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Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

14/07/2023

Goodbyes

This time of year is often bittersweet with our Year 6 children moving on. We are always sad to see them go; many of them have been with us for 7 years! But equally, we are excited about the next steps in their academic journey and look forward to hearing and seeing their achievements.

We managed to find a break in the weather this week for the Year 6s, all of whom worked so hard towards their SATs tests, to have the treat of cakes that they had been promised. The dedication they've shown to their learning over the past two years has been hugely impressive, and the chance to celebrate it in some sunshine was a lovely way to mark the achievement.

Past pupils are always welcome at Bridestowe and this year is no exception – one of the joys of last week's sports day was seeing how many older siblings joined us on the field to enjoy and share that experience.

Staff and parents, too, will always be a part of our extended school family and will always be welcome at our community events.



Stars of the Week



Travis – using *ambitious* language in his play, and correctly explaining word meanings

Charlie – *flourishing* in Read Write Inc

Alistair - *flourishing* with delivery of his lines in the performance.

Rosa F-W - showing *ambition* in Maths, and for always being helpful and kind.

Team Points: Oak

Parking Outside School

Further to the message in last week's newsletter, please could we remind families to park respectfully in the village. The Parish Council have requested that we remind families to ensure that children and community members can safely access pavements, driveways and doors during pick up and drop off.

Wherever possible, we would encourage families to reduce the amount of traffic in the village. This may look like walking to school, riding bikes, car sharing or using the village hall car park and walking down – known in school as 'Park and Stride'.



Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

KS2 Performance – Treasure Island

KS2 children performed Treasure Island to parents and families on Wednesday. The children put on a great show with all hands on deck. They all clearly enjoyed displaying their skills and were rightly proud of the end result of their weeks of hard work, and the learning of so many lines!



A huge thank you to Mrs Reid, Mrs Harris and Mrs Sharland for their encouragement and enthusiasm in guiding the

children. Ms Dewsbery and Miss Spooner provided, constructed and painted the amazing props which really enhanced the show. Thank you too, to Miss Lowden for coming in for a couple of days and lending her theatrical expertise.



Forest School

In Forest School this week, children made necklaces using wooden discs and natural twine. The children decorated their necklaces with a favourite Forest School memory, while keeping warm by the fire. Our final Forest School of this academic year is next Monday 17th July for Owlets, Year 4 and Barn Owls.



A big thank you to Ranger Rob for continuing to provide these amazing outdoor learning opportunities.

Mindfulness Workshop

Mrs Findlay came into Barn Owls this week to work on some extremely practical and useful strategies for dealing with challenging and stressful situations. In an engaging and informative session, Barn Owls had the chance to use musical instruments and even foam balls and straws to experience how each of us could feel when under stress, and then how we could alter our breathing to help us manage those times. Mrs Findlay talked about the brain and the sorts of responses we could experience when we feel worried or uncomfortable. The children could identify and describe the responses they may have felt on different occasions.

It was a fun and varied session that gives all of us a wealth of ideas for future use when we may feel unsettled or overwhelmed. Many thanks to Mrs Findlay for giving her time for the class, and for the toys and activities provided.



Rounders



Barn Owls enjoyed their final PE lesson (and the last one ever for Years 6s) with Mr Pugh by playing an electric and very closely fought rounders match. Attentive fielding and accurate throwing made for a very competitive game.

Thank you to Mr Pugh for all the new sporting skills he has taught our children over the year.

Sporting Achievements

John, Rosa and Molly completed their OCRA 13 Challenge at the weekend and received their medals and T-shirts. Well done!



Merryn Doidge is an English rugby union player. She plays for Exeter Chiefs at club level and was an invitational player for the England squad at the 2021 Women's Six Nations. Molly joined other children, many in Years 7, 8 and 9, in a rugby workshop with Merryn recently. Molly participated with enthusiasm and one of the assisting coaches said she outshone the older children and showed great talent for the game. Great to hear, Molly!



Circus Workshops

On Wednesday 19th July we welcome 'Circus into Schools' for the day to provide circus workshops to all classes. Children will learn circus skills such as juggling, spinning plates, and walking a balance beam. After the workshops all classes will be displaying their new skills to each other. We would like to invite parents to enjoy this performance on the school playground at 2:45 - 3:15, weather permitting.



Cheerleading Club

Members of Miss Spooner's Cheerleading Club will be giving a short performance at 3:00pm on the school playground on Monday 17th July, weather permitting. Please come along early and see them spinning, lifting and jumping. Their energy is breath-taking!

Please note that all clubs have now finished for the term



Community Pub Walk

It's nearly time for the annual pub walk! FoBS are asking for donations of cakes/biscuits/tray bakes please to sell at the pop-up shop at Lydford School. If you are able to donate something (items don't need to be homemade) please either bring in to school on Friday 21st, or drop off directly to Mrs Floyd-Walker's house (DM her for the address).

This was a fantastic event last year and it's great to join forces with Treetops and Lydford School to help raise funds to benefit all our children at Bridestowe Primary. Thank you.



End of Year Housekeeping



Payments: The Central Finance Team request that parents settle any owed amounts for school meals via School Gateway before the end of term. Please check for any outstanding payments and pay by Thursday 20th July. Thank you for your continued support.

Medication: Children's prescribed medication will be returned to parents on the last day of term. If your child will continue to need any prescribed medication in school in September, please download and complete a medication form from our website [here](#) and hand this, along with the medicine, to a member of

staff on the first day. Medicines cannot be administered without the correct signed form. Thank you for your continued support.

RWI reading books: Please return all Read Write Inc reading books by Wednesday next week as these need to be collated and prepared for September lessons. Thank you.

Words of the Week

In order to develop the children's vocabulary, each class teacher chooses one word to discuss and model using in class with their children. Here are next week's words:-

- Owlets - despair
- Tawny Owls - capable
- Snowy Owls - muffled
- Barn Owls - embarkation



Shoe Fitting Competition

John Lewis Exeter are having a summer competition to win a hamper of goodies to use for school fundraising.

The competition is based around their shoe-fitting service, and they will count the number of children from participating schools having their feet measured over the summer. The winning school will be awarded the prize, worth over £50.

The competition is to promote awareness of John Lewis's new online booking process that will save time in-store. Exeter can be very busy through the back-to-school season and the store is one of the only shoe fitting shops left in the centre (without huge waiting times!). Fitters are professionally trained by either Clarks or Start-Rite, and John Lewis is now the only store in Exeter to stock Start-Rite.



Win with our shoe fitting challenge

To give your school the chance to win a luxury hamper, get your kids' school shoes fitted at John Lewis Exeter between Friday 21 July – Friday 8 September. The school with the most shoe fittings wins!

To book an appointment, visit johnlewis.com/services or scan below.



Next Week

Monday	Forest School – EYFS, Years 4-6 Cheerleading Club display to parents, 3.00pm Y6 Meet The Tutor Evening @ Okehampton College
Tuesday	September Intake Transition Day Whole School Transition Day
Wednesday	Circus in a Day – Whole School skills display to parents 2.45pm
Thursday	Y6 Beach Trip
Friday	Leavers' Assembly – 1.30pm at the Methodist Chapel Last Day of Term

Diary Dates

September

4 th	Non-Pupil Day
5 th	Non-Pupil Day
6 th	First Day of Autumn Term

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Whole School Attendance

95.6%

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FROM SCHOOL YEARS 1 TO 11
OF ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

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TAVISTOCK RUGBY CLUB JUNIORS AND MINIS

**SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR TENNIS
GROUP SESSIONS**

Okehampton & District Tennis Club

WHERE ? OKEHAMPTON TENNIS COURTS

WHEN? SATURDAY 29 July 2023 (last session 19 August 2023)

TIME? 9.00 - 10.00 am. (10.00 - 11.00 am)

WHAT AGE? 6 - 10 Years old (11 - 15 Years old)

COST? £20 for 4 week course

TO BOOK AND PAY. Telephone 07973 287594 or Email lisavhutchins@gmail.com

Course run by Okehampton & District Tennis Club
With Lisa Hutchins

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Come and join Dartmoor Velo for their Summer of Cycling race.

Bring a bike and helmet
Flat Grass Course

2nd Aug

FREE to enter!

WHERE?
Yelverton Airfield

WHEN?
Registration at 10am

Up to age 11 (year 7)

HSBC UK BRITISH CYCLING



Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist Competition 2023

Are you aged 7-11 or 12-18?

To celebrate the natural beauty of Devon's coast and countryside, Devon CPRE's 'Best Young Landscape Artist' competition is inviting young artists to submit a painting, drawing or mixed media artwork capturing a landscape of their choice. Anything goes as long as it's in Devon - a favourite beach or beauty spot, a local park or green space, somewhere visited on a day out or even the artist's own garden.

**PRIZES: £100 for the winning entry in each age category
and £25 runner-up prizes.**

Closing date: Saturday 30 September 2023

PLUS some of the best entries will be on display
in Okehampton at The Museum of Dartmoor Life.



**Museum of
Dartmoor Life**

DEVON CPRE
The Voice for Devon's Countryside
www.cpredevon.org.uk

To enter, simply post us your artwork which must be A3 or A4 size, clearly marking your name, full contact details and age to: Devon CPRE, PO Box 26, Beaworthy, EX21 5XN.
For full details visit cpredevon.org.uk

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STORIES -
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FAKE NEWS!

**USE CAUTION
ON PUBLIC
WIFI**

**MAKE THE
MOST OF THE
OUTDOORS**

Stay off devices just before bed

**THINK
BEFORE
YOU
POST**

**Report bullies &
ignore trolls**

**KEEP YOUR
PERSONAL
DETAILS
PRIVATE**

**AVOID BINGE
STREAMING AND
ALL-DAY GAMING**

**BE CAREFUL
WITH IN-APP
SPENDING**

**BE KIND
& BE
TOLERANT**

**ENJOY
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