



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

23/09/2022

Purposeful Learning

The children have settled into school so well this term it almost feels as if we've never been away. Purposeful and engaged learning is happening in every classroom which is a joy to see. Whilst some children are still finding it difficult leaving their adults in the morning, be assured they are happy and engaged within moments of entering the classroom.

This term is already filling up with exciting opportunities for the children, I'll try to tell you about them all!

Forest School

Forest School has started again with Ranger Rob. Last week, Owlets, Tawny Owls and Year 3 did their first session of the new term. Sessions for all children are upcoming – check the dates section.

Thank you to Ranger Rob for providing oak planks which our maintenance team used to construct a woodland work bench – a great addition.

There is still a small piece of roofing on the Forest School shelter to complete - if any parents have a few spare hours to support the school in accomplishing this, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You – Forest School and Sensory Garden signs

A special thank you to Nick Watson who recently made signs for both the Forest School and Sensory Garden gates. We really appreciate the effort, materials and time taken to help make our school look beautiful.

Stonehenge

We were incredibly proud of the Snowy Owls who represented the school superbly during our trip to Stonehenge. Members of the public, cleaners at the service station, and even the bus driver were among those to praise the children for their behaviour and the way they conducted themselves.

The trip enhanced our learning on prehistoric Britain and allowed us to answer some of the key questions about Stonehenge – why it is there and how it did it get there. The children observed closely and produced some very careful sketches of the stones. We enjoyed a picnic with the backdrop of the stones and increased our knowledge by reading the facts in the visitor centre. The children even had the chance to try and pull a bluestone along on wooden logs – it was very heavy and didn't move!!



Thank you to FoBS and parents for your financial contributions which made the trip possible. We are looking forward to many more trips and visitors during the year.

Junior Life Skills

On the 27th September, Year 6 children will join those from the Moorland Hub at Okehampton for the annual Junior Life Skills event. This event is a learning experience focused on community safety, and building a culture of respect for our surroundings.

Harvest Festival

Next Wednesday at 2.30pm the children will be joining Rev. Adrian Brook for Harvest Festival in St Bridget's church. All members of the school and local community are welcome to join us and support the children.

School Photos

Individual school photos will happen on Monday 3rd October. Pre-school siblings are welcome to join us for sibling photos – please let the office know and you will be given an early time slot (08.30). Clean uniform and an extra brush of your hair on this day!

French Trip Information Session

Last week we shared details about the very exciting Year 6 residential to France this coming summer. A Moorland Hub information session will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 3.45pm at Boasley Cross Primary School. All Year 6 families are welcome.

Parental Book Look

We are very excited to once again welcome all families into school to share in the children's work in a 'Book Look' event on Friday 7th October at 2.45pm. Families will be invited to join their children in class and discuss their learning as well being given the opportunity to give positive comment.

Those children whose family is unable to attend will share their learning with other children or staff.

Future Dates

Other exciting events in coming weeks include a Homework Share on the 21st October 09.00, an Open Afternoon for new September 2023 parents, and a Moorland Hub (all children) trip to Northcott Theatre to see Robin Hood on the 15th December.

Request from Holditch

The Holditch Inclusion Hub for our most vulnerable children at Okehampton College is looking for donations or loans of the following to use in Forest School sessions:

Spare tarpaulins

A canopy or sail

Any spare pots and pans

Clay

Potato peelers

Wool

Clothes pegs

Pinecones

Cotton Wool

Fishing nets

Feathers

Please drop any items into the school office and we will pass to Holditch. Thank you for your support.

Barn Owls Village Walk

Barn Owls walked through the village this week and explored the area as part of their English Writing learning. The children then wrote a piece describing the village through the eyes of a visitor.

Volunteers

We are always looking for additional support in school to support activities and curriculum. If you are interested in volunteering - a DBS check is required - please contact the school office.



New Chair of the LSB

Richard Hollingsworth has been elected as chair of the Local Stakeholder Board (Governors) for the Moorland Hub including Bridestowe.

Richard graduated with a first class degree in Physics and a masters in Geophysics and spent 30+ years working in the Oil Exploration business around the world for BP. He was also a non-exec director for a small oil and gas company. He has 2 children - one at Lydford Primary and one recently graduated from Edinburgh University. As a governor he is keen to make a difference and to help enrich the school lives of children in this area.

We are always looking for potential new governors – if you are interested in supporting our school community, please speak to Mr Hill or Richard.

Diary Dates

September 2022

27th – Junior Life Skills (Year 6)

28th – Harvest Festival, 14.30, St Bridget's Church – All welcome

29th – FoBS AGM, 19.30 at the school

October 2022

3rd – Individual & Sibling Photos

4th – Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival

4th – French Residential Information Session – Boasley Cross – 15.45 (Year 6)

5th – Forest School – EYFS, Years 4, 5, 6

7th – 14.45 Parental Book Look

11th – Forest School – EYFS, Years 1, 2, 3

21st – Homework Share – 09.00

WB 25th – Half term

31st – Return to school

31st – Secondary School Applications Close

November 2022

2nd – Forest School – EYFS, Years 4, 5, 6

7th – Open Afternoon for new September 2023 parents

16th - Forest School – EYFS, Years 1, 2, 3

30th - Forest School – EYFS, Years 4, 5, 6

December 2022

14th - Forest School – EYFS, Years 1, 2, 3

15th – Whole school (Moorland Hub) trip to Exeter Northcott – Robin Hood

16th – Last day of term.

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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Whole School Attendance

95.8%