



BROADHEMPSTON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL LIFE GROUP

Head's report.
March 2023

PUPIL NUMBERS - current

R	6
Y1	10
Y2	9
Y3	10
Y4	12
Y5	8
Y6	3

Total 58

CLASS ORGANISATION

- Birch Class R/Y1&Y2 (Jenny Potter FT, Gaby Cannon & Ellie Tarsky)
- Sycamore Class Y3&4 (Sue Cleverley 0.5, Jodie Talbot 0.5 & Shani Mason)
- Oak Class Y5&6 (Karen Barlow FT& Jo Steer)

STAFFING UPDATES

- Mrs. Jodie Talbot has joined our team, teaching Sycamore for the second part of the week.
- Rosina Kellman has joined us to be the SENDCo for our school. She will be here on a Tuesday each week. She is highly experienced and works for 3 Trust schools in the same role.

Class organisation

I am pleased to note that our school is very popular, and our School Ambassadors are kept busy showing potential new families what we have to offer. Our aim is to ensure we make our big-hearted school a place to discover and desire! We are a school who aims to be full with 70 pupils. Our PAN - planned admission number (agreed at county level) is 10 for reception children each year. This means we have a maximum of 30 in Birch class. This meets the statutory requirement for class sizes in EYFS & KS1 to be a maximum of 30 pupils. You might be interested to know that suggested staff to pupil ratios in KS1 is 1 adult to 30 children. In KS2 (Sycamore and Oak) we can have more than 10 children in a year group, but our size would limit our capacity to go much over PAN.

We are incredibly lucky to have amazing staff, great staff to pupil ratios, and fab amenities on our doorstep. Long may this continue!

Broadhempston is not its own admission authority. Devon County lead all admissions and will at times direct us to accept pupils if it falls within our PAN or just above at KS2. The Trust also has an admissions committee that I must contact once Devon County has contacted school. The Trust will discuss pupil numbers and advise what I am to do regarding county requests. The bottom line is that there is a process, and we are bound by the rules.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION:

Staff meetings this term have been/are linked to our school improvement plan. The following areas will or have been looked at in depth this term:

- Science curriculum plans have been updated
- Maths planning for early career teachers - sharing best practice
- KS1 SATS and moderation preparation
- Writing conferencing – for accelerated progress
- DT. Curriculum plan review
- MATHS update
- Moderation of history & geography books
- Design technology – curriculum plan review
- English – writing. Revisiting Spelling & sentence interventions & oracy vocabulary developments.

- RE & world views

Although our very long-term desire is to make our covered area into a Reception & Pre-school class this very much a **LONG-TERM aspiration**. As with all walks of life, education is currently experiencing a lack of funding and so this will be led by Trust business team and CIF (National Condition Improvement Fund) bids when the time is right. Again, there is a process to be followed and we are bound by rules and criteria. This would not be led at a school level but at a Trust level.

HEALTH & SAEFTY/ SAFEGUARDING/ BEHAVIOUR/C19

- Jill completed a safeguarding summary report for Trustees at the beginning of January – reporting on the autumn term
- Jill has completed Fire warden training & medication awareness training. I have also completed Early help Training - Early Help is the extra support a family can get if they need it. It may be that we want to prevent a problem or change things for a family before the problem becomes more serious. It is not a specific service or team, it's an approach that brings together people from a range of services and teams who will work together with the whole family to help improve the situation for everyone. It can offer support to families from pre-birth to adolescents with all sorts of issues from parenting, employment and school attendance to emotional wellbeing or anti-social behaviour.
- All staff have completed working at height training
- Therese has completed legionella training

Safeguarding training this term is based on:

Revisit of KCSIE, safeguarding crib sheet for all areas – keeping knowledge up to date in all areas, radicalisation, sexual harassment, INCEL, forced marriage, The One Chance Rule, Female genital mutilation (FGM) and honour-based abuse.

OTHER INFORMATION – VISITORS - COURSES ETC

- Spanish club has run this term
- 8.12.22 Jenny Potter completed KS1 statutory assessment training
- 11.1.23 & 8.2.23 Oak class to Landscope: Rev Gina to discuss/Q&A on her beliefs and world views. The classes also got together again to meet a Humanist visitor who talked about her beliefs and answered the children's questions. Offered some interesting debate.
- 16.1.23 JR & Jo Woods completed drop in observations of English – writing. This aids continued focus and shared best practice
- 20.1.23 & 9.2.23 Ellie Tarsky & Jo Steer completed Precision teaching training
- 26.1.23 Y3/4 from Broadhempston & Landscope visited Kents Cavern – linked to topic work in science and history
- 27.1.23 Jo Woods completed an English learning walk at Broadhempston. These aids continued focus and shared best practice
- 2.2.23 Rich Charley, Trust Maths lead & Rebecca Sear Community Gov completed a maths learning walk with Karen Barlow (Maths lead for Broadhempston & Landscope)
- 7.2.23 Safer Internet Day
- Andy Keay (standards and outcomes Trust lead) Visited Jill for a learn, support and challenge morning looking at school data
- Anne Smart (lead across Broadhempston & Landscope) completed science book look & pupil voice interviews at Broadhempston. The children were very positive about science and were able to talk about the bits they liked and the bits they are not so keen on. This information is feedback to teaching staff so they can, where possible, adapt their approach.
- KS2 had a special assembly when Annabelle Lowes from Julian House came in and talked about the work that the charity does to support those who are experiencing homelessness. (<https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>)
- 27.2.23 Lizzie Lethbridge, Trust Director of Education has completed a learning walk (observations and discussions with staff on teaching and learning.) This supports our school improvement.

- 7.3.23 Jo Steer on Drawing therapy course
- 10.3.23 14 Children at Fair Trade workshop at St. John's – this will feedback into Eco Committee & School Council.
- 27.3.23 Ellie Tarsky & Karen Barlow will take our choir to an event at SDCC. They have been busily rehearsing for the workshops and performance that will take place.

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