

Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust
...everyone in our Trust.



Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023

This week's
attendance
was:
94.5%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term and what an incredibly busy half term in has been! The children have demonstrated our focus school value of respectfulness throughout this half term and staff and I have noticed how the children across the school have supported each other both in and out of the classroom without adults needing to prompt them. As we approach our further preparation for formal assessments in the summer term, next half term we will focus on our school value of resilience.

Yr6 French Residential Meeting

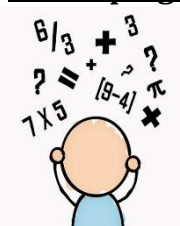
Amendment: There has been a change of date and location for the parents meeting regarding the year 6 French trip in July. The meeting for parents of children who attend Boasley Cross and Lydford Primary Schools will take place on Tuesday 25th April, 4pm at Boasley Cross Primary School.

SATs Assessment Dates

Our children in year 6 will be sitting their formal SATs assessments in May. The assessments usually run from Monday to Thursday, but due to the Kings coronation and Monday 8th May now being a bank holiday, the SATs will begin on Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May. Mrs Winter will be in touch regarding our SATs after school club as this may move to lunchtimes next half term.

Our children in year 2 will have their SATs teacher assessments carried out in June. Our year 1's will have a reading assessment (phonics screen check) which will take place the week beginning Monday 12th June. More information about these assessments will be shared in our newsletters next half term.

Developing Reasoning and Problem Solving in Maths



Next half term as part of our early morning challenges each day, the children will engage in a problem-solving maths activity. These will enable children to talk about and explain the steps and strategies they use to solve problems. We hope to share a questionnaire with parents which will enable us to run specific workshops to support parents to support their children with maths at home. Staff will be sharing a range of useful websites that parents can use with their children to support them to develop their mental maths.

KS2 SATs 2023 TESTING PERIOD

Tuesday May 9th 2023

1. SPAG Test (Grammar & Punctuation) - 45 mins
2. SPAG Test (Spelling) - 20 mins



Wednesday May 10th 2023

1. Reading Test - 60 mins



Thursday 11th May 2023

1. Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) - 30 mins
2. Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) - 40 mins



Friday 12th May 2023

1. Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) - 40 mins

Devon Wildlife Trust

We are looking forward to welcoming Sarah back to Boasley Cross after the half term when she will be working with Oketor class with our outdoor learning developing the children's science curriculum through enquiry and observation. The sessions will take place each Tuesday afternoon starting the first **Tuesday** back from **1:30- 2:15pm**. We are asking that the children come to school in their own clothes and bring wellies and waterproofs to change into ready for their session.

There will be an additional Wildlife Champions session on Thursday 2nd March, 1.30-3pm.

Nugget Treat

What a fantastic way to end the term, Littlemoor have reached their nugget target! Littlemoor were set a challenge to reach 30 nuggets throughout this term by consistently showing classroom behaviours, being kind to each other and doing their best in all they do! They have shown this both inside and outside the classroom. The children have agreed that their treat will be a movie afternoon. This will happen on the Monday back after the half term holidays. Both the children and staff in Littlemoor are so proud of this achievement and look forward to celebrating this together!



Cross Country Competition

We all had a fabulous time at the cross-country event in Simmons Park. The rain did not stop us trying our best and we ended the day full of mud, sweat and smiles! We did not manage to overtake the hare, but we will be training hard in order to succeed next time! Stan, Sam and Louis (Sports Leaders).



FOBCS Book Winner!
Louis



Congratulations to Stan who won the chance to take home the reading basket this week, by reading at least 5 times.

Space Odyssey Dome Experience

We had a blast in the Space Dome! It was relaxing sitting back and watching the planets and stars moving around us. We were very interested watching how the craters were made on the moon. It was very exciting looking at how planets are

different sizes.

We are really excited about our Space topic after half term and learning more about this fascinating subject. A massive thanks to FOBCS for funding this amazing activity for all the children at Boasley Cross.

The School Council



Gardening Club

Mrs Turner has very kindly offered to run a gardening club which will begin on the first Thursday after half term. As we already have several clubs running across the week, Mrs Hosking has decided to run her Boasley choir group either at breaktime or lunchtime. This will allow children to attend both clubs to ensure they don't miss out. Mrs Turner would warmly welcome any donations of compost and plants to develop the sensory garden.

The Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust Festival of Hope

The children in Boasley Cross will take part in a range of art, literature and sporting events in our Festival of Hope which begins on Monday 6th March. The festival will then run up until the end of the spring term on Friday 31st March. As part of the festival, our children who have music lessons and our Boasley school choir will be putting on a performance. Lots of information about the festival will be shared with parents after the half term.



Forest School

In Tuesday's forest school session, we recapped what we had learnt this term about woodlouse, their family tree and

their habitats.

The children also got the

opportunity to

make their own

Winston

woodlouse and make it a

home.

Oketor's outdoor learning sessions will begin on Tuesday 21st February. Don't forget your wellies & waterproofs.



World Book Day Vouchers

All children will have been sent home today with a £1 book voucher.

