

Autumn
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



October 4th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the last bulletin I have had the privilege of hosting 4 headteachers from New Zealand who were here on a fact finding visit. Their education system is currently undergoing changes and they wanted to see and compare practice in a number of school in the United Kingdom. During their visit they looked at teaching, particularly of English and Maths and also learning environments and general learning behaviour.

Their feedback was very positive. They were amazed by how we do not waste a minute of the day but also noted how motivated Bispham children are. Positive behaviour and the calm atmosphere around school also stood out to them. All in all they were very complimentary and it is always good to know that other professionals see what we see every single day in school. It also reminded me how much I enjoy sharing all of the wonderful things we do at Bispham. If you know of someone who may be considering moving their child to the school please ask them to get in touch, we are more than happy to show our school off.

In school we are busy preparing for the year 5 residential and keeping everything crossed that we don't experience a return to the really wet weather we have had recently. I will be away all week supporting the visit so Mr Belton will be in charge. The forecast is unsettled, to say the least, so think of us out in all weathers but know the children will be having a wonderful time.

Finally, big congratulations to Miss Nott who completed the Nottingham Half Marathon in a brilliant 1 hour 52 minutes. Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,
Headteacher

Notices

Photographs - I am sorry that traffic issues made it hard for sibling photographs to be taken on September 25th. We are working to rearrange this as soon as possible and will let you know a new date when we do.

World Poetry Day - We marked this in school on October 3rd with a wonderful assembly led by Mrs Hollis. The children really enjoyed thinking about 'What Counts' which was the theme and the reflective poem 'One' by James Berry. Ask them to tell you all about it, if they haven't already.

Healthy Family Team - This team, which incorporates health visitors and school nurses, has asked me to share a poster regarding their confidential parent advice line and text messaging service. You will find this attached to this bulletin.

BFG Events

In the last bulletin I mentioned dates for upcoming events run by our wonderful fundraising group the BFG.

The first of these is the after school film night on October 14th. We will be showing 'Inside Out 2'. Children will be provided with some sweets, popcorn and a drink. The event finishes at 5.15 and children should be collected from the Bispham Drive gate. It costs £6.00 and can be booked via the Weduc system. Please support the BFG, they raise vital funds for your school. Thank you.

Key Dates

October

w/c 7th Year 5 residential visits

10th World Mental Health Day

14th BFG Film Night

18th Behaviour Reward Afternoon and end of half term

November

4th Back to school

Year 5 visit to Nottingham Castle

4th Parents' evening

6th Parents' evening

w/c 11th Anti Bullying Week - theme

Choose Respect

w/c 18th UK Parliament Week

20th Year 3 cinema visit

22nd Non-uniform day chocolate donation for the Christmas Disco

28th Years 4 and 6 cinema visit

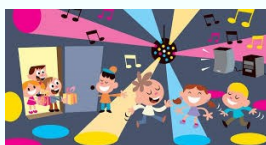
29th BFG Christmas Disco

December

9th Year 5 Matinee

10th Year 5 Evening performance

13th Christmas Jumper Day



Headteacher Awards



Year 3 - Harry, Gemma, Jessica, Kira, Niya

Year 4 - Brayden, Maxwell

Year 5 - Logan, Arwen, James, Erica, Emett, Corey, Eleanor, Mason, Sophie, Olive, Keira

Year 6 - Amelia, Alfie, Adam, Ken, Rhea, Ayse, Lily, Oscar, Howard, Sofia, Aarav, Sansa, Mailliey, Ariana, William,

Parents' Evenings

Schools are now only expected to provide one opportunity for parents and carers to meet teachers. We are planning to continue to offer two opportunities to meet, in November and January. The one we particularly would like you to attend is the one in January as it is here that we look at the experience of a term in the new year group and any data generated. From this we can discuss how best we can work together to support each child to achieve their best. The meetings in November are for those of you who would like to have a talk about how your child is settling in and about any other matters you might wish to raise.

We will send a message out on Monday with details of how to book your appointment online.

We think it is important that our pupils are part of these meetings and we encourage you to bring them with you.

We look forward to sharing their achievements.