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Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

10/11/2023



It was a pleasure to join Bridestowe and all 5 Moorland Hub schools at Castle Drogo yesterday. Apart from the brilliant behaviour, a trophy and gold medals for the Bridestowe Girls, Silver medal for the Milton Abbot boys and everyone having a great time, most pleasing was seeing the children interact with one another, play games and make new friends. The next few weeks are very busy with events and activities coming up that will provide opportunities for collaboration with our Moorland Hub friends and flourish in our own talents in school. Not least our Hub-wide trip to the pantomime which we are extremely grateful to FoBS for funding the coaches.

I hope to see many of you at our school events coming up and you get to engage with our wonderful children and wider school.

Mr Hill

Stars of the Week

Stars of the week for last week:

Owlets: fletcher for showing determination and concentration in phonics

Tawny Owls: Joselyn for showing great ambition in your learning

Snowy Owls: Dima for flourishing with your reading and use of language.

Barn Owls: Joey for working hard with your handwriting and presentation.

This week:

Owlets: Elsie for flourishing in phonics and showing a huge leap in confidence to reading fluency.

Tawny Owls: Evelyn for showing great ambition in their learning

Snowy Owls: Jack for showing ambition in your language choices when writing your report.

Barn Owls: Lucy and Josie for working well and showing respect working with a peer.

Storm Poetry

Thank you to everyone that completed the home learning tasks during our closure because of Storm Ciaran. The teachers have been lucky enough to read through some beautiful poetry.

School meals

All school meals were cancelled for last Thursday and credited back to accounts on School Gateway.



Remembrance Service

Thank you for joining us at our Remembrance Service. The children sang and read their poems beautifully. Special thanks to Kirstie Floyd- Walker for playing the Last Post.

School Council

The School Council met this week to discuss events for this half term and have come up with a few ideas.

Friday 17th November is Children in Need. To raise money for this cause children to come into school wearing either a spotty or yellow item of clothing/accessory.

Children will take part in the Children in Need Pudsey Bearpees as part of their daily exercise. We wonder what the grand total will be next Friday?



Christmas Art Afternoon.

The event will run from 2:15 to 3:15 on Monday

4th December and all parents/carers are welcome to attend to support their child/children in creating a cracker for Christmas Lunch day and Christmas tree decorations. Children will create 2 decorations, one for the Bridestowe village tree and also one to take home. Suggested donation of £1 per child to raise funds for FOBS.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to Louise Jones for sourcing some poppies for the school council and thank you to everyone who donated and bought a poppy. A fantastic £90 was raised for the Royal British Legion.

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

This year the theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. There is no donation required. We look forward to seeing everyone's odd socks on Monday!

Whole School Forest School

On Monday 13th November we will have a whole school forest school session. Please can Barn Owls and Snowy Owls have waterproof outerwear and wellies in school.

Book Look

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning for our regular book look. Please ensure that you leave promptly by 9am so that the children can resume their learning. Thank you.

Relax and Read Tuesday November 14th, 2.15pm -3.15pm

Bridestowe Primary School would like to welcome you into school for our first ever Relax and Read session. Do you love books? Come and join us. You can sit, talk, read, be read to and have a tea/coffee and biscuit in our cosy library.

You will be able to take books out during this time and bring them back on your next visit! We look forward to seeing family members and the wider community.

Whole School Attendance
97.8%

Stay and Play

Our Forest School Stay and Play session is on Wednesday 22nd November for all children from birth to 4 years. WE look forward to welcoming you.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 15th December. The menu for the last week of term has been added to School Gateway so that you can book as usual. Please choose from the main and pudding options by Thursday 7th December so that Mrs Berry can ensure that she has what she needs as Christmas Lunch is on the last day of term.

Times Tables Rock Stars

We hope all children are accessing and enjoying Times Table Rockstars. If you feel you need a bit more guidance on this, please follow this link <https://ttrockstars.com/parents/> which is a guide for parent/carers and has lots of information.

DiAS free sessions for parents and carers

DiAS (Devon Information Advice and Support) provides information, advice and support about special educational needs and disability (SEND). We support parents, carers and young people with SEND. The service is free, confidential and impartial.

DiAS has three sessions available this term – each one lasts an hour, plus 30 minutes afterwards for questions and discussion. All are via Teams online.

Listening to your child's views

10 – 11.30am, Tuesday 21 November 2023

Demystifying SEND

10 – 11.30am, Tuesday 28 November 2023

Education Health and Care (EHC) plan reviews

1pm – 2.30pm, Monday 4 December 2023

Time to Talk

As part of our school focus on getting children talking and improving their Oracy, we have a topical, weekly question and picture for you to discuss as a family: -



A new collectable coin celebrating The Snowman has been launched by the Royal Mint. The design retells Raymond Briggs classic children's book about James, a young boy who builds a snowman that comes to life. It is the first of the Royal Mint's 50p Christmas coins to feature the official coinage portrait of King Charles.

If you could design a stamp, which characters from a famous story would you use and why?

