

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

07/07/2023

Sports Day

After a cold and wet start to the week, the weather was kind to us for our Sports Day on Wednesday. The children enjoyed putting into practice all the techniques they had learned with Mr Pugh over the last few weeks, showing great ambition in all areas. The afternoon passed swiftly and efficiently with all races and events finished by 3.00pm – quite an achievement! Thank you to all the staff for their effective organisation, and for the enthusiastic support from parents.

It was wonderful to see the children's strong team spirit and sportsmanship, and how encouraging and supportive they were to their peers. All children received medals for their efforts and Willow Team won the trophy.



Stars of the Week



Chester – *flourishing* in music

Joseph – *flourishing* in his creative story-writing

Zak – *flourishing* during sports day

Liam – *flourishing* in his acting and learning lines for the KS2 performance

Team Points: Ash

Parking Outside School

We respectfully ask that parents do not leave their cars idling whilst dropping off or collecting children. As a school and community, we are committed to the welfare and health of our children and families. Air pollution is a major contributor to respiratory diseases such as asthma and causes many deaths per year.

Please be considerate of our school and community by switching off your engines when parked.

Additionally, it has been noted that younger siblings have been left in vehicles whilst parents/carers collect their children from school. I would urge you to carefully consider the risks associated with this and the potential for harm to come to the child or others should the child accidentally touch the vehicle's controls.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Visit by Police Officer



We were visited by PC Dan from the Devon and Cornwall police on Tuesday afternoon. PC Dan led an assembly where the children learnt interesting facts about policing, including about the essential equipment items that police carry every day – adding more than 6kg to his uniform! They also demonstrated their knowledge of police emergency and non-emergency numbers, and asked lots of intelligent questions.

All children were then given the opportunity to explore a police car and

try on various police hats! It was a fun and informative afternoon and a big thank you to PC Dan for his resilience, patience, and generosity while standing out on the playground in the rain for an hour!



Community Art

On Thursday morning the school was visited by five Year 12 art students from Okehampton College and their teacher, Danielle Murray, Head of Art. They came to collaborate with children from Snowy and Tawny Owls on a project to design, draw and paint some banners. It was a very creative morning with lots of fun for all the children. The visitors were very impressed by our budding artists saying how lovely it was to work with them. We hope to have a visit to see their art room at the college and compare sketchbooks sometime in the future.

We are pleased to be able to offer our children these opportunities to work with other schools in our Trust.



Message from Mrs Reid, Mrs Sharland and Mrs Harris

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the recent cake sale in aid of Cancer Research. A total of £90 was raised, for which we are very grateful.

Books coming Home

Please send your child in with a large bag each next Friday, 14th July, as children will be bringing home books and artwork from the school year.

Uniform Sale

FoBS will be holding pre-loved uniform sales after school on the playground, Monday 10th and Thursday 13th July. Grab a bargain in readiness for the summer growth spurts!



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.



Clubs

Next week is the last week for clubs – there will be no clubs in the final week of term. A huge thank you to staff for giving up their time to provide these free clubs, and also to the external coaches for their skills and commitment. We have hosted a variety of clubs over the school year and have been pleased to see the large number of children accessing them.

These extra-curricular activities bring new and different opportunities to all our children.

Payments

A reminder to settle any outstanding amounts for school meal via School Gateway before the end of term.

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 - change

Tawny Owls - deserving

Snowy Owls - inquisitive

Barn Owls - vengeful



Next Week

Monday	September Intake Transition Afternoon, 12.00-3.05pm *Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.00pm; *Athletics Club 3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	*Photography Club, 3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Forest School, EYFS, Y1-3 KS2 Summer Performance, 1.30pm @ Methodist Chapel *Running Club 3.15-4.00pm
Thursday	September Intake Transition Afternoon, 12.00-3.05pm *Cheerleading Club 3.15-4.15pm; *Cricket Club 3.15-4.15pm
Friday	Football Workshop

*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part

Diary Dates

July

17 th	Forest School – EYFS, Years 4-6 Y6 Meet The Tutor Evening @ Okehampton College
18 th	September Intake Transition Day Whole School Transition Day
19 th	Circus in a Day – Whole School
20 th	Y6 Beach Trip
21 st	Leavers' Assembly Last Day of Term

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Whole School Attendance

95.7%





Soft ball cricket camps

FUN, prizes, qualified and experienced coaches

No equipment required

Tavistock Cricket Club

£25 per child per session

Thursday August 10

Tuesday August 22

Registration from 09.40

Camps run from 10.00 - 3.00

info@brendenworthcricket.com to book



Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**.
Sign up at **Okehampton Library!**

Opening Hours

Monday	09:00-17:00
Tuesday	09:00-18:00
Wednesday	09:00-13:00
Thursday	09:00-17:00
Friday	09:00-18:00
Saturday	09:00-13:00

devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena

4 North Street, Okehampton EX20 1AR

Throughout the **summer holidays** - 8th July – 18th September

Launch with fun free activities on Saturday 8 July 09:00-12:30

Sign up early and start the fun!

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

**Ready,
Set,
Read!**

When?

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. The Challenge encourages them to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! It's **FREE** to take part.

It has been created by the Reading Agency and is delivered by libraries across the country. For 2023, The Reading Agency has teamed up with Youth Sport Trust for 'Ready, Set, Read!' a sports and games themed Challenge that will encourage play and participation.

How can a child take part in the Challenge?

- Visit your local library and sign up for free.
- Set a reading goal for the summer (usually 6 books) and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.
- Complete the challenge, claim your certificate and medal and be entered into our prize draw and FREE swim ticket for those completing at Okehampton Library, kindly donated by Fusion Leisure! Have your photo taken with our finisher's trophy!

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access to books and fun family activities** all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](http://TheReadingAgency)

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about RUMBLE

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles; it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

AGE RESTRICTION 12+
on the App Store
"Teen" on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often controversial news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBT+ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may find a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversational

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports at the DASHbox and has worked in the gaming media sector for over 10 years. A regular contributor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety, writing mainly about tech and games. His articles have been published in influential sites including The Independent.

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