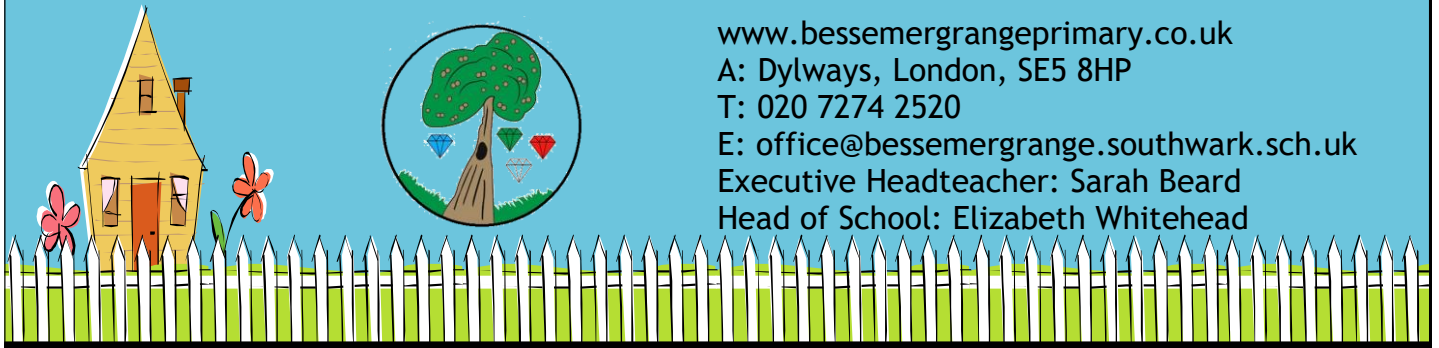


BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st October - Early Years Celebration Day

Thursday 21st October - deadline for submitting festive card designs

Thursday 21st October - Last day of school for children

Friday 22nd October - Inset Day

Monday 1st November - Children return to school

Monday 15th November - Individual School Photos

News and Reminders

Black History Month

While we ensure that Black History is embedded in our topics throughout the year we are also celebrating Black History Month this month.

Classes across the school are spending this month researching Black British artists, musicians, sports people and other heroes, as well as events such as Notting Hill Carnival and the history of The Windrush. They will be putting together large pieces of work which we plan to frame to create a Black History gallery which you will be able to visit the next time you are in school.

In assembly this week Key Stage Two children thought about how Rosa Parks used her voice to demand change when she saw that something wasn't right, and were encouraged to use their own voices to speak up for change whenever they see unfairness and discrimination.

Our catering company has planned a special 'festival menu' for children who have school lunches to celebrate Black History Month. This will be served next Thursday instead of the planned menu options for that day (although jacket potatoes will still be available as well). Please see the menu which is attached alongside this newsletter.

School Council

The new school council met this week for the first time to set out some plans for the following year. After discussion about their roles some introductory activities, the class representatives will be surveying their classes to gather opinions on lunches and playground equipment as well as other matters of importance raised around the school. The council, who will be led by Miss Lewis, consists of two representatives voted for by their class mates and will meet every three weeks. Each classroom will have a suggestion box for all children who would like to contribute ideas for the council to discuss.

The School Council reps are:

Violet, Owen W (3CB)

Myriam, Bill (3LS)

Alirida, Azariah (3LM)

Rose, Silas (4KL)

Una, Tosita (4SB)

Polly, Zadie (4HB)

Simba, Alice (5AC)

Janaai, Cameron (5RS)

Rueben, Eva (5LW)

Caoimhe, Jacob (6MS)

Leah, Sam (6SB)

Maksim, Iris (6YH)

Early Years Pick Up Time

When you are picking up your child from Nursery or Reception, please do not allow older siblings to use the resources or play on the climbing equipment. The equipment is designed for use by young children and may be damaged through use by older children. There have also been situations where older children playing have caused accidents with younger children who are being collected. Children who do not have siblings in Early Years should not be entering the Early Years playground at all.

Lost Property

Once again, our lost property boxes are overflowing! You can now come in to school to look through the boxes for your child's missing belongings, please just ask at the office. Please do remember to name your child's uniform and other items, it is unlikely that they will get them back if they lose them otherwise.

Art Exhibition

It was great to see so many families at the art exhibition this week to see the incredible art work the children have made. Thank you to those of you who supported the children and the school by purchasing their children's art.

Originals and copies are still available to purchase for £10 from the school office until Thursday 21st October.

Festive Cards

Please remember that the deadline for submitting festive card designs is Thursday 21st October.

F@B Update

It's nearly time for lift-off in the **Halloween Balloon Race**! Our virtual balloon race sets off from Dracula's Castle at midday on 31 October. To join in just visit <https://bit.ly/3DDOT7d> where you can buy and customise your balloon for just £3, then track it online during the seven-day race. There are some great prizes to be won for the furthest travelled balloons including £500 cash, an iPad, book tokens and Just Williams tokens. How far will your balloon go?

Enormous **congratulations** to **Karen Azaadi** who completed the Manchester Marathon last weekend. What an amazing achievement! Karen was running to raise money for Bessemer and Keyworth Primary Schools and her fundraising total now stands at an incredible £1,170. There's still time to sponsor her if you haven't already - just go to <https://bit.ly/3CTvgra>.



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow					
Sunshine					
Moonbeam					
1AM	Sarah	Trey	Felix	Wolfie	
1EB	Koji	Temi	Brandon	Matilda	
1NS	Henry	Elham	Jacob	Fred	
2JW					
2LT	Paul	Freddie	Billy	Alura	
2OS	Camila	Adam	Radin	Abass	Daniel
3LM	Camai	Fayo	Hannah	Gabriel	
3CB	Florence	Eve	Ruby	Kelvin	Frankie
3LS	Poppy	Bill	Jacob	Johanna	
3JK		Khadijah	Amelia	Lucy	
4SB	Tosita	Zahid	Luke	Una	
4KL	Hassan	Christobel	Dexter	Oscar	Silas
4HB	Yousuf	Rocco	Polly	Princess	
4AS		Yabai	Max	Toren	
5RS	Joy	Woody	Remi	Lola	
5AC	La'Niya	Dora	Lukas	Samantha	
5LW	Fergus	Rose	Osman	Alexia	
6MS	Frank	Chako	Leon	Amy	Phoebe
6YH	Jada	Rosie	Stella	Abdul	
6SB	Evie	Dominik	Ollie	Shamiya	
6LC		Nasir	Mya	Darcey	

Timetable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rockstars		William	Alexis	Leo	David	Irma

Timetable Rockstars winning classes: 2JW, 4KL and 5RS

This week's house winners: **Rubies!**

Have a great Weekend!

Elizabeth