

26TH FEBRUARY 2021



BASSETT GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Letter from Mrs Stillwell

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another successful week of remote and in school learning. We are proud of how well the children came back to their learning after half term whether in person or remotely. In fact, we even had children in the waiting room 30 minutes before zoom sessions!

Before the half term we held our zoom celebration assemblies. It was lovely to see so many of you attend these – an amazing 162 in total. There will be another zoom assembly next week to celebrate our learning but also to look ahead at returning to school. Further details will follow about this. We have been informed that some children were not able to join the zoom assembly as it had reached capacity, thank you for this feedback we will ensure the assemblies are split into further year groups to avoid this happening again.

It has been wonderful to hear about so many of our families enjoying and embracing Wellbeing Wednesday. Thank you for sharing photos with us. The children in school have also benefited from this screen free time whilst applying their skills to creative activities.

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Re-opening plans

There is just one more week until we can open our doors and welcome all our children back into our classrooms from Monday 8th March. We are all so excited to see them and have some wonderful things planned to support the transition back into school. Please ensure you have read my reopening letter to ensure a smooth transition back to school.

I know this is an incredibly anxious time for all in our community but I want to ensure you that tight safety measures will be in place and staff will follow these throughout the day and be outside on duty to ensure these are being followed during drop off and pick up. Here is a reminder of the start and finish times from Monday 8th March:

Year Group	Start school	Finish School
Reception	8.50	3.15
Year 1	8.50	3.15
Year 2	8.40	3.05
Year 3	8.40	3.05
Year 4	8.30	2.55
Year 5	8.30	2.55
Year 6	8.30	2.55

Parent Feedback

Thank you to those of you that have provided us with feedback via our google questionnaire on our provision during this lockdown. We know how busy you all are either at work or with the children so have extended the deadline for this to Friday 5th March 2021. Please take the time to complete this.

[Google questionnaire link](#)

Children's Feedback

I will be carrying out some pupil voice meetings next week to find out how the children found their remote learning, their feelings about returning and anything else they would like to share. The links to these meetings will follow but the days and times are below:

- Reception - Monday 1st March – 2.30pm
- Year 1 - Monday 1st March – 3.00pm
- Year 2 – Tuesday 2nd March – 3.00pm
- Year 3 – Wednesday 3rd March – 3.00pm
- Year 4 – Thursday 4th March – 3.00pm
- Year 5 – Friday 5th March – 1.00pm
- Year 6 – Friday 5th March – 2.00pm

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Home Learning Packs

Today is the final delivery of printed home learning packs before we re-open on Monday 8th March. Each week, our staff deliver approximately 300 home learning packs and we know how busy the children have been completing these. We would all love to see these and encourage the children to bring these in for their teacher by the end of the first week back. The earlier in the week these are returned, the more house points will be received.

Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
25 house points	20 hp	15 hp	10 hp	5hp

