

Spring
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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March 17th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a massive thank you to all of you for your messages of support and understanding when, unfortunately, our kitchen had to close for two days due to staff illness and the unavailability of any cover staff due to widespread illness in the local authority catering team. It really helped and thankfully we are all back to normal.

It has been a genuinely busy week in school, not just with learning, but with visitors and events. Miss Nott has shared a short review of STEM week opposite but I wanted to share a few other highlights.

Not only have we talked about STEM subjects this week, I also shared Neuro Diversity Celebration week in assembly. We watched an excellent short film which contrasted the experience of the world that neuro diverse people have compared to neuro typical people. I believe it promoted a greater degree of understanding.

Obviously, today we did fundraising for Comic Relief but this week has also seen our year 5 pupils raising money for Emmanuel House, the charity to support homeless people. The children and their teachers have been impressed with the support you have given. Money is still coming in and I will let you know how much was raised in next week's bulletin.

Finally, our new netball team had their first outing on Monday. While they did not win, all of us who watched them were impressed with how they did. Their teamwork got better and better as the match progressed and they really did us proud. Well done!

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

STEM week 2023 has been a tremendous success! The pupils loved investigating various activities at the science fair, learning about all the amazing careers our parents are involved in and developing their understanding of what science is and how it shapes our world. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our parents who volunteered their time and knowledge, coming in and presenting to the children in assemblies. The adults enjoyed it just as much as the pupils! They have certainly had their eyes and minds opened. And another huge thank you to all of the Science leaders who none of this would have been possible without. I am very excited to see what we can do as a team in the future! Miss Nott

Ramadhan - We know a some of our Muslim children choose to observe some days of fasting during Ramadhan. In order to support then we will make a quiet place available to them during lunchtimes. This will be supervised by a member of staff. Please inform your child's class teacher via their P.O. if they wish to make use of this space.

Call out for the BFG

A small number of parents got together to organise the successful Christmas Disco fundraiser. If we are to be able to hold our usual Summer Fair they will need many helpers. Please contact the BFG at bfgmail@bisphamdrive.net to offer to help. Thank you.



Key Dates

March

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

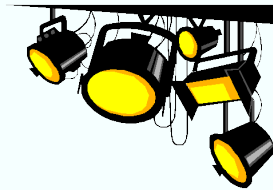
26th End of half term

June

5th Return to school

5th World Environment Day

Year 4 Times tables check begins



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	2	Pegasus	1
Hydra	-	Leo	-
Columba	-	Volans	-
Andromeda	-	Phoenix	-

Heroes

Orion: Brooklyn C.

Pegasus: William P.

Hydra: Chester P.

Leo: Howard S.

Columba: Darcie G.

Volans: HoYu C.

Andromeda: Maja M.

Phoenix: Riley B.

Forest School: Edie D.



THE SCHOOL'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The next event we are planning is an exhibition covering Bispham past, present and future. If you have photos or memorabilia you are willing to share, please get in touch. If you would like to take part you can contact us via email at diamondjubilee@bisphamdrive.net