

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another incredibly packed week in school, it really feels like we are hurtling towards Christmas and rehearsals for our two shows are in full swing.

This week saw all of the children take part in a workshop led by the Dog's Trust. They developed a greater understanding about dogs and particularly how to be safe around dogs they did not know. The children behaved really well and clearly found the content of the workshop fascinating. At Bispham Drive we understand our role in supporting learning for life as well as academic attainment and this was a good example of that. A leaflet with further information is attached to this bulletin.

This week we also marked Anti Bullying Week with an assembly. The theme was about reaching out to ensure support is put in place. I also clearly and formally banned the use of the phrase 'snitches get stitches' as this is simply another form of coercive control and has no place in school.

We completed our vote which was part of UK Parliament Week. I talked to the children about the concept of democracy and the rights and responsibilities that come into play when you live in one. More about the vote results opposite.

Finally, years 3 and 5 went on their cinema trips and all children were really well behaved. Thank you to all the parent helpers who made the trips possible. Have a great weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,

Headteacher

Notices

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK - We talked about what democracy meant in our assembly and also how voting worked. We discussed the issues that the School Council had established were on the mind of many children. They are weighty matters and I tried to phrase the items in the least alarming way and also explained that while, at present, they must rely on adults, they can still have a voice. I explained how the vote would give them a voice as we ask their MP to be mindful of their concerns as he represents them. The results are below and it is clear what their biggest concern was although I intend to share them all with Darren Henry.

Of the 217 votes cast the results are as follows:

- 1. More needs to be done to protect the planet for the future 128**
- 2. Countries need to work harder to avoid conflict 50**
- 3. There needs to be more control over how social media is used 39**

Parent support leaflet– As the use of social media was one of the key issues mentioned by children I thought it might be a good idea to send you a parent guide about this. It has been produced by a nationally accredited group who work on online safety.

Christmas Events

Disco - Please book tickets by November 29th. The BFG would love some raffle prizes for the event, please donate.

Lunch - Booking deadline December 5th.



Key Dates

November

24th Year 4 Cinema visit

December

2nd BFG Christmas Disco

5th Year 5 matinee show 6th evening

12th Year 3 matinee show 13th evening

14th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

16th School Christmas Jumper Day

19th Autumn Term Reading Reward Tea

20th Christmas Party Day

21st Toy Day in school, Behaviour Reward Afternoon and End of Term

January

5th Back to school



Headteacher's Awards

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| Orion | 0 | Pegasus | 2 |
| Hydra | 13 | Leo | 5 |
| Columba | 8 | Volans | 0 |
| Andromeda | 0 | Phoenix | 3 |

Heroes

Orion: Limonee

Pegasus: Estelle

Hydra: Mailley

Leo: Thomas S

Columba: Dahlia

Volans: Daniel W

Andromeda: Daisy B

Phoenix: Jack L

Forest School: Mason B

HYDRA FOREST SCHOOL

Due to the year 4 cinema visit next Thursday, Hydra's Forest School will take place on Friday morning. Leo's session will take place as normal.

THE SCHOOL'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



We are starting to hear from former pupils but would love to hear from more. I will be putting together a podcast of memories past and present to share with you all. If you would like to take part you can contact us via email at diamondjubi-lee@bisphamdrive.net