



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

13th November 2020

The importance of education highlighted

Whilst we continue to experience one of the strangest times within living memory while so much around us has been fundamentally changed, school is the consistent support that our children so need. The decision to keep schools open in the current national lockdown was very much welcome and we are delighted to continue to support our children and families in their education and beyond. The effect of the spring school closures was wide-reaching, not just in academic terms but in social, emotional and mental health terms. We have already seen huge strides back to positive learning behaviours this term and we remain convinced school is essential for all our children.

School Council

The new School Council were awarded their school council badges this week. Being a school councillor is a huge honour and allows our children to have a voice within the school. Mr Hill will be meeting with the School Council regularly and they will be leading events, such as the recent selling of Remembrance poppies.

Remembrance

The children visited the Church war memorial to mark Remembrance on Wednesday with Rev Adrian Brook. The children impeccably and respectfully observed the 2-minute silence and children from Barn Owls were integral to reading parts of the service. Thank you to all the parents and members of the community who also joined us.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for taking part in Thursday's Children in Need non-uniform. Donations can be made online here:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Healthy Schools

Please can I remind all parents/carers that the school is committed to healthy lifestyles and we strongly encourage children to bring only healthy morning snacks and a balanced lunch. Children in Owlets and Tawny Owls are offered a fruit snack by the school.

More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

We intend to work alongside the children, parents and carers to promote education about healthy lifestyles before implementing a clear expectation of healthy morning snacks only.



Attendance

The school has a statutory duty to ensure all children have good attendance. Good school attendance, defined as 96% or above, is essential to ensure your children have access to the complete education sequences and achieve their full potential. There are 190 school days a year. 90% attendance equates to 19 days missed, or just under 4 full school weeks.

The school has a responsibility to inform parents about attendance that is concerning

and letters reminding parents of the importance of good attendance will be sent in the event of attendance under 96%.

Children with excellent attendance will also be contacted to congratulate and thank them.

It is important to note absences linked to Covid isolation will not affect attendance percentages.

Environmental Area

A huge thank you to FoBS and the parental volunteer team who have been hard at work maintaining the environmental area, including laying stone on the paths to ensure it is accessible all year round. Ranger Rob will soon be back in school for some fantastic outdoor education.

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96%

Achievements

In the recent Andigestion poster design competition Mason P-G won a prize for his poster. The judges said: "Mason's entry was incredibly well thought through; he obviously has great understanding of the topic and presented his poster in a very professional way."



Mason was awarded a £15 Book Voucher for himself and also a £25 book voucher for the school. Congratulations Mason!