

Spring
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

In a week that saw the removal of more national restrictions related to Covid, we have gladly resumed whole school assemblies. This week I shared with the children some ideas of how they can demonstrate our values in and out of school. All the children have bookmarks to collect stickers that represent each value. Once they have all 5 stickers they will receive their Bronze Star which will be celebrated in school and which we want them to wear with pride. They are not hard to earn and I have attached the grid I shared with the children so you can see for yourself. What is on there are just examples, I'm sure the children themselves can think of many other ways that will have just as much value.

Other news this week is that the BFG and I have decided to reinstate the school disco fundraiser. This is now planned for Friday 25th February which should give everyone enough time to get organised and also still be a time of darker evenings. There will be more information in the coming weeks but please save the date as it will be wonderful to welcome you back into school for this popular social event. I may even demonstrate my macarena - although maybe not.

There are two really good local events coming up, you can find more details opposite. Light Night has always been a favourite with my family so if you go I may see you there.

Enjoy the weekend, looking forward to February already.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

Chinese New Year - This year members of our community will be welcoming the 'Year of the Tiger'. A number of lovely events have been planned to mark the event this week end. Most take place at the Lakeside Arts Centre this weekend. Please follow this link to find out more [Chinese New Year Celebrations 2022 | Lakeside Arts, Nottingham](#)

Light Night– Another excellent local event is Nottingham City's Light Night which is next weekend Friday 4th and Saturday 5th February. The theme is Rebel city In case you haven't explored what's on offer you might like to check out the website <https://www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/whats-on/light-night-2022-p488231>

Multiplication Times Table Check - this mandatory online assessment will take place for our year 4 pupils this June. Please see the attached information for parents to help you understand how it will work and the expectations of the children.

Teenagers on school site - Last weekend we once more had teenagers on the school site at night. They left behind a lot of debris including beer cans and other rubbish. This is unpleasant for our pupils and also we are concerned those coming on site could get injured. To discourage this we have asked our guard service to increase their vigilance for the foreseeable future.

SEND Parent Survey

Nottinghamshire County Council have asked us to advertise their survey to find out about the lived experiences of the parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). There is the chance to win Amazon vouchers for participants. See the attached flyer with link for more information.



Key Dates

January

31st - February 2nd Bikeability in year 5

February

7th - 13th Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'Growing Together'

8th Safer Internet Day

11th End of Half Term

21st Return to school

March

1st St David's Day service uniforms allowed in school

3rd World Book day

w/c 14th March Assessment Week

17th St Patrick's Day service uniforms allowed in school

18th Red Nose Day

21st Ancient Egyptian Experience Year 3

28th - 30th Volans residential

28th 6.00 pm Year 4 evening performance

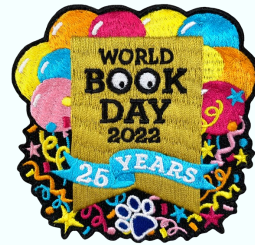
29th 1.30 pm Year 4 matinee performance

30th - April 1st Columba residential

1st End of Term

April

19th Return to school



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	5	Pegasus	1
Hydra	1	Leo	4
Columba	6	Volans	0
Andromeda	0	Phoenix	7



Heroes

Orion: Hiro Wong

Pegasus: Farha Mohd Fadli

Hydra: Amelia Endersby

Leo: Anson Chan

Columba: Finn Terry

Volans: William Jepson

Andromeda: Fraser Clarke

Phoenix: George Marshall

Forest School: Edna Kuruvilla

Toton Tigers

A massive thank you to Toton Tigers for their generous donation and contribution to the purchase of new footballs. These will be put to good use during PE lessons and with our boys' and girls' football teams.

Toton Tigers are looking for new players to join and have a team for a variety of age groups. If your child is interested in joining, visit: <https://www.totontigers.co.uk/> or call:

Craig Hessletine—07814534393

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 us 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.