

News from Stower Provost Primary School June 2018

Last month I wrote of our plans for developing the front of the school, and those of you who have driven, walked or ridden past recently cannot have failed to notice the results of our Spring Clean and construction work.

It really was a case of All Hands on Decking on the second Saturday in May, as a large group of wonderfully supportive parents sawed, sanded and screwed our magnificent new outdoor stage together providing an ideal venue for story-telling, public speaking, play-acting and role-playing. Sitting in the story-telling chair, you can look out across the fields at the trees on Duncliffe, which must be one of the finest views from a school playground in the country.

Elsewhere in the grounds on that Saturday, it was All Hands on Dock, as the garden areas received an initial make-over, prior to preparing for the Dig for Victory project coming soon. Huge thanks go to Steve Watridge and his carpenter Kev for providing their woodworking expertise as well as the other parents who gave so freely of their time, and who also provided wonderful cakes to keep the troops going!

With phase one of the project complete, plans are now coming together for the rest of the stage area, now sparkling from a jet-wash, which include a boules court, an area for traditional games and planters for more fruit and vegetable growing. The children are, as you may imagine, thrilled with their new space and are keen to use it whenever they can.

Elsewhere, you may have noticed the article about the school in the BVM celebrating the successes of our use of Green Technology. It is great for the children to be learning first-hand about the benefits of renewable energy with our wind-turbine, solar panels, air-source heat pump (for the swimming pool) and biomass boilers with an extraordinary 17 tonnes of CO₂ saved in recent times. Further to this, most of our older children have now benefited from the Bikeability Training we've had at school. This new form of Cycling Proficiency has helped them learn how to ride safely and encourages their parents to leave the car at home for the school run.

This term's Curriculum Showcase will take place on Friday 8th June at 2:30pm – do come along to the school, join the PTFA in a cup of tea and find out what the children have been learning about this term.

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