You have from 16th Feb until 26th

March to use your voucher and can

choose from 12 **FREE** World Book

Day books. For more information on this year's titles visit:

www.worldbookday.com

Vouchers can be redeemed at the following stores

Your local independent bookseller	Sainsburys
Asda	Tesco
Blackwell's (selected stores only)	The Works
Morrisons	Waterstones
WHSmith	



Round-up of After-School Provision

What a busy half term it's been at Boasley Cross with After-school clubs taking place Monday to Thursday. Here is a round-up of what our children have been enjoying these past five weeks.



Monday – OCRA have been running an indoor sports club for the children bringing along with them a variety of different equipment for the children to have fun with. Judging by the cacophony of excitement that has filled the hall these last few weeks, I think a favourite has been the indoor archery sets that Dom brought along.

Tuesday – Cookery Club has been a huge success and has seen the children working with increased levels of independence (within small groups) as the weeks have progressed. We have baked a range of sweet and savoury snacks this half term and for a grand finale we finished with pancake making – and eating – this week. I couldn't help but add in a little bit of maths too as the children consolidated some of their current fraction learning as they worked out how to share pancakes between their groups.



Wednesday – Martial Arts club has been running for a while at Boasley Cross now and has seen many of the children undertake grading throughout their time with Steve. This half term we have welcomed younger children from KS1 to the club and look forward to following their progress alongside the older children. I popped in to Club this week and asked the children to show me what they had been learning. Steve and some of the children demonstrated how to escape from a 'multiple attack' using no forceful movements but a series of dance-like moves that cause the attackers to release their hold – it was very impressive!

Thursday – Choir club with Mrs Hosking has filled the school with beautiful harmonies this half term (and that's just Mrs Hosking!) with pupils singing well-known songs from the musicals and taking part in vocal warm-up exercises. It is clear to see that the children have enjoyed taking part in this club and it really has been so lovely to hear their melodic sounds ringing around the school – I'm sure Mrs Hosking and her choir will be showcasing their talents at future school performances.



Next half-term sees the continuation of many of the clubs with the addition of a Gardening club which is being run by Susan Turner – thank you Susan, the children have been talking about what needs to be done in the sensory garden and around other parts of the school grounds so I think it could be a busy time!

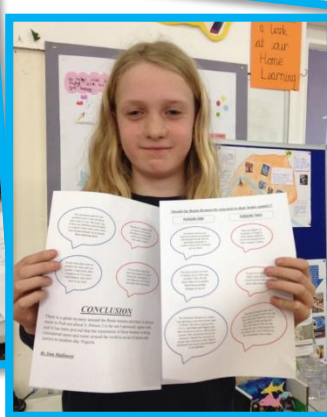
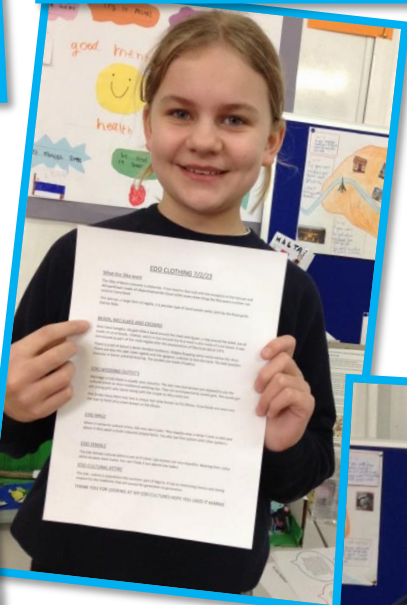
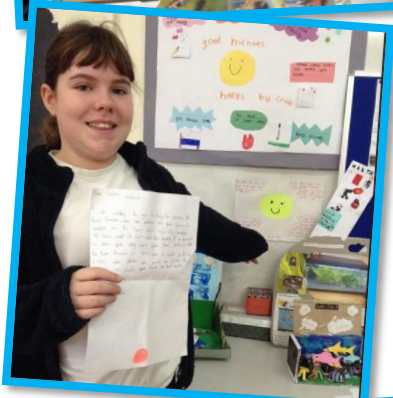
As always, please sign-up your children for after-school clubs using the School Gateway System.

A special 'thank you' to Miss Maunder at Northlew who has done an incredible job in not only organising the administration side of after-school provision but for also keeping you all updated on what your children have been doing via the school newsletter.

Home Learning in Oketor

Another fantastic display of home-learning, this half-term, from the children in Oketor Class. The children were asked to work on a project linked to our topic work in Science and History. It is clear that you have not only consolidated your school learning of Ecosystems and the Benin Kingdom at home but have been thoughtful about how you wanted to showcase what you have learnt. The results are amazing and you should feel very proud of yourselves, well done.

Mrs Winter



Wishing you all a enjoyable half term break. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Cook

PROUD TO SUPPORT

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

6-12
FEBRUARY
2023

As well as dressing in their own clothes as an expression of our uniqueness, we have also looked at ways of connecting with each other today too. This morning, with Mrs Joliffe our specialist music teacher, we explored the affect that listening to music can have on our moods and feelings. Different types of music made us feel a variety of ways - 'I liked the piece that sounded magical and mystical, it made me feel really calm' (Yr 5 Pupil).

