



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

11/06/2021

An exciting term

The final term of the academic year is always an exciting one with Sports Day, residential, transition visits and the pleasure of warm weather for outdoor education. This year the excitement is enhanced as we missed out on all these great opportunities last year.

We still need to be cautious with our return to events and ensure the absolute safety of our children, staff and communities – this will be front and centre of any plans and decisions made.

Keep an eye on the upcoming events as it will soon be packed with fantastic activities for our children.

Forest School

We continue our cycle of Forest School sessions for all children with Years 4, 5 and 6 taking part this week. The Year 6s created bird boxes with Dartmoor Ranger Rob.

Thank you for the ongoing support of FoBS and our community as we look forward to more improvements happening very soon in the forest school area, with a roof on our shelter, and filling in the now defunct pond.



Swimming

Friday 11th June is the first swimming session for EYFS and KS1. All children will have a 45-minute lesson with Aqua Stars Academy of Swimming instructors. School staff will enter the water to support and guide the children. When not swimming, the children will have the opportunity to engage in outdoor play and team games using the centre's play area. A reminder that the swimming bus will return to school at 15.30. Children are welcome and encouraged to wear PE kit (School t-shirt with burgundy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a school or plain hooded sweatshirt) for ease of changing.

Bikeability

Children in Year 4 and 6 will engage in Bikeability from Monday 14th June with a trained instructor. Please remember to bring your roadworthy bike and helmet to school. PE Kit (School t-shirt with burgundy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a school or plain hooded sweatshirt) may be worn for this active learning.

Sessions will begin at 09.15am, and on Monday Y6 children will complete L1 on the playground. They will then cycle on-road in small groups for the remaining days.

Y4 children will only cycle on the playground for their L1 qualification on Friday.

If you would like to leave your child's bike at school overnight for the duration of Bikeability, we encourage you to provide a bike lock as bikes will be stored outside but out of sight, and are left at your own risk.

Barn Owls News Report by Noah and Sam

Tuesday: On Tuesday the 8th June 2021 the Barn Owls class were making self-designed bread rolls. After we left the dough to rise, we added our own ingredients inside it. After that, we let the dough to bake in the oven for 16 minutes (it smelt delicious).

Wednesday: On Wednesday the Barn Owls did forest school with Ranger Rob. The year five carved tent pegs made out of wood. After lunch, the year sixes made bird boxes by using saws and hammers with nails. Both years had mouth-watering smores.

Thursday: On Thursday morning the Barn Owls class went outside to see a partial solar eclipse. Before break, at 10:07 it was quite bright. We were doing an experiment to see if it got darker after break time. After break, we went outside again and we saw the moon lining up with the sun. The experiment showed it got darker over a period of time; by 12:00 the eclipse was over. After that, we did PE (athletics) we ran on the painted grass towards the end and back. We all got into partners and timed each other.



Transition

We have welcomed our new September EYFS children to school for an afternoon play session this week. The children will be in school each Thursday as part of our enhanced transition programme to ensure the best possible start to school life. The current EYFS children will be joining the Tawny Owl class for these sessions. Two whole day sessions on Thursday 8th and Thursday 15th July will see all children moving up classrooms where necessary. Year 2 will join the Snowy Owls, Year 4 the Barn Owls and Year 6 will take part in the end of year activities on the playing field, and, for those enrolling at Okehampton College in September, a transition day there on the 15th.

RNLI virtual visit

Next week we will be joined virtually by the RNLI to deliver beach and sea safety messages to the children as many of us look to holiday at home this year.

Clubs

Unfortunately we are unable to continue to offer Multisports for EYFS and KS1 this term and therefore we have cancelled all further sessions of the club. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your continued support.

All clubs will end w/c 12th July.

Year 5 and 6 Residential

We are pleased that Lydford Primary children will be joining us in camping out on Bridestowe school field for the residential on the 1st and 2nd of July, allowing for Covid-safe socialising and friendship-making which is one of the key drivers behind our residential.

End of year performance

The children in Snowy Owls and Barn Owls are starting to prepare an end of year performance for the last week of term. Plans around having an audience will be dependent on government guidance and risk assessments. The performance will be recorded for watching at a later date.

Please may we ask that all trophies and awards from last year are returned to the school as soon as possible.

The COVID Local Support Grant is now available until 20th June 2021.

This is designed to directly help families and individuals who have been hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

Under this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Providing vouchers for food and personal items.
- Supporting with energy and water bills for household purposes.
- With other requests clearly linking to the priorities of the fund grants can be provided for essential white goods such as a cooker, fridge or freezer.

The criteria set by Early Help is as follows.

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 years old)
- You are experiencing financial hardship linked to or independent of COVID (e.g. unemployed, furloughed, being made redundant)
- You need financial help associated with keeping your family warm and fed
- You need financial help associated with purchasing essential items

Please email admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk for more information.

Change of email addresses

Please note that the school email address has now changed to admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk

Mr Hill's email has also changed to ahill@dmatschools.org.uk

Dates

June

WB 14th – Bikeability, Year 4 and 6.

17th - Sept Starters transition, pm only

22nd – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3

24th - Sept Starters transition, 11.45am – 3.05pm

July

1st – Y6 transition parent meeting, 6pm Okehampton College

1st - Sept Starters transition, 11.45am – 3.05pm

1st and 2nd – Residential for Year 5+6

6th – Forest school – Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

7th – Y6 taster day at Okehampton College

8th - Sept Starters transition, all day

13th – Sports Day

15th – Y6 taster day at Okehampton College

15th - Sept Starters transition, all day

19th – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3

23rd – Last day of term

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Attendance

96.1%