

Spring
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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March 3rd 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The big event in school this week has been World Book Day. The idea of children dressing as adjectives had obviously really taken off and we saw a wonderful array of very creative and amusing costumes in school. Thank you so much for supporting us with this it made for many amusing exchanges throughout the day.

At the start and end of the day it was lovely to welcome so many of you into school to share a story with your child and some of their friends. Again, your support with promoting reading to all of the children is thoroughly appreciated.

We had a lively assembly where children took part in a quiz to identify the reading habits and history of school staff. By voting with their feet they found out about favourite books and even previously reluctant readers who were converted to book lovers.

A wonderful day rounded off with a lovely, warm community event as we got cosy in the school hall (lamplight and cushions were a big help with this) to listen to staff share a favourite bedtime story. Hot chocolate and biscuits were consumed and the children listened enthralled by the power of sharing a story.

It really was the best World Book day we have had and I thank all of the staff, especially Mrs Doeswijk and Mrs Hollis for making it happen. Also remember you can reuse your child's costume for Comic Relief Day on March 17th. Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Supporting your child being safe online

This week I have received a serious safeguarding alert about an explicit challenge currently circulating on TikTok. While the age limit for Tiktok is 13 I do know that quite a lot of our pupils access the platform. It is not usual for this level of alert to be sent so the belief is there is real potential for children to be exposed to sexual content or even to being encouraged to make their own. You can read about this by following the link below.

[Safeguarding Alert: Explicit Images Trend on TikTok - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk)

Safer Schools is a free App that is available through school to parents and which contains lots of information about current trends and popular games etc. It also sends out notifications when its team identifies a specific risk. I have attached the log-in details again for those of you that have not yet accessed this very useful site.

I am always considering how best school can support your children online and how we can support you to ensure they are safe. I am sharing with you a useful document I was recently sent after some safeguarding training that covered internet use. It was created by Cornwall Council as part of their action to develop resilience and mental well being in young people. It is called the 'Digital Resilience Tool' and contains useful definitions and guidance. It also contains a clear traffic light system to help us all decide whether online behaviours might be considered to be harmful or not for different age groups. Although aimed at educators it contains advice we can all use.



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

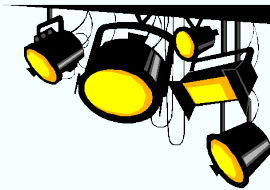
9th - 12th Sats Week

26th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

26th End of half term



FRIDAY 17 MARCH



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	8	Pegasus	3
Hydra	2	Leo	-
Columba	1	Volans	2
Andromeda	1	Phoenix	2

Heroes

Orion: Oliver O.

Pegasus: Alijah F.

Hydra: Ada S.

Leo: Solomon R.

Columba: Mason B.

Volans: Rosie H.

Andromeda: Orla V.

Phoenix: William J.

Forest School: Betsy S.



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 diamondjubil-lee@bisphamdrive.net