

Autumn  
2021

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

### 21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fitness has very much been on our minds this week and we marked National Fitness Day in school. Firstly, thank you to the many parents who joined us on the walk around the school field at the start of the day. I know we sprung this on you but we're glad you joined in and sorry about the wet autumn grass.

Throughout the day there were many activities for the children to try as we promoted the message to keep moving to keep fit. We had circuits on the playground with staff supporting; we had cheerleading, rowing skills, basketball and boxercise led by staff; we had Tai Chi at lunchtime and throughout the day 'Miss Motivator' broadcast to the whole school to get them moving. We rounded the day off with a Drumba session which a few parents came in to try. A busy and very enjoyable day which I hope your children told you all about when they came home.

Today's open morning went really well and I was amazed at the turnout. By my estimate we had more than 150 parents in school and the atmosphere in classrooms as they completed art and craft activities with the children was wonderful. The Macmillan coffee morning ran alongside this and I am pleased to announce that more than £445 in cash was raised plus donations made directly on the QR code for this worthwhile charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the BFG and midday supervisors who ran it. I know not everyone can get to these but forewarned, we plan to run another open morning in the last week of term.

Finally, next Friday is World Smile Day which is good as the school photographer will be here. Big smiles and well brushed hair for everyone.

Andrea Goetzee

## Working Together to Safeguard Children

I plan to talk to the children in assembly next week about what they can do if they are worried about things that are happening to them or around them. I thought it would be useful to highlight to you some of the ways we work in school and with the children to help keep them safe from harm.

At Bispham Drive we currently have 3 members of staff who are Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs), myself, Mr Belton and Mr Henshaw. Mrs Fitch, the School Business Manager, will also soon receive training to be a DSL as she is often a first point of contact for families. You can share any concerns with us and we can help decide if it warrants further action. We work with many agencies when we do this and please remember that action is more often supportive than anything else. Worries and concerns often arise from other situations such as family illness or work issues. You can, of course talk to any member of staff if you prefer, they will pass the information on to the DSL's.

At Bispham we are particularly sensitive to issues that occur outside school when children are online, using gaming platforms or social media. This is a fast moving world and it can be hard to keep up with the latest trends. As a school we have access to the Safer School App which contains lots of information about the games and Apps that appeal to children. It also pushes out notifications and updates on concerns. The App is available to parents free of charge. Simply download the App, this can be done on more than one device, type in Bispham Drive Junior and the number 4381. Please take a look.

With safeguarding keeping in touch and up to date is the best way to keep the children as protected as we can. We're in this together.



## Key Dates

### October

1st Individual pupil photos and World Smile Day

7th National Poetry Day

10th World Mental Health Day

12th/13th Parents' evenings

15th Behaviour Reward & End of half term

### November

1st Return to school

w/c UK Parliament Week

11th Remembrance Day 100 years of the Royal British Legion activities

11th Whole school cinema visit

13th World Kindness Day

w/c 15th Anti Bullying Week

### December

6th/7th Year 5 show

13th/14th year 3 show

15th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

16th Christmas Party Day

17th Behaviour Reward & End of term



## Headteacher's Awards

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| Orion     | 8  | Pegasus | 6 |
| Hydra     | 10 | Leo     | 2 |
| Columba   | 5  | Volans  | 4 |
| Andromeda | 4  | Phoenix | 2 |

### Heroes

Orion: Thomas Taylor-Reid

Pegasus: Lily Evans

Hydra: Molly Whyld

Leo: Toby Wilde

Columba: Reavie Shankar

Volans: Sofia Stanley-Custance

Andromeda: Lily Leggat

Phoenix: Amelia Ellis

Forest School: Maisie Tooley & Dayana Joe Henry

Parent Helpers - We are once again able to welcome parents or grandparents into school to help support our activities. If you have time to listen to children read or would like to help out with Forest School or have a particular skill you think we could use then please get in touch.

### Information about illness

As you will be aware the contingency planning for schools has changed to ensure that children will see far less disruption to their education even in the event of positive cases. It would be a real help if you informed if a family member tests positive. While this will not affect your child's attendance in school it will help us monitor what is happening in our community and enable us to place enhanced mitigating activities to prevent it becoming a significant problem in school.