We talked to our class about a book called Happy From Head To Toe written by Fearne Cotton. The book talks about good ways to help with your own mental health. We practised one of these strategies with the class. We got them to close their eyes, relax and take deep breaths. The school council took turns reading paragraphs from the book to the class and we discussed why Well-Being Day is important.

School Council



'I love getting to wear my own clothes, it makes me feel happy.' (Yr 5 pupil)

We have also talked about ways in which we can connect with each other, even though we are all unique, and have discussed what qualities we like in our friends. Our school connection was consolidated with time together all playing games and enjoying each other's company. Our school connection will be represented by the joining together of every child's individually designed jigsaw piece.

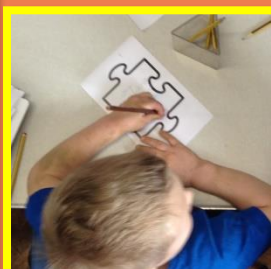
Good friend	Bad friend
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shares food. - Keeps a secret - Likes to be around you. - Understanding your friend - Respectful - Listening - Helpful - Supportive - Kind - believes in you. - hugs you when you need a hug. - Doesn't steal your things. - Doesn't hurt you. - Invite you to your house. - like to play with you. - lets you borrow things. - Laugh - Asks to play with your things. - likes being your friend. - Integrity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treats me like a dust bin. - Says something in a bad or annoying way. - If you have to share something they keep it all. - A Bad friend blames things that you didn't do. - bring bossy. - bullying you. - Saying 'go away'. - Kicking a ball over the fence and blaming it on you. - Doesn't help you. - really mean. - Steals your things. - takes the milk out of you. - hurts you. - hide stuff you want to play with. - has bad manners. - make fun you don't like. - Laugh at you when you fall over. - hates being your friend. - Without Integrity. - keeps a secret.

'I love colouring-in, I get excited about what I'm making.' (Yr 2 pupil)

This afternoon we have all taken part in a carousel of activities which have explored different ways that we can make ourselves feel good about things from dancing and being active with friends to sitting calmly and completing a focussed task by ourselves.



'This helps to support other children by raising money for them.' (Yr 6 pupil)



'I love seeing children from the other class.' (Yr 3 child)



Staff inadvertently demonstrated the 'connection' they have by unknowingly dressing in a similar style today.

Star Learners

Olivia has become much more independent when she is writing and has been using 'Fred fingers' to spell new words without being prompted.



Alice for her amazing home learning project on Eco Systems.

School Value: Respectfulness Award

Seth has shown us all this term how he is able to use good manners and be respectful, especially in the lunch hall. Mrs Rootsey also mentioned what a helpful class member you are too!



Stan has been a superstar with the younger pre-school children. He looks out for them and communicates with adults when he feels they need adult support

Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.
Week beginning Mon 20th Feb:
Autumn Menu Week 1

School Diary

February

Monday 20 th	Children return to school OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 21 st	Parents Forum, 3-4pm in school hall Wildlife Session, 1:30pm (<i>Oketor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs & wellies</i>) Cooking Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 23 rd	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>) Gardening Club, 3-4pm Choir Club- Break/lunchtime
Friday 24 th	Celebration Assembly, 8:45am Music lesson with music specialist, Mrs Jolliffe

*Your child must be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.

Dates For Your Diary

February

- **Mon 20th** – all children return to school
- **Tues 21st** – Parents Forum Meeting, 3-4pm

March

- **Thurs 2nd** - World Book Day (*more information to follow*)
- **Mon 13th** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (day 1)
- **Tues 14th** - Yr 5 Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (day 2)
- **6th -31st** - Festival of Hope
- **Wed 22nd**- FOBCS Bag2School
- **Tues 28th**- FOBCS Easter Fair

April

- **Sat 1st**- FOBCS Bingo
- **Fri 21st** – Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (Oketor class)

May

- **Tues 9th - Fri 12th** - Year 6 SATs week

June

- **Fri 9th** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (Littlemoor class)

Bag2School

Our next **Bag2School** collection
has been arranged for

Wednesday 22nd March

ADVANCE DONATIONS WELCOME!

Do you have any unwanted clothing or linen?

Please help raise funds for Boasley Cross Primary School by dropping your bagged items **before 9am on Wednesday 22nd March** in the bus stop outside our school.

The more we collect the more money is raised for our school! Advance donations welcome; leave them in the bus shelter outside the school and we will collect and store safely.



Accepted items:

- ✓ Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes, belts
- ✓ Handbags, hats, bags
- ✓ Scarves, ties, jewellery
- ✓ Soft toys, lingerie, socks
- ✓ Household linen, curtains, towels
- ✓ Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



fobsfundraising1@gmail.com Charity number: 1125936



SCHOOL UNIFORM

FOBCS have a good selection of second hand Boasley jumpers, fleeces and t-shirts.

Most sizes are available; please let Kirsty Kiddle know if you need any, suggested donation of £2 per item.

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