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Castle School - Bridge Street School - Kingsmead School



Pupils have a splashing good time learning paddlesports

Before the recent floods, students attending our outdoor education centre have been making the most of our riverside location to get some oar-some water sport experience.

Pupils tackling the physical section of their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme have been learning about Paddlesports and how to assess risk when in a water environment. In their latest session, they have been practising peer rescues, and how to assess the environment to keep each other safe.



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New work spaces for Bridge Street School

We are pleased to announce that the new works at Bridge Street School are almost complete...our leadership team looks pretty happy, so we think it gets the seal of approval! Watch this space for an update next term!

Training for our alternative providers

This half term we have had some of our alternative providers on site for Keeping Children Safe in Education safeguarding training. It was great to catch up with all our dedicated provider staff.



Staff wear it green for World Mental Health Day

Staff at Bridge Street School dressed in green to mark World Mental Health Day in October - a cause we take very seriously at all our sites.





The brakes are off on cycling lessons with our brand new fleet of bikes

We were so thrilled to receive a fleet of new bicycles from Setchfield Cycles - they personally delivered the bikes as well as custom built them for us.

Students have already taken part in a variety of skills sessions where they learn to develop and embed foundations of personal cycling; balance, coordination, gears and braking. Riding a bike is a great way to understand physical abilities, take part in practical problem solving tasks and support mental well-being.

Our new bikes are now ready for students to explore, take on new adventures and learn essential life skills.





Drumming up inspiration for our outdoor education

Linking closely with Network Rail to promote sustainable practices, the Outdoor Education team managed to source four large cable drums for their Darley Barn site that were no longer in use – these drums will be a great asset to the site as they will provide our learners with outdoor tables, tool workstations, workbenches and sometimes even used in make-shift dens.

Using the cable drums was an excellent opportunity for our learners to see and appreciate first-hand the importance and ease of sustainably repurposing good quality items for a new and exciting purpose. Many thanks to Network Rail who made this happen for us.



Kindness and caring across sites

This half term we celebrated National RSE Day and the theme was kindness. Activities such as random acts of kindness, anonymous kindness notes and art activities were enjoyed by staff and students, spreading a little joy and happiness.