

The Yellow Brick Blog

June 2023

Pride in our School

It's June! Pride celebrations are taking place across the UK. Our team at Dorothy's Friends have taken the opportunity to raise awareness of LGBT+ support available to young people in school.

Tolerance and Inclusivity

As a school, we pride ourselves on being **tolerant and inclusive** to all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We support the LGBT+ community through our **tutor programme** and wider **pastoral care**, school **policies** and LGBT+ **visibility** throughout the curriculum and across the school site.

If you have any worries or concerns, we **encourage you** to speak with your tutor, Head of House or any member of staff that you feel comfortable talking to.

Our LGBT+ Club: Dorothy's Friends

The **weekly club** is open to anyone who wants to drop in and say hello! It's thanks to the **amazing contributions** of the club that we have been able to organise school celebrations for Pride Month this year.

Alongside planning big events, at Dorothy's Friends we also watch videos, discuss fun topics such as the Queer-coding of Disney villains. Often, we just use the space to hang out and chill!

The Team behind the Yellow Brick Blog!

The Yellow Brick Blog is DHSG's termly **student-run** publication, crafted by Dorothy's Friends. Launched in 2022, you're reading our fifth edition right now!

Whilst the ideas are ours, the Yellow Brick Blog is made in partnership with a team of staff. Every term we publish a **new edition**, which includes information for the community, LGBT+ definitions and book, tv, and film recommendations.

Are you a keen **writer**? Or perhaps you're a creative **artist**? We're always open to contributions of anything that can be digitally transformed onto the page. **From comic strips to poetry**, we're ready to hear your ideas!

Ready to **get involved**? Drop the Dorothy's Friends team an email, or speak with Mrs Stacey or Ms Nott.

Celebrate Pride with us!

Pride market - from bookmarks to pin badges, we've got a great range of hand made items available

Pride raffle - are you feeling lucky? Get your tickets!

"Make A Cake (Or Something!) Rainbow" competition - prizes on offer

Pride Fair - handmade crafts, cakes and more (not forgetting the raffle draw!)

Details, timings and locations throughout June are available in school



Rainbow Flag Award

We're proud to share that **DHSG recently achieved the Rainbow Flag Award!**

This is a nationally recognised award, acknowledging our continued work to make our school a **safe and inclusive space**.

We are delighted that we are the **first school in Plymouth** to achieve this award. It shows that **our whole school community** - governors, teachers, parents and students - have played their part in **making DHSG a safe and inclusive space for everyone**.

The **Intercom Trust**, who gave us the award, were impressed with the **engagement from the student body** and our **visible tolerance and celebration of the LGBT+ community** throughout school and on social media.

Well done to everyone for being part of this process.

Our award will be reassessed in a few years. In this time, our school will **continue to support LGBT+ visibility and inclusivity** in the tutor program, pastorally, in teacher training, and across a wide range of other areas.

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