

Spring
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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Bispham Drive
Junior School
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January 26th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week with the visitors from Ofsted joining us in school on Tuesday and Wednesday. As most of you know, the Ofsted process is often a rigorous one. Staff have worked incredibly hard and all of the staff and governors wanted to pass on our thanks for your support, understanding and such kind words about the school during the two days. Our biggest thank you goes to the children, who as ever, were incredible in displaying all the wonderful things they do at Bispham!

The inspectors will now draft a report which is quality assured before sharing with the school and public in 18 days time where we will be able to share the outcomes with you all.

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed completing the Level 1 of Bikeability—a cycling training programme led by outside providers which allows them to gain the practical skills of being able to safely ride. Next week they will be on the nearby roads to complete the Level 2 course with Volans on Monday & Tuesday, and Columba on Wednesday & Thursday. On their allocated days, the children will be able to wear non-uniform, however for safety reasons we ask they take off jewellery, including earrings and watches and avoid wearing baggy clothes that could be a hazard. Remember to wear layers as it could be a cold one!

The school book fair which concluded today has proved to be a success, with many parents and carers joining us in the hall to browse the fantastic collection of books on offer. Thank you to all of those children who entered the Book Fair competition of making a story sack/box. The winners of the competition are announced on the notices.

Lots of exciting things to look forward to next week including a Year 6 visit to a synagogue and the NSPCC Number day (see notices). Again thank you for all of your support this week.

David Belton, Deputy Headteacher

Notices

Book Fair Competition Winners:

Year 3—Murrin Year 4—Samuel Year 5—Aarav Year 6—Ellie

Overall Winner—Ada (Year 5)

Year 6 Visit to the Synagogue

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 30th January Year 6 will be visiting the Jewish Synagogue in Leicester. Children will be back for lunchtime for the usual routine.

NSPCC Number Day—Non Uniform

To support the NSPCC, we will be hosting 'NSPCC Number Day' in school next Friday. As the children will be engaging with fun maths activities, they will be encouraged to come to school dressed as something number related (this can include football tops with numbers on the back of them for those struggling for ideas). Any donation for this will be welcomed.

Year 5 Bikeability Days

Monday & Tuesday—Volans / Wednesday & Thursday—Columba

School Dinners

There are a number of children coming to school without having booked a dinner via the WeDuc app. Unfortunately, if you have forgotten to book your child a dinner for that day, we cannot guarantee they will receive a hot meal due to dinners being prepared that morning. To ensure your child receives a hot dinner please book before 8am the day of. Many thanks.



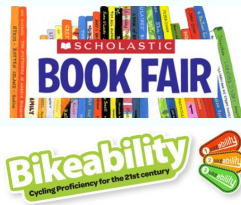


Key Dates

January

30th Year 6 visit to synagogue

29th, 30th 31st Bikeability Year 5



February

1st Bikeability Year 5

2nd NSPCC Number Day—Non-uniform
w/c 5th Children's Mental Health Week

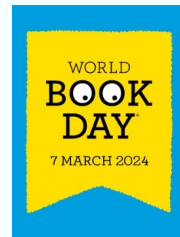
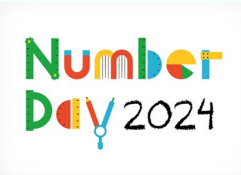
6th Safer Internet Day

9th Behaviour Reward

9th End of half term

19th Return to school

26th INSET Day



March

7th World Book Day

28th End of term

April

15th Back to school



Headteacher's Awards

Low numbers due to many children not going for their HTAs in order to not disrupt the learning during Ofsted. This week's HTAs will be added to next week's bulletin.

Finding out what you can get involved in as a family/ for your child locally

There are always of course new families joining each area and community, in the last few years Toton has welcomed in particular many families not just new to the area but new to the country from Hong Kong. For lots of families, new to the area or just wanting to get more involved in what's happening locally, it's often quite hard to find out what's going on an available. Active Notts in partnership with Groundwork and George Spencer Academy are hosting a 'New to the area? Extra-Curricular Information Evening' (although you don't necessarily have to be new to the area- more just interested in what's happening!) with information and representatives from local leisure centres (Bramcote and Chilwell Olympia), Toton United Football Club, Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Services (Stapleford Young Peoples centre for 10+), Girl Guiding and Scout groups, the 'Green Dr' and information about after school clubs at George Spencer (not applicable to Bispham children yet, but it might be good to understand what's available when they do move up). We wanted to extend the invite to all Bispham families, on Monday 29th Jan 5.30-6.30pm- car parking available at the Toton entrance to the school- please just register your interest with ehembrow@george_spencer.notts.sch.uk

HEROES

Orion:	Max B.	Volans:	Ursula F.
Pegasus:	Amelie H.	Andromeda:	Laura K.
Hydra:	William P.	Phoenix:	Bonnie W.
Leo:	Sarah A.	Forest School:	Ariana W. & Delilah B-S.
Columba:	Edie D.		