter 1km, 3km and 5km runs for kids and adults. Adult runners are asked to pay £3.50 to take part and children are free - although please do see if friends and family can sponsor!

To take part please use the 2 links below:

1. Please sign up to take part

here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TdAMwWC71fMpaiEJGTyIXXfpaepe00FPYGdGqmHa40Q/viewform?edit_requested=true

2. Sponsorship, donations and entry fees can be given here:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/bessemer-fun-run-2023>

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

Fluffy chickens in need of care...

Did you know the Bessemer chickens are cared for in the week by a school chicken crew made up of year 5 and 6 pupils? But at the weekends everyone can get involved!

We are always keen to welcome more families to join the chicken WhatsApp group where you will get all the support needed to get involved and sign up on the rota. Whether it's once a month, or once a term, it's up to you. And it's always a treat to spend some time with our feathered friends! Taking care of the chickens includes collecting their eggs to take home, giving them a run around and some delicious treats(!), as well as topping up their food and drink.

If you might be interested please click on this WhatsApp link to find out more:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JEEO6ngHmduJYRPuOeOn1>

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Top social networks for older kids

Social media has continued to grow in popularity with both teens and tweens. According a BBC survey more than three quarters of younger children between 10 and 12 years old are using at least one social media network. If your child is eager to start tweeting, posting or sharing but they are not old enough or ready to use the likes of Facebook or Instagram (which both have an age limit of 13+), then there are a number of alternative social networks made for children that you could point them to. As well as offering child-friendly features like games and contests, these can also be used as a teaching tool by parents and carers, to get children sharing and engaging with friends they know in a safer environment. Please see the link to find out whether these might be something you think suitable for your older

child: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
1AM	Kiyoko	Jacob	Nathan	Lucy	Jacob
1NS	Lola	Jago	Adonai	Leila	
2JW	Adulai	Gwen	Omar	Alexis	Sarai
2LS	Rayha	Lucas	Imaan	Emma	
2LT	Evie	Henry	Maceo	Ava	
3KL	Talya	Agnes W	Isaiah	Grace	Aidan
3NI	Valentina	Alessandro	Alex	Rene	
3/4CB	Mariatu	Salome	Elijah	Kebreab	Sharon
4BC	Rose	Eve	Sophie	Remy	
4YH	Olivia	Radin	Nicolas	Aubrey	
5OF	Amelia	Azariah	Sami	Max M	
5RS	Emily T	Emily W	Camai	Virtue	
5FM	Janessa	Molly	Gabriel	Bill	Jonathan
6LM	Lukas	Princess	Iona	Olesia	
6SB	Jeanne	Marley	Hasti	Khadijah	Eddie
6AC	Adam	Silas	Raequan	Christabel	

Individual Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nathan	Nathaniel	Mohammed	Noah	Abiodun	Ainoa

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LS	3/4CB	6AC

House
Winners

Emeralds!



Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth