



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

17/06/2022

OFSTED report

This week saw the publication of our recent OFSTED report. We are extremely proud to have been rated 'Good' in all areas.

Particular highlights include *'Pupils are proud to belong to this school', 'pupils behave well and show respect for others. They demonstrate positive attitudes to their learning and start work quickly. Pupils who are new to the school describe it as a friendly and welcoming place.'* and *'Teachers ensure that pupils with SEND can access the full curriculum. They identify pupils' needs as early as possible. Teachers adapt learning to ensure that all pupils can succeed'.*

Of course, there are areas to improve upon and we have already taken swift action to address these.

I would like to offer you the opportunity to meet with me at a Parent Forum on Thursday 23rd June at 6pm at the school or via Teams to discuss any parts of the report or questions. I would appreciate any questions being sent to myself or the admin address before the meeting.

Wildlife Champions – Meeth Quarry

On Wednesday 15th June, our Wildlife Champions visited Meeth Quarry with Devon Wildlife Trust.

The children learnt Bushcraft, explored pond dipping and searched for minibeasts. This was a great learning experience in the outdoors.



Trip to National Marine Aquarium

Also on Wednesday 15th June, Owlets and Tawny Owls visited the National Marine Aquarium as part of their Science topic. The children enjoyed learning about various sea creatures, their habitats, feeding and social habits. This exciting enrichment activity has been a great 'hook' for the children's learning this half term. The children were incredibly respectful to the Aquarium workshop leaders, and also to the general public who were enjoying their own day out.

STEM Coding

A group of Year 6 children attended a coding workshop at Immersion Games in Okehampton. After some great thinking and teamwork, they designed, built and coded LEGO robots in two workshop competitions, and won the Trophy. Well done Felix B, Ben, Eleanor and Rosie!

Bikeability

We are pleased to be able to offer Bikeability to all Y4 and Y6 children this summer. Year 6s will participate Mon – Thurs w/c 11th July, and Y4 will be taught on the afternoon of Thursday 14th July. All children will need a bike and helmet in school to take part. If you can't provide a bike, please let us know and we will endeavour to source one. Please return permission forms by Thursday 23rd June.



Rounders Evening

Thank you to FoBS for organising the annual 'Rounders evening' again this week. This brilliant event brings the community together and raises vital funds for FoBS – thank you for your support.

Treetops Transition

It has been lovely to welcome the new September starters to school – the transition sessions are one of the many ways we ensure the children have a strong start to school with us. They have already settled in well and we look forward to seeing them all this term.

Year 4/5 Residential to Great Potheridge House

We are very excited and looking forward to the Year 4/5 residential at Great Potheridge house next week. This excellent opportunity for outdoor adventure, teambuilding and fun will live long in the memory. On Wednesday 22nd June, from 13.30, children are free to go home at this point (they will be very tired!). If you are unable to collect your child for any reason, they may remain at Bridestowe Primary for the afternoon but will need to be collected no later than 15.15.

Year 3 Residential – 30th June, 1st July.

We are looking forward to the Year 3 residential on the 30th June and 1st July. This 2-day camping residential has been offered to pupils for just £30 and involves 2 days at Adventure Okehampton – what an experience!

Please note – Parents need to drop children at Adventure Okehampton (Youth Hostel behind the train station) in Okehampton on the 30th June for 09.00 and then collect on 1st July at 15.00.

Itineraries have been sent out, but please do ask if you have any questions about this residential.

Rainbow Day

On Friday 1st July, we will be having a Rainbow Day. On this day the children are invited to wear any colour(s) of the rainbow. The aim of Rainbow Day is to recognise diversity within our schools and communities and celebrate the fact that we are all different. (Year 3 children will be on residential and will need appropriate clothes for activities - not necessarily rainbow coloured!)

Diary Dates

June 2022

- 20th – 22nd – Year 4 and 5 residential at Great Potheridge House
- 23rd – Year 6 Leavers & Barn Owls Photos (postponed from last week)
- 23rd – Year 6 Okehampton College Information Evening
- 23rd – Parent Forum, 6.00pm
- 29th – Forest School, EYFS, Y1-4
- 29th – Y6 Residential Information evening, 4pm Bridestowe Primary
- 30th – 1st July – Year 3 residential at Adventure Okehampton/Boasley Cross
- 30th – Y6 Taster Day at Okehampton College

July 2022

- 1st – Rainbow Day
- 6th – Fires Service Visit Year2 and 3, Barn Owls
- 7th – Singing Celebration, Festival of Hope. Details to follow
- 8th – Open the Book
- 8th – Sports Day (Afternoon)
- WB 11th – Bikeability, Y4 and Y6
- 13th – Forest School, EYFS, Y5/6
- 14th – Reserve Sports Day (in the event of poor weather conditions on the 8th)
- 14th – FoBS Summer Fair
- 15th – Bridestowe Summer Production PM
- 18th – 20th – Year 6 residential to Bristol
- 22nd – Y6 Leavers' Service PM
- 22nd – Last day of term.

September 2022

- 7th – Start of Autumn Term
- 22nd - FoBS AGM, 7:30pm at the White Hart, Bridestowe

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Whole School Attendance

94.8%



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