Pool House CP School
Community Links Policy

The School community is part of a larger community. Links between Pool House and the larger local community enhance both the quality of life and learning experienced by both communities.

The following areas can all be fostered by close links with the community:

Pupils

- To develop in pupils a positive attitude towards themselves and others with a strong sense of self respect. Also to develop a sense of respect for other peoples' property, ideas and beliefs irrespective of gender, race, disability or academic achievement, etc.
- To appreciate human achievements, failures and aspirations.
- To develop positive attitudes towards and concern for the environment.

Curriculum

- To offer a broad based curriculum in order to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, promote enjoyment in learning, and to provide knowledge/skills to equip pupils for work and leisure as active, confident and responsible members of a rapidly developing society.

Community

- To develop a school community which affords equal value to all its members, is seen to be just and encourages mutual respect, concern for others and truthfulness.
- To foster close relationships between the School, the pupils' homes and the local community.

The following are just some of the ways in which links have been forged with the local community.

1. The Community Police Officer visits regularly.
2. The school nurse has regular input in a range of topics and year groups in school.
3. The Head teacher is responsible for anypress releases that concern the school and especially the achievements of its pupils and staff.
4. A group of Y5/6 children visit the Town Hall annually to meet with the Mayor and Town Councillors for a question and answer session related to community improvement .
5. Pupils often enter competitions organised locally and nationally.
6. We often raise money for charities, local, national and international, sometimes in response to a speaker who has visited the School.
7. The Annual Fete is a special event for us and many members and organisations from the local community take part.
8. We have worked closely with the Wildlife Trust on several projects to improve the community.
   Projects such as anti-litter campaigns have extended to benefit the local community.
9. We have good links with the local Parish Council.
10. Local people often come into the School to take special assemblies, e.g. the local vicar, members of INTACT

12. The children stage three Christmas productions to which parents, friends and members of the community are invited.

13. The School Choir annually visit local old people's homes at Christmas.
14. Our 'Sports Day' is seen as a local event and is attended by many people from the local community.
15. The local library's lending facilities are used by pupils and classes. Pupils' work is also displayed in the library, and the children are encouraged to use the library as a resource.

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