

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



Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter Friday 13th January 2023

This week's
attendance
was:
94.7%

Dear parents and carers,

Today your child/ren will come home with a copy of their reviewed targets that we have been working on in the Autumn term. Staff have used their teacher assessments, evidence of the children's learning in class and in their books and end of unit assessments to review these targets. Over the next few weeks, staff and I will be meeting together to discuss the appropriate targets for each child to support them with their learning throughout the spring term. Staff will then share these targets with the children and a copy of these will be sent home. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about the reviewed targets, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah at Northlew to arrange a meeting.



Focus on Respect

This half term we will be focusing on demonstrating our understanding and recognising in ourselves and others when we are being respectful. In our assemblies, the children will be sharing our ideas on how we can show respect and equally earn respect from others. Staff will be awarding certificates each week to

those children who demonstrate our value of respect.

Permanent Menu Changes

Due to issues with suppliers stocking certain items, the following changes have been made to this term's menu.

- Wednesday (wk 2) was oat cookie. Will now be raisin flapjack.
- Thursday (wk 2) was chocolate mint cake. Will now be chocolate orange cake.

An updated menu will be available to view shortly on the school website.



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

Census Day Menu

On **Thursday 19th January**, the menu will be changed to the following...

- **Main:** cheese beef burger, chips and beans.
- **Veggie:** vegetarian burger, chips & beans
- **Jacket potato and sandwiches available as usual**
- **Dessert:** sprinkle cake.

If you would like to amend your child's order, please contact the school.



Littlemoor- People who Help Us

Early Years children in Littlemoor are finding out about people who help us for their topic this half term. If anyone has any dressing up clothes or resources they would be happy to lend us, we would be very grateful. We are looking at Firefighters, Policemen and women, Builders, Doctors, Nurses,

Lollipop people and so the list goes on. Please speak to a member of staff if you have anything which may be useful. Thank you.

Music Sessions

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Jolliffe, our music specialist who will be leading our weekly music lessons across the school. In our preschool, the children are developing arrange of musical skills this term, including how to explore instruments to find different sounds.



The children in Littlemoor have been inspired by 'The Little Train of Caipira' composed by Villa-Lobos, to compose their own rhythm patterns about steam trains using voice and instruments sounds.

In Oketor, the children are composing using musical technology, layering drum grooves, base lines, chords and melodies to create a hip hop composition.



Devon Wildlife Trust Session

We are pleased to welcome back Sarah from the Devon Wildlife Trust, who is working with the children in Littlemoor class. The children thoroughly enjoyed finding out lots of information about woodlouse and then went hunting for them in our outdoor learning environment.



"We learnt about woodlouse, they like to live in dark, moist places"

"We found woodlouse; they were bigger than I thought"



"Woodlouse like dark rainy weather, you can find them under logs and near water"

Cookery After-School Club



Cookery Club has had a strong start with all children behaving impeccably as we discussed aspects of both personal and food hygiene before we embarked on our first task.

This week we made cheese straws and the children worked in small groups to collect and weigh ingredients, to follow a method and to practise techniques used often in baking - all apart from washing-up! Unfortunately, time

did not allow for the children to practise the art of clearing up after, I will endeavour to fit this in next week or feel free to enlist them in helping to clear up at home in order that this skill becomes well practised!

The end results looked amazing, worthy of any bakery shelf - I hope the children enjoyed the all-important taste-testing when they got home.

Next week we will be baking cookies.

Any children that have not been able to register for cookery club this half term can access School Gateway and book themselves on to the club for the second half of the term where I will repeat the recipes and tasks.

Mrs Ogborne



Star Learners

Henrietta- for fantastic calculating and problem solving in maths. What a super learner!



Ruby - for her fantastic attitude to her learning. She tackles every piece of work with determination and is always striving to improve. It is a pleasure to see.

School Value: Respectfulness Award

Arabella- for always being polite and respectful to whoever she is with.



Amelia- for showing respect to our school by enabling the learning of others. She supports staff to ensure the children have everything they need for a swift start to the day.

Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.
Week beginning Mon 16th Jan:
Autumn Menu Week 3

School Diary

January 2023

Monday 16 th	OCRA Indoor Sports, 3-4pm Super Sixes after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 17 th	Wildlife Session, 11-12 (<i>Littlemoor children come in own clothes. Bring in waterproofs & wellies</i>) Cooking Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 18 th	Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 19 th	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>) Choir Club, 3-4pm
Friday 20 th	Book & Biscuit at 8:40am followed by Celebration Assembly 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

January

- **Wed 18th**- Year 6 transition visit at 2pm
- **Wed 25th** – Theatre Alibi visit school

February

- **Mon 6th** – Space Dome Experience at Northlew Primary

March

- **Week commencing 13th** – Bikeability Cycling Proficiency (*date tbc*)
- **6th -31st** – Festival of Hope

FOBCS Book Winner!
Olivia





We would like to make you aware, through our partnership with The AIM Group, of 2 fully funded and FREE courses which are available to any adults within our school communities, whether you are a member of staff, a parent/carer/guardian, volunteer, governor etc.

