

Spring
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



February 23rd 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever it was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. Everyone was hard at work from the start of the day and no one more so than our year 4 cohort. The stage is in place for full scale rehearsals of their show The Rocky Monster Show. It is one I have seen performed before and I am really looking forward to seeing it again. Year 4 are also ready to start their swimming lessons next week so there is quite a bit of change for them this half term.

Elsewhere, skateboarding was welcomed back with enthusiasm. Coach Jo was touched by how well she was remembered and also by how much of last year's coaching the children has retained. If any of you would like to have a look at the lessons in practice please get in touch with the office and we will do our best to arrange it.

We also gave all of the teaching staff a bit of a workout this week as we updated our Drumba skills to reinforce the links between the physical activity and the learning that is firmly based in the music curriculum. It is easy to forget just how much exertion is needed for Drumba but aching muscles brought that fully home to all of us.

Monday sees us join Nottinghamshire Spencer Schools for their Inset Day. Heads were asked to put forward workshops around best practice in their schools. I am pleased to say that we have lots to offer, whether that's our Philosophy work or our reading initiatives or our knowledge of supporting positive behaviour. I am sure our future colleagues in the trust will remember Bispham's name very clearly in the future.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetzee

Notices

Miniature Masterpieces Exhibition at Wollaton Hall - This wonderful exhibition of work by Dr Willard Wigan MBE was brought to my attention by a parent who has visited it. These fine sculptures are truly amazing and well worth a visit if you have time. You can find full details via the link below.

<https://wollatonhall.org.uk/dr-willard-wigan-exhibition-miniature-masterpieces/>

Birds Brilliant and Bizarre - Another exhibition but a little further afield is this one at the Natural History Museum. It opens in time for the May half term holiday so if you are planning a visit to London at that time you may wish to check it out, there is unfortunately a ticket cost but it is sure to be worth it if the information is correct. [Birds: Brilliant and Bizarre](#)

New Play Equipment - Next week we will be launching our large quantity of new play equipment for the children to use at lunchtimes. We are very lucky that the Bispham Friends Group agreed to pay for this as we could not, otherwise, have afforded it. Many, many thanks for everyone's continued support.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. After the success of last year instead of coming as book characters we are asking pupils and staff to come dressed as an adjective. This time we are asking that when they think of an adjective they go to a thesaurus and see if they can find an even better synonym to use. Building vocabulary by stealth! We will also be running the community free storytelling and cocoa event at 6.00 pm as it was such a lovely experience last year.



Key Dates

February

26th INSET Day

w/c 26th R.E. Week activities

March

7th World Book Day

25th Year 4 Matinee performance 1.30 pm

26th year 4 Evening performance 6.00 pm

28th End of term

April

15th Back to school

15th Year 5 Viking Day

17th Year 3 visit Gurdwara

w/c 22nd Shakespeare Week

22nd Year 4 visit Hindu Temple

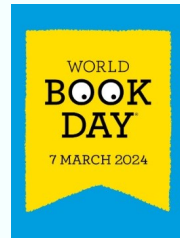
May

1st Year 5 visit Mosque

6th Bank Holiday

w/c 13th SATs Week

24th End of half term



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus Ivy, Arturo
Hydra Frances, James, Alexander, Eden, Layla-Mai	Leo
Columba Betsy	Volans Cassia, Amelia
Andromeda Freya, Mason, Ellie	Phoenix Nyssa

P.E. and Earrings

We have had a couple of enquiries recently about the school's position on wearing earrings during physical activity.

The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings. 21.09.23

HEROES

Orion: Jack S.

Pegasus: Siya I.

Hydra: Millie N.

Leo: George W.

Columba: Eva J.

Volans: Farha M.F

Andromeda: Ho Yu C.

Phoenix: Macey D.

Forest School: Brayden D.