



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition, We Flourish Together

22nd November 2019

A time of Charity

As a school for the community, charity is at the heart of our ethos. We encourage our children to think about others less fortunate and how we may support them; how to respect everyone in our local, national and global community. Recently the school has participated in charity fundraising for Children in Need, The Poppy Appeal, Team GB's Athlete Fund as well as FoBs. The good work these charities do enables children and adults around the world to have a brighter future and access some of the opportunities we are so fortunate to have. Thank you for your continued support of our charity work – it is very much appreciated.

Snowy Owls visit Springfields

Continuing the community theme – Children in Snowy Owls visited Springfields residential home on Monday 11th November to engage in board games. This was a great opportunity to meet with other members of our community and to show we respect all around us.

Remembrance

The Remembrance Service around the war memorial was a poignant and thought-provoking event. Readings from the children and Rev Adrian Brook made it a very special event in remembering those who fought and died for our freedom. The school raised £136.55 for the Poppy Appeal.

Open Afternoon

We had a very successful Open Afternoon on the 12th November with parents of children due to start in September 2020 joining us for the afternoon. There was a very healthy number of children and parents at the event plus we have made individual appointments for more since. The continued success of the school depends on children joining our school and I was pleased to see the adults and children being so welcomed by our current children. If you, or if you know anyone who would like to visit the school in regard to a September 2020 start, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.

Castle Drogo Cross Country

A team of children represented the school at the recent Castle Drogo cross country. This annual event brings together many schools and hundreds of children. Bridestowe did very well with our top finisher, Charlie, coming 10th out of 104 boys. The boys team received the Bronze medal in the Small Schools category – well done!

Children in Need

Children were able to wear non-school uniform and then decorated biscuits as part of their fundraising for Children in Need and donated a brilliant £112.15! The children took time to think about others during the day, especially those less fortunate than ourselves.



Parents' Forum

Thank you to all those who attended the Parents' Forum on Monday 18th November. A very constructive conversation covered a range of topics. The minutes of the meeting as well as the writing materials that were shared are available on the school website. The next Parents' Forum will be Wednesday 22nd January at 3.30pm.

After School Clubs

From January after-school clubs will run within the school. The majority of these will be run by teachers for 1 hour at no cost. There may be clubs run by outside providers, which could incur a charge. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Christmas Nativity – Child-friendly showing

On Tuesday 10th December, 2pm, the dress rehearsal of the Christmas Nativity will be performed to the whole school and invited members of our local community. This will also be a 'child-friendly' showing, so if you have toddlers or pre-school age children you are welcome to attend this performance without being as concerned about noise or distracting the performers.

Recycling Assembly

Visitors from West Devon Recycling – including the West Devon Mayor – came to the school on Thursday to discuss the new recycling collections in the area. The children saw some fantastic recycled material models and learnt how to be 'Super Recyclers!'

Ancient Greece Experience

On Wednesday 27th November the school will be visited by the inflatable 'Space Lab'. The Snowy Owls will be immersed in an Ancient Greece experience before Barn Owls explore Light & Sound in preparation for their upcoming science topics.

Visit by Team GB's Ezekiel Ewulo

Remember that we will be visited by the Team GB long jumper on Thursday 28th November. Ezekiel will deliver a motivational assembly before running circuit training with the children. This is a sponsored event – all money will be shared between the school (60%) and Team GB's 'Athlete Fund' (40%). Sponsorship money should be returned to school ASAP. If you raise £5 you will receive a signed postcard, £15 a signed A4 poster, and £35 will earn you a signed 'selfie' with Ezekiel in a keepsake wallet.

Upcoming Events:

On the 29th of November we will be visited by the Devon & Somerset Fire Service to talk with the children about fire safety.

Rev Adrian Brook assembly - Advent

Sportshall Athletics – Monday 2nd December for a selected team. (Please ensure you consent via School Gateway)

Re-treat workshops with Sarah Balsdon (Methodist Children's Worker for the West Devon circuit) – Owlets and Tawny Owls – Christmas.

5th December – Christmas shopping club – children are able to stay at school until 5.30pm, watching a film with pizza, to allow parents to do Christmas shopping! £5 per child – all proceeds to FoBs.

6th December – Reading Festival – please see attached flyer.



Diary Dates

November

- 25th – Forest schools (Year 1+2, Y3 and Y4)
- 26th – Open The Book Assembly
- 28th – Visit from Team GB athlete Ezekial Ewulo
- 29th – Visit from Devon & Somerset Fire Service

December

- 2nd – Adrian Brook – Advent
- 3rd – Re-Treat workshops – Christmas
- 4 - 11th – Scholastic Book Fair
- 5th – Christmas Shopping After School Club
- 6th – Reading Festival (Afternoon)
- 9th – Forest School (Year 4, 5, 6)
- 10th – Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Child Friendly Show
- 10th – Bridestowe Christmas Fair (evening)
- 11th – Christmas Nativity (Afternoon) – 2pm
- 12th – Carol Singing at Okehampton Library – 11am
- 13th – Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th – MAT-wide School Council
- 13th – Barn Owls Carol Singing at Springfields
- 14th – FoBS Christmas Party
- 17th – Trip to Northcott Theatre – Beauty and the Beast
- 18th – Christmas Lunch Day
- 19th – Carol Singing at Waitrose, Okehampton 11am.
- 19th – FoBS Christmas Table Decoration Event
- 20th – Carol Service
- 20th – Last day of term

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Attendance

97.5%

Achievements

Care & Courtesy: Liam E, Gracie, Maisie, Arthur, Elliot, Phoenix, Noah, Lucia

Worker: John F-W, Reuben, Oliver, Alistair, John P, Elin, Elise, Charlie D

Behaviour: Thia, Tommy, Alistair, Lara, Jack, Emma Ba, Sam, Zoe

Pen Licence: Alex, Casper

Outside Achievements: Liam S has been working with his elderly neighbour who is teaching him carpentry. Liam has helped produce some fantastic pieces, including this amazing storage unit. Well Done Liam, what a skill!



Notices

FoBS: Volunteers desperately needed to help with the Christmas Party on Sat 14th December. Please contact Helen or Jo – all help gratefully received!

Okehampton Library: There are a number of exciting events taking place in the library during December. Please see attached flyer for details.

FoBS Plea: Donations of raffle prizes for the Christmas Party would be very welcome! Please bring to the school office. Thank you