1. [Advanced Child Development \(Neuroscience in children\) Level Two Qualification \[25 Questions\] completed online over 4-6 weeks.](#)

The AIM Group have partnered with the UK's leading colleges to provide a brand new fully funded (free) level 2 qualification, which is the first of its kind!

What Is Neuroscience?

Neuroscience is the study of the brain and its impact on behaviour.

It is an exciting field of research that has huge significance to anyone who supports babies or young children. This qualification is designed to give learners an introduction to the subject and to share with them some of the remarkable insights it has given us in terms of how the infant's brain develops, and how this is affected by a range of external influences.

Course Information

This is a brand-new qualification, launching in January which will look to provide learners with practical advice on how to promote healthy brain development in the critical first seven years of their life.

This course will also support how children develop vital self-regulation skills, such as learning how to deal with emotions such as fear, anger and sadness in the correct way.

Typically, a qualification of this level would cost a learner £100's to enrol onto.

The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:

Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2022

Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years

Not already on a Government funded course

Ready to complete the course which will be starting from 23rd January

If you are interested in undertaking this free online course or would like further information, then please complete the following link.

[DMAT Schools: Neuroscience in Early Years Qualification Application Link](#) > This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course

Take care when scrolling for the course and be sure to select either - Neuroscience in Early Years - Level 2 (you will find it right at the bottom of the list)

If you have any questions prior to expressing interest, call Chris Greenfield on **0203 900 3091 extension 213** or drop him an email at christopher.greenfield@theaimgroup.co.uk

Please Note: This must be applied for before the end of January (to ensure we do not surpass funding capacity)

2. [Functional Skills in English or Maths Level 2](#)

Are you looking for a flexible, achievable, and manageable way to retake your GCSE English and Maths?

This alternative GCSE retake can provide just that.

Online classes are designed to develop your confidence and the foundations to progress on to higher level English qualifications. It can also enable you to use your skills in everyday life, both personally and professionally.

Functional Skills English Level 2: Eastleigh College:

Reading | Writing | Speaking | Listening | Communication

Functional Skills Mathematics Level 2: Eastleigh College:

Whole Numbers | Fractions | Decimals | Percentages | Using Common Measures | Shape and Space | Handling Information and Data | Solving Mathematical Problems

So, what to do if you are interested?

Course delivery:

- This is very much tailored to the individual. The online tutor will work with learners on an individual basis, so there are no set "taught" sessions for the learners to attend.
- All work is supplied on the learning platform and learners can have calls and teams' meetings with their tutor to support with progress.
- Completion time is 12-20 weeks dependent on learner ability (this is accessible 24/7 online)
- learners WILL have a virtual exam at the end to complete their qualification and will be allowed one free resit per qualification
- For any subsequent resits, the learner will be charged the examination administration fee plus the Examination Board fee (handled by Eastleigh College)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Does not have a GCSE C or above already in the chosen subject (example, if you have a B in English, you would not be able to access this)
- Over the age of 19 as of 31st August 2022, and have lived in UK for the past three years with a Valid Passport or Driving License
- Not currently be enrolled onto any other gov funded course.

To register your interest please click this link > [DMAT Schools: English and Mathematics Functional Skills Level Two Qualifications](#)
Take care when scrolling for the course and be sure to select either - [Functional Skills English-Level 2](#) or [Functional Skills Mathematics-Level 2](#)

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If you are interested in either the Neuroscience or the Functional Skills courses, please get in touch with [Chris Greenfield](#) ASAP as there is limited capacity to access on both of these courses.

FOBCS dates for diary

Happy new year to you all. We'd like to share some upcoming dates with you, hope you can join us.

Monday 16th January FOBCS meeting

FOBCS are meeting at the Clovelly Inn, Bratton Clovelly at 8pm this Monday - all are welcome to join us. We will be making plans for the term whilst enjoying a drink and a chance to socialise.

Wednesday 22nd March Bag2School collection

Had a successful post-Christmas clear out?

Your donations of unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen, towels, curtains and more can raise money for Boasley Cross Primary School. FOBCS have plenty of storage space - if you, your friends or family have items you would like to donate immediately, we can take these now and store them for the Bag2School collection on the 22nd March.

We will be very pleased to receive and store your suitable items for Bag2School donations: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

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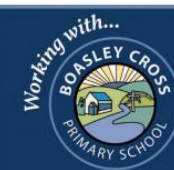
Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Wednesday 22nd March



Saturday 1st April BINGO

FOBCS are arranging a Bingo event on Saturday 1st of April at Bratton Parish Hall. We would love you to join us for this fun, family friendly event - more details soon.



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