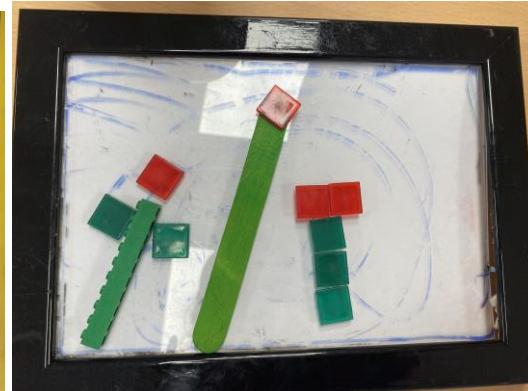


Owlets

The Owlets have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. They learnt about the story of Rama and Sita, they then created bridges to help save Sita. Throughout the week they then created Rangoli patterns to welcome Lakshmi into their class. They listened to traditional Diwali music and learnt a dance. On Friday the Owlets designed their own Mehndi patterns and painted each other's hands.



Owlets have also been learning about Remembrance.



Tawny Owls

The Tawny Owls are showing great ability at being able to log on and off their Chromebooks independently. They are beginning to navigate their way around search engines to reach the internet site required for learning. We had a good discussion today about internet safety and keeping your login and password details secret.



The Tawny Owls used cotton buds to paint pictures of poppies for Remembrance Day.



Snowy Owls

Having regular sensory breaks really help with focus, attention and learning. One of this week's sensory breaks was dancing while learning our times table facts while another involved us focusing on our breathing.



FOBS

Thank you for all the IQ cards orders. The children's artwork is fantastic!

The next fundraising meeting will be Tuesday 9th January.

Our next events will be –



FoBS Family Christmas Party
Bridestowe Village Hall


SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 5.30 – 8PM	DISCO FOOD BAR VISIT FROM SANTA	RAFFLE PARTY GAMES
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CHILDS TICKET £5 (INC FOOD AND VISIT FROM SANTA)
ADULTS & UNDER 1 FREE
ON SALE UNTIL 1ST DECEMBER - FROM FOBS COMMITTEE
(HELEN, JANE KIRSTIE & JEN)

Saturday 23rd December, 2pm

◆ **BRIDESTOWE** ◆
WALKING
NATIVITY

Join us in Bridestowe Park, we will play out the Nativity at several locations around the village, followed by refreshments in aid of Friends of Bridestowe School.



Hatherleigh Silver Band will be joining us this year for carols!

Everyone is Welcome

Feel free to dress up as any character from the Nativity but dress warmly as we'll be outside.

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Diary Dates

November

13 th -17 th	Anti- Bullying Week
13 th	Odd Socks Day Book Look – 8.40 – 9am Whole School Forest School (Barn owls and Snowy Owls will require waterproofs)
14 th	Read and Relax session 2.15-3.15pm
16 th	Tawny Owl Forest School
17 th	Open the Book
22 nd	Stay and Play Session
23 rd	Bouldering Experience – children TBC
27 th	Whole School Forest School (TBC)
28 th	Flu Vaccinations
30 th	Book Look – 3.15 – 3.30pm

December

1 st	Open the Book
4 th	Christmas art afternoon 2.15-3.15pm
7 th	Owlets Nativity and KS2 Christmas Carols, St Bridget's Church, 2.45pm
8 th	Christmas Jumper Day
9 th	FOBS Family Christmas Party
11 th	Book Look – 08:40 – 9am Whole School Forest School (TBC)
12 th	Tawny Owls Nativity, Methodist Hall, Time TBC
13 th	Theatre Trips
14 th	Homework Share, 3.30 – 3.45pm
15 th	Christmas Dinner
18 th – 2 nd	Christmas Break
23 rd	Walking Nativity

January

2 nd	Non-Pupil Day
3 rd	Pupil's Return to School
9 th	FOBS Fundraising Meeting

Moorland Hub round up.

Since returning after the half term break, it has been a pleasure to visit the schools and see some fantastic learning happening. The children have settled straight back into school and we have been lucky to be part of some fantastic opportunities. It was frustrating to lose a school day to the weather warning for wind, but we must, and always, prioritise children's safety above all else.

Next week, I will be contacting all families to update you on your child's attendance, in line with our policy. This has remained very high for our Hub, testament to the positive and happy atmosphere in our schools.

Boasley Cross

Boasley this week has had a particular focus on remembrance and they have created a beautiful display at the front of the school. The children's artwork and understanding of the topic has been remarkable and so mature. Recent baby and toddler stay and play events at the school have been very successful and a real joy to see. This Monday, the school has an open afternoon and all are welcome to visit – please share!

Bridestowe

Bridestowe have been engaging with Devon Wildlife Trust this term and with sessions for children on enhancing wildlife and nature provision within the school site and beyond. It has been wonderful to hear how excited the children are after the sessions. Our forest school sessions with Ranger Rob continue as we promote our science curriculum in the outdoor area. It is wonderful to see the children engaging with the natural world and want to protect it for the future. We must also mention Bridestowe's success in Cross Country with the Girls' team winning gold medals and a very shiny trophy at the recent Castle Drogo cross country – well done!

