

Spring
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BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been much distracted whilst writing this bulletin by watching a pair of birds gathering the materials to make a nest in the bird box outside my office window. It's a lovely reminder that Spring is definitely here with the hope of warmer weather and more time outdoors. This has been particularly important to me as I have returned from being poorly last week. Thank you, by the way, for all of the best wishes I received.

It's been another busy week in school and both myself and Mr Belton have given out numerous values stickers to children going for their first, bronze, values star badge. Doing that little bit more to exemplify our values will make them become a habit and when they do this will support, alongside your wonderful parenting, each child's progress towards adulthood. I look forward to awarding many more stars in the coming weeks.

Miss Carr has had a wonderful time sharing our well loved Forest School with a number of parents this week. The sessions were enthusiastically received and we plan to arrange one or two more sessions, after school this time, so more people get a chance to experience them.

This week we have also seen a return to competitive football with a friendly match on Thursday. I was so proud of the way our team played and they impressed with their attitude and healthy competitive edge. A full match report is later in this bulletin.

Enjoy the forecast good weather this weekend.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Dear Families,

I have had a lovely and interesting week meeting some of the Parent/Cares of the children, and thank you once again to all that joined me for the adult Forest School taster sessions. In our taster session there was a chance to learn some of the skills and explore some of the experiences available to the children during their Forest school sessions, these included;

1. How to make a starter fire and why and how we teach this to the children - some of the adults could see how difficult this can be and the resilience needed to keep trying to create sparks with the flint and steel.
2. There was an opportunity to use their creative skills and explore transient art, exploring the base 1 area and using natural materials to create patterns and pictures. During this activity the adults were able to explore all of base one and observe the pond, spotting some frogs and frogspawn.
3. Many of the adults have heard from the children about making rope swings in Forest School and so we had a look at how to tie a quick release knot, which many of the children have now mastered, and talked about where is best to make rope swings, considering the trees and branches available.
4. We then looked at how to make a square lashing, and each adult got to make their own photo frame out of sticks and twine.
5. These are all the experiences the children get to explore and learn during their Forest School sessions.

All through the session we had discussions about the different experiences the children explore and the skills they learn at Forest School. This was a wonderful opportunity for me, as the Forest School lead, to get a sense from some Parents/Carers about their understanding and feelings about Forest School and what it gives the children. It's brilliant to have feedback and here are some of the wonderful comments shared with me by the attendees.

"Great insight into what the children are learning in their Forest School sessions, I've learnt a lot myself in just one short session!"

"engaging with nature and fresh air is so important"

"Forest School is an amazing facility for the school to provide, I have enjoyed the experience myself and genuinely see the positive impact it has on my son when he has had his session."

"This should be available in every school!"

"Making a swing and hammock was a wonderful new skill that I would love to do with my girls at home"



Key Dates

March

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

May

w/c 9th Year 6 Sats



Heroes

Orion: Cassia So

Pegasus: Charlie Draycott

Hydra: Freya Lindley

Leo: Eleanor Smyth

Columba: Harry Blaylock

Volans: Jack Fleming

Andromeda: Hilary Tai

Phoenix: Grace Davis

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.



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	5	Pegasus	0
Hydra	0	Leo	4
Columba	18	Volans	3
Andromeda		Phoenix	9

Bispham Drive 4-2 Bramcote C of E School

As we approached the start of the league competition, it was the perfect opportunity to dust off the cobwebs and play a friendly match against Bramcote C of E. With many spectators on the sideline watching, this was the perfect opportunity for the boys to showcase their footballing talent...and they sure did! An amazing performance from the whole squad saw Bispham take an early 2-0 lead. Bramcote fought hard and returned with a goal, however the boys displayed a fantastic DRIVE attitude, scoring three more goals to take a 4-1 lead. A last minute consolation from Bramcote resulted in a hard earned, incredible 4-2 victory for the Bispham boys.

A brace from both Corey and Remi and a goal from Jack completes the list of goalscorers. A particular highlight of the match was a long distance screamer from Corey!

The most impressive thing about the match was the amazing attitude and effort displayed by all of the squad. If they continue like this, they will be a threat to any team. Well done boys - Up the Bispham!