



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils succeed

Newsletter
Friday 28th May 2021

**This week's
attendance
was:
96.20%**

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic half term it has been. The children have definitely displayed the school value of 'resilience' and shown this in all areas of the curriculum; developing and practicing new skills, embedding previous learning and working together to solve problems. Well done everyone.

A huge thank you to all our parents who came along to our parents' forum after school on Thursday evening. It was great to meet you all and have feedback on the developments that we have begun at Boasley Cross. A copy of the minutes of the meeting can be found included with this week's newsletter.

I was overwhelmed with the amount of support that parents were willing to offer to develop the spiritual area outside for the children to enjoy. Mrs Simmons has added a piece in the newsletter with a wish list for the outside space. If you have something you would like to donate or can come along and help on Thursday afternoon this week, please email me directly to let me know jcook@dmatschools.org.uk. Staff and I will be at school on Thursday to begin the work.

We will not be offering after school clubs the first week back after the half term break. The Sports Leaders and I have been discussing the range of activities that the children are interested in developing through our after-school provision. We hope to have more information to share with you next half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your very warm welcome to Boasley Cross. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and the devoted staff team this half term and I am excited about the developments for next half term and the future of Boasley Cross.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break, I hope the sun continues to shine so we can all get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th June,

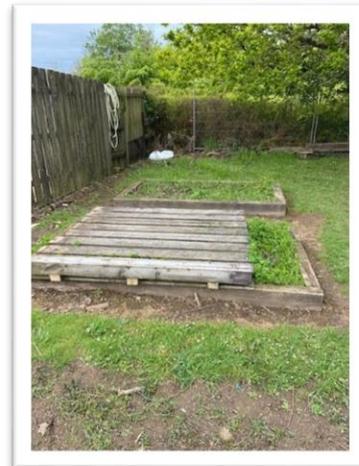
Mrs Cook



HELP WANTED!

Are you able to offer some time this Thursday afternoon to help clear and organise the new spiritual area? If so, please contact Mrs Cook directly jcook@dmatschools.org.uk . Please see the wish list created by Mrs Simmons.

We are so lucky to have space at Boasley to be able to create a sensory flower garden and raised beds for vegetables. Thank you so much to the parents who have kindly offered their help and support towards creating them. I think it would be easier to show you what we have by way of space and let the ideas come forward. In these photos it shows the old swimming pool area which we have cleared of the willow which had grown in there. Now we were thinking of dividing this area into three and filling it with shrubs and flowers. I do need a handy person to take down the old pump house/shed and perhaps turn it into a raised bed, some planters, topsoil, shrubs, etc would be very greatly appreciated. We also have two raised beds which need to be topped up with topsoil and planted with some vegetables, should they be donated. Any time or donations would be so very gratefully received.



New Reception Taster Sessions

We are looking forward to welcoming our new reception children next half term to Littlemoor for their taster sessions. These will begin on Tuesday 8th June and for the following four Tuesdays after that. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mis Bellew for some of the sessions who will be returning to Littlemoor in September as class

teacher following her maternity leave.

Notice Board

School Diary

May 2021

Monday 7th June

All children return
Final £18 swimming sessions instalment due

OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8.30am to 3pm

Tuesday/Thursday

8.30am to 12pm

Please advise the office by 12pm if your child's 'going home' arrangements are to change for the day so that this can be logged for safeguarding purposes.

School Dinners

Could we please ask that all school dinners are paid in advance of being ordered. This will help with our payment system as we are unable to run school dinner accounts in arrears. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Y6 TRANSITION DATES FOR OKEHAMPTON COLLEGE

- Thursday 1st July Transition Meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 7th July Taster day 8.30-3pm
- Thursday 15th July Taster day 8.30-3pm
- Monday 19th July 'Meet the Tutors' 4-6pm
- Monday 26th to 30th July – Summer School (details to follow)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Existing clubs have now finished, and new clubs will be arranged for the second week of half term. A text will be sent out when these are available to book on School Gateway.

