

Spring
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the Spring Term and it's been a very positive week in school.

A real highlight has been the year 4 show 'Porridge'. This was the first show where we didn't feel the need to limit the number of people attending, so it was to a packed house that the show premiered on Monday evening and then shared again on Tuesday afternoon. The breadth of talent we saw was amazing and who would have thought it was possible to pack as many old but good jokes, both visual and spoken, in to such a short space of time. Beyond all of that what really stood out was the fact that every child was smiling during the entire performance. Normally, it is often the case that one or two can be overwhelmed by the audience but that didn't happen. Of course when you think about it this was probably the first performance of this type many of them had participated in and they were clearly ready. They did their families, their school and most importantly themselves proud. Of course it is our practise to give every child the chance to perform every year so these stars will be seen again at Christmas. I know from the glowing comments made by everyone leaving after each show how much they are already looking forward to this.

This week has also seen our year 5 children enjoy the first residential for two years, more of that on the next page.

So, feeling positive at the end of term I look forward to a good Easter break and wish the same to you and your families.

Andrea Goetzee
Headteacher

Notices

Year 5 Residential—Year 5 have made some life long memories on the first Bispham residential since restrictions have been lifted. Volans and Columba stayed at Sherwood Forest, where they have enjoyed a variety of activities linked to their topic 'Ayup Me Duck'. The children didn't let every weather condition possible spoil their fun, taking part in activities such as den building, orienteering, meeting Robin Hood (and of course those secret midnight feasts in their dormitories). To check out all that they have been up to, visit the Year 5 Twitter page.

Cheerleading—Thank you to all those parents who came last week to celebrate the end of cheerleading club (especially those who joined in!). The cheerleaders have worked really hard to learn their routines during Mrs Hollis' weekly morning club and had a great time doing so.

Forest School

After reviewing our Forest School provision, we have decided to start the morning session later at 10.25am to ensure all children are getting the same amount of time for their sessions. Below is the timetable for Summer term 1:

18th-22nd April—Group 2 (Monday's Group will be on Friday due to a Bank Holiday)

25th-29th April —Group 1

2nd-6th May—Group 2

9th-13th May—No FS due to SATS week

16th-20th May—No FS due to Year 6 residential

23rd-27th May—Group 1

Parking

When dropping off and collecting your children, please be courteous of our neighbours and community. Recently, we have received complaints from local residents, stating that some parents are parking across their drive and preventing them from entering and leaving their homes. In addition, parents should not use the staff car park, even if this is to drop off and collect from breakfast and after school clubs.



Key Dates

April

19th Return to school

May

2nd Bank Holiday Monday

w/c 9th Year 6 Sats Week

w/c 16th Year 6 residential visit

w/c 23rd School celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

27th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

27th End of half term

June

6th Back to school

7th Sports Day

9th Back up Sports Day



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	5	Pegasus	5
Hydra	6	Leo	6
Columba	6	Volans	3
Andromeda	5	Phoenix	13

Inset Days for 2022-2023

After liaising with Banks Road, the below dates are the Inset days for the 2022-2023 academic year:

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

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