

Summer
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



May 19th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank goodness the weather has picked and we are once again able to make the most of our wonderful grounds. This is my favourite time of year and I as I walk around the field seeing the children running around playing games I consider myself very lucky to be the Headteacher of such a lovely school.

As ever there has been a lot happening around school. Year 5 were lucky enough to have a parent, who just happens to be a space scientist, visit to talk to them about space, you will find a short review on the next page. Which also makes me reflect that as a Headteacher I am fortunate to have a wonderful set of parents who help us in so many ways. Talking of which the BFG had their first out-line planning meeting on Monday and I am happy to say that the Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 7th July 6.00 - 8.00 pm so save the date. More information about the event and how you can help will follow shortly.

Year 6 have settled back into their learning as we prepare them to transition into secondary school. Year 3 have been up to George Spencer for a multi skills competition and year 4 will be going next week. Busy, busy, busy.

As we approach half term, I am making a call out for lost property which is a massing at an alarming rate. If your child has lost something please come and check as we don't store it after the holiday.

Best wishes

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

SOCIAL MEDIA PLEA

While social media platforms have a legal age limit above the age of our pupils we are aware that many children are allowed to use them with parental consent. What we are seeing in school is them being misused, particularly children using the photos of others without their consent and also creating fake accounts in the names of others or adding people to groups without their consent.

Some of these could be classed as crimes. Please talk to your child and check their phone regularly and without notice as they are also adept at deleting. This is starting to take increasing amounts of time in school as we are the only place some parents can come to and yet we have no control over this.

Forest School and World Environment Day June 5th - Attached to this bulletin you will find two communications from Miss Carr our Forest School lead. One tells you how to use a water feature, however small, to support amphibians. The second talks about our exciting compost initiative - basically we want your scraps! We will start collecting on June 5th and use what is made to support our rewilding and other projects around school. In the coming we will put together a special Forest School bulletin to show you all the work being done around school to support nature and the environment.

60 Reads check - If you wish your child to reach the 60 reads goal then they should have completed around 28 - 32 reads by now to be comfortably on track.



Key Dates

May

26th Behaviour Reward Afternoon
26th End of half term

June

5th Return to school
5th World Environment Day
5th Year 4 Times tables check begins
7th Sports Day (8th Back up day)
13th Class and team photos
w/c 19th Year 6 residential
26th Inset day
w/c 27th Assessment week
27th Year 2 children visit with parents
29th Banks Road sports afternoon here
30th Year 6 transition event

July

7th BFG Summer Fayre 6.00 - 8.00 pm
14th Reports out
17th/18th Year 6 premiere
19th Parents meetings about reports
20th Year 6 leavers' event
24th Reading reward am
24th Behaviour Reward pm
25th End of school year



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	4	Pegasus	3
Hydra	5	Leo	5
Columba	2	Volans	7
Andromeda	-	Phoenix	6

Heroes

Orion: Emmett M.

Pegasus: Estelle C.

Hydra: Edie D.

Leo: Hiro W.

Columba: Molly W.

Volans: Rowen M.S.

Andromeda: Audrey L.

Phoenix: Lily H.

Forest School: Sienna C.

A Big Thank You

Year 5 were very lucky this week to have Mr Westby, one of our parents, come in to school to talk to them about space. He told us loads about space and let us know about exciting future space missions like Artemis 2 in November 2024 and even how they hope to have a baby be born in space next year. We heard the sound of space which was definitively out of this world. We were all enthralled for 90 minutes and I for one was even more inspired to follow my ambition to be a space scientist.

I know I speak for the whole year group when I say a massive thank you for coming to see us. Leanne S and year 5