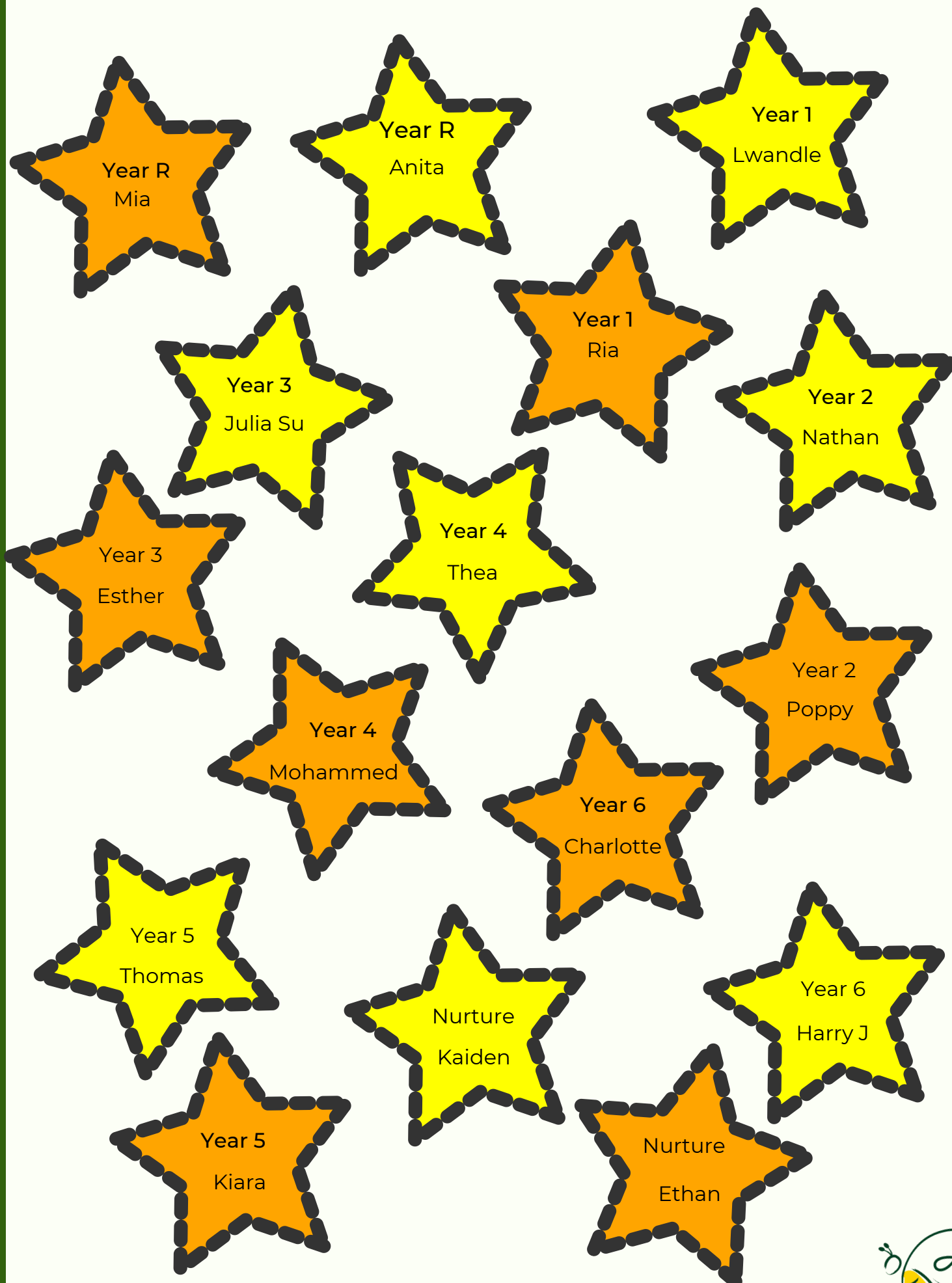
Laptops

As mentioned in my letter on Monday, we loaned a total of 112 laptops and we won't be able to deliver our planned computing lessons without these devices. Therefore, on Friday 5th March, staff will be collecting the laptops instead of delivering packs. Please ensure that the laptop is in the same condition as it was received and the charger and case (if applicable) are all returned to the member of staff collecting.

Have a lovely weekend,
take care and stay safe

Mrs Stillwell

School and Virtual Stars of the Week



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Online Learning Prize Draw!

The following children have won this week's prize draw for attending and engaging daily in their online lessons from home and will each receive a £5 Amazon gift voucher.



Year R
Scarlett



Year 1
Teddy



Year 2
Faqihah



Year 3
Verity



Year 4
Dawid



Year 5
Summer



Year 6
Zahra

Keep logging in to your online lessons daily to be entered into the weekly draw!

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Amazon Wishlist

We appreciate it has been a tough year for everyone and for most part we have been unable to come together as the Bassett Green family.

Unfortunately this has also meant we have been unable to do our usual fundraising this year. With the children returning to school on the 8th of March we would love to surprise them with some new resources to use in school and this is where you could help. We have created the Bassett Green wishlist where you, your friends, family or colleagues can support the school by purchasing an item on our behalf.



To view the list click [here](#).

If you would like to purchase something on the schools behalf simply add the item to your basket, pay for the item and the item will be delivered to school. We thank you in advance for any support you can offer.

THANKYOU



Breakfast Club and Energykidz After School Club

With the announcement from the Government this week about schools returning from the 8th March, some parents have been asking about the reopening of before and after school provisions.

We will open Breakfast club and EnergyKidz. We are currently exploring how we can safely run both provisions whilst adhering to COVID measures. We are unable to give you an exact return date on these provisions until we know numbers. EnergyKidz will not run unless there are 12 children in each session. Breakfast club will not run unless there are a minimum of 10 children.

