

# BESSEMER GRANGE NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Road Safety Meeting 9.15am - 10.15am

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half-term**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Tutorial Day

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Children return

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Play Street

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Parents and Carers Coffee Morning 9.15am - 10.15am

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Sports Relief

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - House Winners' Prize

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a great half-term and the children have been working very hard. Please do not forget to book an appointment for Tutorial Day if you have not done so already, either on ParentMail or via the school office. We hope that you have an enjoyable half-term.

### **Breakfast Club**

We understand that there are times when you need to get to work extra early. However, please remember we do not officially open until 8.00am so children should not be left unattended at school before then.

### **Staying Safe Online**

Following on from our successful Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February we would like to draw your attention to a few websites/apps which we feel you need to know about.

The main one highlighted to us recently is an app called OMEGLE. This app is a social networking app that allows users to talk/video chat with strangers selected by the site. If your child has used this site or one of the following (**SHAGLE, CHATKI, ANONYCHAT, OMEtv, HOLLA, STRANGERCHAT**), we encourage you to delete the app from their device and have a conversation with them about the reasons for this. These sights are rated as being suitable for '**Mature Users**' 17+ but the apps do not appear to have any checks to verify user age and suitability. Please also note the following information about minimum age requirements for social media apps.

**The following apps require the user to be 13 and over:** Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Reddit, Secret, Musical.ly.

**The following apps have an older minimum age requirement:** WhatsApp - 16+, Vine - 17+, LinkedIn - 14+, Viber - 16+, Air - 17+, You Tube - 18+ (13 if parent approves use), Flickr - 18+, Kik - 18+, Persicope - 17+ (13 if parent approves use), Meetme - 18+ (13 if parent approves use).

### **Music Performance**

Well done to Year 4 who performed at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. They sounded amazing and it was great to see them all perform with such a large group of musicians, especially after only a few months of learning their instrument. Well done also to the Year 3 recorder group who successfully performed in front of their parents and carers last week. It was an enjoyable performance to watch and the children sounded great! If you are interested in learning a musical instrument, please look at the Southwark Music Hub's website for further information: [www.southwarkmusicservice.org.uk/saturday-music-centre.html](http://www.southwarkmusicservice.org.uk/saturday-music-centre.html).

### Tutorial Day

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February school will be closed to the children. Instead, the teachers will be here to meet with you to discuss your child's progress and to offer ways in which you can support them further. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's books and have the time to discuss any concerns that you have with your child's class teacher. If you have not booked an appointment yet, please do so using Parentmail or via the school office. If you have any problems or questions, just ask at the office.

### Chess

Well done to our KS2 pupils who competed against pupils from local school Judith Kerr in a chess competition last week. Unfortunately, we did not win, but it was great for the children to have the opportunity to use their chess skills and represent Bessemer. We look forward to a rematch later this term.

### Science Week

We are still seeking volunteers to help out with workshops during this year's Science Week. If you are available during that week (19<sup>th</sup> March - 23<sup>rd</sup> March), please speak to Emily Bull who leads Science.

### Road Safety Meeting

The Healthy School Streets Programme will be carrying out studies to improve road safety. One of the measures being considered in particular is a temporary road closure of Nairne Grove during school drop-off and pick-up times. Southwark Council would like to know your views on the initial proposal of the scheme and will be holding a meeting at Bessemer on **Wednesday 7th February at 9.15am** in the lower hall. If there are any questions in the meantime regarding this matter, please contact Rachel Gates our contact at Southwark Council ([Rachel.gates@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.gates@southwark.gov.uk), 020 7525 0598).

### Parents and Carers Coffee Morning

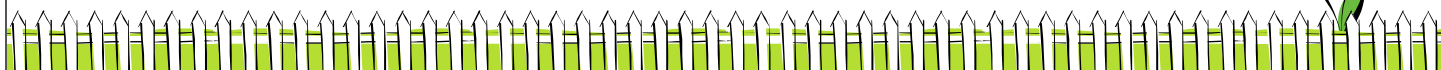
Join us on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** for a catch-up and coffee in the lower hall 9.15am - 10.15am. Find out what F@B are planning this term and see how you can help. All new ideas are welcome as we are always thinking about ways to raise money and provide rich experiences for our families.

### Sports Relief

We will be selling wrist bands at the office from the 12<sup>th</sup> March - 23<sup>rd</sup> March for £1.00. We will be holding a sponsored running event on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for all pupils so look out for information in your child's book bag. For more information regarding Sports Relief and other ways to donate to this worthy charity, please look at their website: [www.sportrelief.com](http://www.sportrelief.com). If you would like to make a donation, please donate via the school's Sports Relief Giving Page: <https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/rebeccabenjamins3149780>

### Website Class Pages

Please look at our class pages on the website. They are updated each half-term and show a range of work and activities that the children have completed. There are numerous videos and photographs of performances and trips the children have attended. The Twitter Feed is updated regularly so you can also take a peek on this site to see what our pupils have been up to.



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