Learning in Pre-School.....

On Wednesday afternoon Olivia, Seth and I had the impromptu opportunity to do a little pre-school pond dipping. It was so lovely to see and hear all the things they knew about ponds, what were in them and fantastic to discover that our wonderful pre-schoolers aren't in the least bit squeamish when it comes to holding newts! Good job guys. Sorry there were no ducks though Seth.

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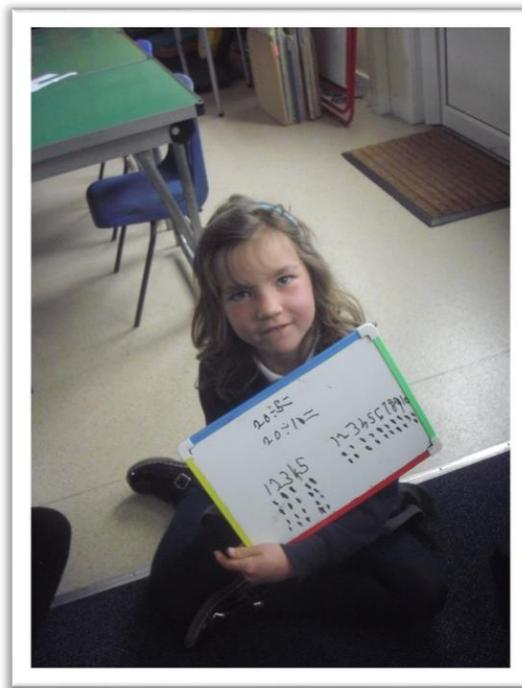
Learning in Littlemoor.....

What a term it has been!

This week has seen the end of our Great Fire of London topic.

We have written our own fantastic stories about the Gingerbread Man and have learned that exercise is as important as a balanced diet. In DT, we designed and made our own healthy sandwiches which tasted deeeelicious!

Thank you once again for engaging so brilliantly with the home learning projects! The children have really enjoyed sharing these with the class today!
Mrs Elliott.



Learning in Dartmoor.....

We have come to the end of a wonderful half term of learning. This week, the children have published their stories based on the *Stone Age Boy*; I will be displaying these in the library for all to enjoy. Our current maths topic is The Properties of Shape - we have been learning about right angles, acute angles, and obtuse angles. To finish off our Stone Age topic, we built Biscuit Henge, an interpretation of Stonehenge. We have recorded our version of This Is Me, from the Greatest Showman, along with signs from British Sign Language. I have been blown away by the children's focus and drive to learn this. We love to share the children's hard work and effort, so I will be emailing the recording out to parents. I hope you all have an amazing half term break. Mrs Winter.





Learning in Bodmin.....

English:

This week, children have been using figurative and descriptive language to describe some well-known settings and scenes. Pupils had to use their imagination and transport their minds to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. From this, children then wrote a first-person descriptive piece on the school.

Science:

It has been a wonderful science topic this term. Children have showcased their learning on double page spreads; highlighting everything they know about Evolution.

History:

History this week has been very similar to science. The children have showcased their learning of Mayans onto double page spreads. Stay tuned into the Boasley Facebook page for some examples of this outstanding work.

LYFTA:

Every week this term, children have been accessing the online learning platform known as LYFTA. It's global learning platform which focusses on stories from around the globe and what we can learn from them. This week, children have looked at the UN unicef rights of the children; they have learned about children who work in Kabul and what life is like for them. From this, children have created presentations about what they feel are the most important rights for all children.

Best wishes, Mr P.



Our Star Learners this week



Littlemoor: Barnaby for a wonderful thirst for knowledge
Stan: for ambitious story writing
Bodmin: Sean-Lee for showcasing his learning about evolution

Our School Value Certificates this week

Littlemoor: Oscar for exceptional work in Maths, particularly times tables
Dartmoor: Olivia for always looking for ways to improve her work
Bodmin: Archie for showing excellent resilience in Maths work on percentages



Our Golden Heart Certificate this week



Archie for showing great empathy to others