To enable us to reopen both provisions we need to ascertain how many children require access to the provisions and on which days. If you would like your child to attend either breakfast club or after school club please fill out the google form . If you have multiple children who attend the school, please fill out one form for each child.

Please click [here](#) to view the form. Please complete this by Wednesday the 3rd of March in order for us to specify a return date by Friday 5th March.

We are currently working hard with breakfast club staff and EnergyKidz to ensure we have the relevant safety measures in place. More information to follow in next weeks newsletter including a start date.



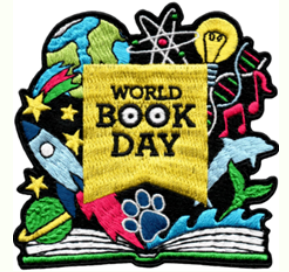
The EnergyKidz logo, featuring a stylized orange stick figure with arms raised, followed by the text 'EnergyKidz' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font.



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World Book Day



Thursday 4th March 2021

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Bassett Green by inviting you to take part in the following :

Dress up as your favourite book character

Zoom lessons that will be all about books
(see year group timetable)

A quiz all about books

Guess the Masked Reader

- this can be found on the school's website

In the afternoon, you can choose a way to

'Share your favourite book'

- see information attached to newsletter



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Wagging Tales



Buddy has been really missing seeing you all and cannot wait to see all the children back in school on the 8th of March.

March is a big month for Buddy as on the 20th he turns 1!

Mr Steve has been busy trying to train Buddy (and Buddy has been helping Mr Steve get fit and loose a few lockdown pounds). Training is going well but slowly! Buddy also had his first experience of snow and had great fun running around the school field.

Buddy has been making lots of new friends including site contractors and some of your dogs in the playground, he is still feeling a little shy though. Please ensure your dog remains by the black gate and not in the school playground. He has also been spending lots of time in ELSA with Miss McIntyre and Mrs Swain and the children.



Art Competition

Entries have been received and we are busy choosing those which are going to go in the new school gallery. We have had lots of lovely entries so choosing the winners is going to be a really tough decision.



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Science Week

Are you a budding scientist?

Bassett Green Science Week

8th - 12th March



You can take part in a Science experiment

or research project about

anything Science related that interests you!



Please can any entries (in the form of work, pictures, videos) please be emailed to sciencecomp@bassettgreen.net. The deadline has been extended to Friday 19th March.

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Spring Blossom

Try this activity using paint and cotton buds

Draw around your hand.

Begin to add paint around with your cotton bud.

Continue to add more colour.

Add another colour to create more effect!



Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

'Funny is Power'

Calling all superheroes! From Wonder Woman and Superman, to 'Air-GuitarGirl' and 'Bakes-Brilliant-Cakes-Boy', choose or create a superhero to dress up as and donate what ever you can to a brilliant cause!

We will also be holding a whole school superhero dance-athon

Download your superhero mask by clicking [here](#).

We are sure to have a SUPER day!



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Daily PE Challenges

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MOVE IT MONDAY: MR MEN BOOKS - CHARACTERS

You will need a partner for this game, if you are doing this activity in school then the class can participate whilst the teacher calls out the instructions. If you are at home, you can ask a family member to call them out for you.

You will be working for 2 minutes with a 1-minute rest, then working again for another 2 minutes, travelling around in a safe space.

During your 'working' minutes your teacher/family member will call out different Mr or Mrs Characters (see the attached sheet for ideas – page 3), and you need to travel like that character i.e., Mr Tall, you must make yourself as tall as you can whilst continuing to travel around..... not all the characters are as easy as Mr Tall! You must continue moving around like your character until another one is called out.

Try and be creative with your movements, see if you can use different levels, different speeds etc. Why not try and make your teacher/family member laugh with the characters you are pretending to be, without being silly!

Some of the characters are quite tricky so you have 3 passes that you can use, if you use a 'pass' continue to run around until you hear the next character. You can also copy others if you are unsure or ask for help if you are unsure of the meaning of a word.

Once you have finished, write down which character you enjoyed doing the most.

