

Autumn  
2023

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



October 6th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably we are already hurtling towards the half term. As ever, the children are impressing us with their hard work and commitment to their learning. I am also impressed with how they have responded to our new Behaviour Policy. Rather than finding it stricter, which is what we anticipated, they actually say they find it supportive and that it really helps them to know what is expected of them and how they need to make positive choices when it comes to behaviour. I have been talking and listening to children across the school and I am so pleased with their responses.

We celebrated National Poetry Day in school yesterday. It was themed around the word 'Refuge' and in assembly, Mrs Hollis shared a wonderful poem by every schools' favourite, Micheal Rosen. You can read it hear if you want to share it with your child. <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/poem/on-the-move-again-from-somewhere/> They also tried writing their own works and reflected on the theme.

This week also saw us host two football matches. Our teams played well, displaying all of our school values throughout. You will find a short match report on the next page.

Finally, we are looking to fill our last parent governor post, full information on the opposite page and attached. Please consider joining us, it is such an important role. Have a good weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,

Headteacher

## Notices

### Parent Governor Vacancy

I have waited until our new parents have settled in to advertise the fact that we have one parent governor vacancy on our governing body. Governors are invaluable in supporting what we do in school and we are a friendly body who try to keep demands on time to a minimum. Please look at the attached information. If you are interested in applying and would like to talk to myself or the Chair to find out more, please contact the office who will be happy to arrange a meeting. The deadline for applications is 9.00 am Monday 6th November. If we have more than one application, you will be invited to take part in a parental vote. Please consider the role, it is truly rewarding to be part of what we do.

Match Reports - On Monday night, both of our football teams played their first matches of the season, at home. The boys team took on Bramcote Hills whilst the girls team took on a newly formed Bramcote CofE. It was wonderful to see our two teams playing side by side, with lots of our school community spectating and cheering for them.

The boys had a close game going from 0-2 down to winning 5-4 thanks to a stellar 'toe poke' from Ollie at the end! The girls also had a wonderful win and came away with a 12-1 victory, Lyla had a wonderful haul of goals and some netted also from Maisie and Macey!

We look forward to both teams playing again in the coming weeks before half-term.

MP Christmas Card Competition - We have received a letter from Darren Henry, your local MP, inviting children who attend schools in his constituency to enter a competition to design the card he will be sending to his colleagues. His letter is attached which contains all the information you will need if your child wishes to enter. The deadline is Monday 13th November.



## Key Dates

### October

9th Parents' meetings (not Pegasus)  
 10th World Mental Health Day  
 10th Parents' meetings (Pegasus)  
 11th Parents' meetings (All classes)  
 w/c 16th Year 5 residentials  
 20th Behaviour Reward Afternoon  
 20th End of half term



### November

6th Back to school  
 w/c 6th UK Parliament Week  
 8th Year 6 cinema trip  
 9th BFG Film Night  
 10th Year 5 cinema trip  
 w/c 13th Anti Bullying Week  
 14th Year 3 cinema trip  
 15th Year 4 cinema trip  
 15th Year 6 visit Beaumanor Hall  
 30th At Andrew's Day children can wear service uniforms to school if they wish



## Headteacher's Awards

Orion -	Pegasus <b>Zainab Z. Murrin S.</b>
Hydra <b>Olive B.</b>	Leo <b>Mason O. Emmett M. Samuel P.</b>
Columba <b>Ayse S.</b>	Volans <b>Ursula F. William E. Farha MF. Hannah LR. Aarav P.</b>
Andromeda -	Phoenix <b>Boaz S. Lara B.</b>

### Heroes

Orion: Olivia U.

Pegasus: Ivy D.

Hydra: Ethan D.

Leo: Alfie C.

Columba: Poppy H.

Volans: Solomon R.

Andromeda: Amelia E.

Phoenix: Leo D.

Forest School: Ken W.

### The Big Ambition

Launched by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza, 'The Big Ambition' is a survey that aims to find out what is important to the children of England at the present time. The survey is open until December 15th so if you think your child would like their voice to be heard as part of the run up to the next election you can find out more by following this link.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>