

Summer  
2024

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



June 7th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the first week of what will be a very long half term, 8 weeks to be exact. We know the children may start to think about winding down towards the summer break, but there is still a lot of learning for them to do. We have added several interest weeks or events to break the half term up and continue to keep their learning fresh and exciting. I will tell you more about these as they approach.

The big event this week was, of course, our Sports' Day. At Bispham we have always embraced the concept of healthy competition being a good support to the personal development of all of our pupils - this event is a key part of that. As ever, the children took up the challenge. In the morning, every child contributed to their team's score by working hard on a range of challenges for which they collected points. The atmosphere outside was wonderful and they all did their very best.

In the afternoon, we were very happy to welcome over 150 of you to watch the track events. Despite their earlier exertions the children competed hard in every race, cheering on their team mates and celebrating each finish. It was lovely to see the camaraderie in each team and how every participant was encouraged. We also thought it was lovely how warm and supportive all of you spectators were, ensuring every child received rousing applause as they finished each race, no matter where they were placed. It is one of our favourite community events and we were pleased to share it with so many of you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,  
Headteacher

## Notices

Summer Fair Update - Tickets for our summer fair on June 28th are selling fast. As a reminder we have an upper limit of 350 in case we need to run the event indoors. Further tickets will be released if weather forecasts closer to the day indicate we will be able to be outdoors. The deadline for tickets purchases is 21st June to enable the BFG volunteers to purchase supplies. I understand there have been some requests for special dietary elements in the food offer, but as the food is prepared by volunteers with limited resources I am sorry that they are unable to offer these.

We are holding another non-uniform day on Friday 14th June in return for donations to the very popular chocolate tombola. This has helped the BFG raise a lot of money to support the school so I hope you will feel able to donate once more.

Remembrance of D- Day 80 years on - We marked this special recollection of a remarkable military action by holding a special assembly in school. The children learned something of the history of the events and how important a turning point it came to be in World War 2. Some of our pupils with family members in the military read a poem written to mark the event and a minute's silence was held to mark our remembrance of all who were there. The children showed a great deal of interest and behaved, as I would expect, with maturity and respect.

You can see the children reading the poem by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCOBgH5FzfQ>



### Key Dates

#### June

- 3rd - 14th Year 4 times tables check
- 20th Banks Road Sports Afternoon here
- 21st & 24th Inset Days
- 25th Year 3 visit to Creswell Crags
- 28th BFG Summer Fair



#### July

- w/c 1st Year 6 Adventure Week
- 3rd Class and Team photographs
- 9th Transition Day
- 12th Reports Out
- 17th Optional Parents' meetings
- 22nd Year 6 Matinee Performance
- 23rd Year 6 Evening Performance
- 24th Reading Reward Afternoon
- 24th Year 6 Leavers' social event
- 25th Behaviour Reward Afternoon
- 26th Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- 26th End of school year



### Headteacher's Awards

Orion <b>Louie</b>	Pegasus
Hydra	Leo <b>Kai, Eden, Sebastian, Logan, William</b>
Columba <b>Howard, Mailliey, Thomas, Evelyn</b>	Volans
Andromeda <b>Mason, Amelia, Shanza</b>	Phoenix <b>Marcus, Holly, Boaz</b>

### HEROES

- Orion: Zachary I.
- Pegasus: Samuel G.
- Hydra: Eleanor H.
- Leo: Mason O.
- Columba: Seen Zi C.
- Volans: Oscar J.
- Andromeda: Niall H.
- Phoenix: Marcus L.

### More Thoughts On Social Media Use

I continue to receive reports of unkindness by children on social media. I politely suggest that you do not let your children use pseudonyms so that everyone knows who they are and that they do not accept friend requests from anyone using one. This will make it easier to track who is saying what to whom and this in turn should lead to them thinking twice before they use unkind or insulting language. If children are allowed to use these platforms they need to know how to do so responsibly.