TRY IT TUESDAY: THE BFG - DREAM CATCHING



You need 2 bases, ideally 10m apart. One base is 'Dream Country', and the other base is the 'BFG's home'. Both bases are safe from Fleglumpeter and Bloodbottler. If you do not have enough space, try using a circle to run around instead.

You need to start with 10 objects in 'Dream Country', these are 'dreams', i.e., balls of socks, balls of paper etc. You will be working for 1 minute then resting for 1 minute, continuing that pattern until the 5 minutes is over. During your 'working' minutes try to push yourself as much as possible, and then recover during your rests.

On 'go' run between the bases and collect as many 'dreams' as possible. You can only collect 1 dream per run!

Once the dreams get back to the BFG's house, the bad dreams disappear. If you collect all of the dreams within your working minutes, then you can take them back to 'Dream Country' again to give the good dreams back to the children around the world.

How many dreams did you catch? If you have someone to work with, they can pretend to be Fleglumpeter or Bloodbottler and get in your way to make the challenge a little harder before swapping over.



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WELL-BEING WEDNESDAY: GOING ON A BEAR HUNT - OVER, UNDER AND THROUGH

For this challenge, you are going to go on a family walk, or a class walk around the school grounds. With the people you are walking with, take it in turns to be the Leader. The person leading decides the direction the walk will go in. Change the Leader after a while so everyone gets a turn.

Whilst you are out and about on your walk take the time to focus on what is around you, the colours, the sounds, how things feel when you touch them etc.

As we know from 'Going on a Bear Hunt'..... we can't go over it, we can't go under it, we have to go through it.... well, today we are going to do all three!

When you are the Leader, have a look around for something you can climb over safely – every item to climb over gives you 1 point. Look for something you can pick up – if you can see a creepy crawlly under your item then you get 1 point.

When the Leader changes, everyone comes together to make a non-contact tunnel for the new leader to walk through – every time you go through the tunnel you get 1 point.

How many points did you get, and which was your favourite part of the walk, going over, going under or going through? Why not add a bear chase too!



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TRAIN IT THURSDAY: HARRY POTTER - QUIDDITCH



You will need a broomstick, i.e., a broom, a hockey stick, a wrapping paper tube or just a really good imagination. You will need 10 Quaffles, you can use the 10 pairs of socks/balls of paper you used for the BFG challenge for this. The last thing you need is a goal of some kind, i.e., a hoop, a bin, a pillow etc.

Place your Quaffles 5-10m from your target. If you do not have that space, use a circle to run around instead. Start at your goal, 'fly' to your Quaffles, pick one up and shoot for your goal, 'fly' back to your goal, touch it and go again.

You get a point for every Quaffle that hits the goal. Repeat until you have just one Quaffle left; that last Quaffle is the Golden Snitch, instead of shooting with your favourite hand, use the other one and if it goes in you get 5 points.

Have a few goes and record your best score (the maximum is 14)!

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FEEL GOOD FRIDAY: MUSICAL STATUES

This activity is for your whole family, a great way to end the week. Why not get other family members involved via Zoom/FaceTime, the more the merrier!

Choose your favourite book that has also become a film, so you can use the theme tune from the movie (YouTube, Spotify etc).

Family members need to take it in turns to be the 'DJ' and stop the music as you play.

Whilst the song is playing you need to dance. You will start the game with 10 lives, every time the music stops you need to freeze, and if you wobble or fall you lose a life.

Remember this is Feel Good Friday, put as much energy as you can into your dance, and when you freeze choose different statues – can your family members guess which character you are trying to be? Or can you make them laugh?



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Useful Information



Parent Governor Ballot

The recent request for nominees for a parent governor at the school has resulted in three parents coming forward for one parent governor vacancy, so there is a need to have a ballot.

The ballot will be held electronically. Each parent can vote only once, irrespective of the number of children attending the school. A link will be emailed out over the coming weeks.

The deadline for returns is **10am Thursday 4th March**. Any votes received after this time will not be counted.



Dates for your diary

Monday 1st March - Year 6 Secondary School offer day

Monday 8th March - First day back for all children

Thursday 4th March - World Book Day + dress up as your favourite book character

Monday 8th - Friday 12th March - Bassett Green Science Week

Friday 19th March - Red Nose Day

Friday 2nd April - 1st day of the Easter Holidays

Monday 19th April - Inset Day

Tuesday 20th April - 1st day back after Easter



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