Lydford

This week has seen Lydford's OFSTED report published after a 2-day inspection on the 10th and 11th of October. The children, staff and families should be extremely proud of the report which is now available on the school website. The school was judged to be Good overall, with Quality of Education, Leadership and Management and Personal Development all being rated Good. Behaviour and Attitudes was rated Outstanding which is a wonderful achievement. The report stated *'Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. There is a calm and purposeful environment in classrooms. Pupils are keen to contribute in lessons. They treat each other with high levels of respect. Older pupils understand the importance of caring for their younger peers. They look out for them at playtime and at lunchtime.'*

Well done all!

Milton Abbot

Milton Abbot pupils have been revelling in the opportunities to join the Moorland Hub pupils at recent sporting events and were buoyed by silver medals in the boys' section of the recent Cross Country at Castle Drogo. It has been strangely exciting to see Tree Surgeons on site at Milton Abbot as we start to make the extensive woodland and forest school safe for use again. There is a lot of work to be done, with as many as 6 trees to be fully removed with many more being coppiced. We are hopeful of having full access to the site again in the Spring term with an exciting new Forest school space. Look out for dates for working parties!

Northlew

Northlew have been enjoying their swimming lessons this term at Aqua Stars. All children benefit from the lessons and water confidence is a high priority for us given our location with many rivers, lakes and coasts nearby. They have also enjoyed a successful Stay and Play session as well as open afternoon – all showing a strong future for the school. This Friday 17th November, the PTFA are holding a Christmas Fayre at the school between 5 and 8pm, all are welcome – get that early shopping done!



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Forest School Stay and Play Toddler Session

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

2.15pm – 3.15pm

All children, birth - 4 years are welcome to join us with their carer for a stay and play session in our Forest School Area at Bridestowe Primary School.

Wellies, coats and waterproofs are essential.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrcr.de/minfec>.



DMAT Careers and Employment Fair

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Are you eager to explore exciting career opportunities?
Are you a parent looking to support your child's pathways? Join us at this year's Careers and Employment Fair.

Date: December 6th, 2023
 Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 Location: Ashbury Hotel,
Okehampton, EX20 4NL

What to Expect:

- Explore Diverse Career Paths
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- Meet Local Employers
- College and University Representatives



This event is **FREE** and open to students, parents and all ages of the local community!

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Registered charity number: 1068496



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Free Exhibition
on the 307 Squadron

13–15 November 2023

10:00–16:00

Exeter Guildhall
High Street

Raising of the Polish Flag
15th November 10:00

RAF Exeter Talk
by Chris Wiseman
15th November 14:00

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Call My Bluff Evening - 23rd November in Lydford Village Hall 19.00 for 19.30

- An evening of laughter, bluffing and double bluff in aid of Friends of Lydford School – FoLS. Call My Bluff evening kindly hosted by Bearnès Hampton & Littlewood Auctioneers and Valuers of Exeter. Come along and see how good you are at valuing antiques or fakes.
- Tickets £7 in advance or £8 on the night – children are free. Entry includes a plate of cheese and biscuits. Alcoholic and soft beverages available to purchase during the evening.
- Tickets from the Toy Shop in the Red Lion Yard Okehampton or call Jade on 07854 206 400.
- Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening of bluffing!

Event kindly hosted by Bearnès Hampton & Littlewood
Cheese kindly donated by Waitrose, Okehampton

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Sessions

Mondays 9:15 - 12:00 @ Immersion Virtual Reality Arcade, Okehampton

Wednesday 9:15 - 12:00 @ Immersion Virtual Reality Arcade, Okehampton

Wednesday 19:00 - 21:30 @ Immersion Virtual Reality Arcade, Okehampton

For more information email us at immersioninthecommunity@gmail.com

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Bingo Night

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF BINGO AS WE RAISE FUNDS FOR BOTH YOUTH & LADIES CRICKET AT BCC. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAR & RAFFLE RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE EVENING ACCEPTING BOTH CASH & CARD PAYMENTS.

DEC 8TH, 2023
DOORS OPEN 7PM - EYES DOWN 8PM
BRIDESTOWE VILLAGE HALL



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Entry 10-6
(10 - 4 on Christmas Eve)

Breakfast with Santa
@ Farmhouse Kitchen 9 - 10
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Festive Lights
And Much More**

Merry Christmas

Festive fun on the farm since 1976

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THE GREAT ELF HUNT

Father Christmas has lost all 20 of his cheeky elves somewhere in the wonderful village of Bridestowe.

CAN YOU HELP US FIND THEM?

Email treetopsschildcare@btconnect.com for your answer sheet. You have from the 1st December - 11th December

£2.00 to enter

For ages 2-10 years
For older children taking part you will find a word under each elf to unscramble

Once you think you have found all of the elves then hand your sheet into Treetops to receive your prize

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting; it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

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