

Spring
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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March 10th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the calendar showing we are heading fast towards Spring nature has served us a, hopefully final, taste of winter. Thankfully we have been able to keep warm in school but due to the wetness of the snow have mostly enjoyed looking out on it rather than playing in it.

This week I have spent quite some time visiting classes and talking to children about their learning. Overall they are very engaged and enjoying the variety of learning we offer. It was particularly good to see year 3 getting to grips with online research and year 5 starting to publish the e-books they have been writing to share with year 2's at Banks Road.

Giving children a purpose in their learning is something we always try to do and right now year 5 are also considering homelessness in the local area. They are showing they can be actively empathetic by trying to raise money for Emmanuel House. The children have created a number of posters to advertise what they are doing and I have been asked to attach these to the bulletin, so please take a look.

Next week we will be marking National Science (and STEM) week. Miss Nott has planned a number of activities and you will find information about these later in the bulletin.

Please keep warm over a very cold weekend.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

Forest School clothing - A polite reminder that children should be adequately clothed to participate safely in Forest School activities. This includes long sleeves and trousers to avoid scratches and grazes. Children also need to be dressed warmly and in waterproof clothing during cold wet weather, such as is forecast over the next few weeks. Waterproof footwear and a change of footwear and clothing are also necessary. For safety reasons, children without the correct clothing and footwear will, sadly, have to miss their session.

Fidget toys - An increasing number of children are bringing these into school and we recognise that these are very helpful to some children. Unfortunately, some of them are causing a lot of distraction in class. Please only send fidget toys in if it has been agreed with the class teacher and limit them to small and silent versions to limit distraction to others.

Skateboarding - Our skateboarding lessons have proved incredibly popular and it has been wonderful to watch the children's skills increase very quickly. A number of parents have asked me how they could continue to learn and develop and I've been having a look around to find out. There is an indoor skatepark in West Bridgford called Flo that offers pre bookable lessons. This is the only one I have been able to locate so far, you can view details via the link below.

<https://www.floskatepark.com/>

If you decide to visit please let me know how you get on so I can share it with others.



Key Dates

March

w/c 13th British Science Week

17th Red Nose Day

w/c 20th Assessment Week

24th Year 3 Easter experience at St Peter's

w/c 27th Year 5 Residential visits

27th Year 4 Matinee performance 1.30

28th Year 4 Evening performance 6.00

31st Behaviour Reward Afternoon

31st End of Term

April

17th Back to school

17th Spring Term 60 Reads Reward

May

1st Bank Holiday

8th Coronation Bank Holiday

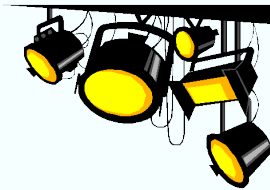
9th - 12th Sats Week

26th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

26th End of half term



FRIDAY 17 MARCH



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	1	Pegasus	1
Hydra	3	Leo	2
Columba	2	Volans	1
Andromeda	4	Phoenix	0

Heroes

Orion: Darcey D.

Pegasus: Arla M.

Hydra: Evelyn K.

Leo: Lyla K.

Columba: Yat Zi C.

Volans: Amelia E.

Andromeda: Remi H.

Phoenix: Jude Z.

Forest School: Arwen

Planning for Science week is in full swing with all of the pupil Science leaders busy preparing their stalls ready for Thursday's in-school Science fair! Children will be able to explore and take part in many different experiments and presentations. During the week, we are excited to have some parents popping in to talk about their experiences in STEM careers. We will also announce the winner of the poster competition on Friday! There will be another competition to get you thinking, starting on Monday and ending on Friday, with prizes to be won for years 3/4 and 5/6. Please ask your children all about it. Miss Nott