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# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

*A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed*

## **Newsletter** **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**This week's  
attendance  
was:  
97.41%**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term, and what a busy half term it has been! The children of Boasley Cross have enjoyed a wide variety of sporting activities this half term and we are excited that we have qualified for the finals of the Dartmoor Cup Cricket, which will take place when we come back after the holidays. We are also looking forward to the adventures that our KS2 children will be having on their residentials and a wide variety of exciting events that we have planned for a very busy end to another fantastic year!

### **Neon Run**

On Tuesday this week I thoroughly enjoyed the day with our year 6 girls as they participated in the 'Neon Run' based at Simmons Park. We started off the day decorating their t-shirts (and themselves) with neon paints before completing a 2km run around the park. After our lunch we took part in a range of activities from badminton to axe throwing! Another amazing sporting event organised by the Devon School Games, definitely something we will build into our sporting programme for next year. See the photos featured in this newsletter below.



### **Sporting Events & Visits**

Next half term, we have lots of sporting events taking place organised through OCRA. We will be sending out emails

and texts about these events after the half term. We also have a visit from Clive Pig, who will be coming into lead a Vikings workshop and drama session with our key stage 2 children to consolidate their history topic this half term.





### **Museum & Castle Trip**

Yesterday, Littlemoor visited the Museum of Dartmoor Life and Okehampton Castle. It was a busy day but everyone had a wonderful time and the sun shone for us! The children were joined by

friends from Northlew and completed activities at the museum before walking to the castle to explore. As always, the children behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school.



### **OCRA Summer Activities Club**

After half term, OCRA will be providing the children with the opportunity to take part in 'summer activities' after-school club. This will be held on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm and is free of charge. To book your child onto this club, please go to the payments section of School Gateway.

### **A Huge Thank You!**

This week some members of our FOBCS team went along with some Boasley Cross children to collect a generous donation from Bratton Clovelly Plant Sale. The school have been donated a fantastic £368, following a very successful plant sale in the village. The staff and I have been discussing how this could be spent to enhance the curriculum for all our children at Boasley Cross. We are hoping to share our exciting plans with you next half term.

Once again a huge, big thank you to the many people who are part of the Bratton Clovelly Plant Sale Team and on behalf of myself, staff and children we are extremely thankful for your generosity.







### **Soup and Sweet**

Last week, two of our year sixes volunteered at the chapel's Soup and Sweet. They took orders for mains, sweets and teas and coffees. This was the busiest Soup and Sweet that we have attended but the children remained calm, remembered their orders and managed a very busy lunchtime really well.

### **Science**

This week Oketor have taken their Science learning outside. This half term the children have been learning about materials both raw and synthetic. They have been looking at different processes that humans use to manufacture synthetic materials from raw materials. Latterly, the children have been learning about the environmental impact that 'single use' objects have on our finite supply of raw materials and how we can help to reduce this impact by recycling. Here are a few pictures of the children 'manufacturing' their own paper by recycling paper that had already been used in school.



Just to remind all our parents that on the first week back Littlemoor children start their swimming lessons on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June and our year 3 residential take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

WE hope that lots of you can join us to support our AWE Project on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 12-3pm.

Thank you all for your continuous support as always. Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Mrs Cook



# NEON RUN



"I love painting my neon t-shirt and myself! I also really enjoyed the archery. It was a great day"- Olivia



"The Neon Run event was just amazing. You get to paint your own t-shirt and yourself. I loved that it was just for girls too! The range of sports we took part in were great fun"- Marnie



"I enjoyed every minute of the Neon Run. It was brilliant decorating our tops and ourselves and taking part in lots of fun sports"- Amelia





## Home Learning Projects

We would just like to congratulate the children at Boasley on the huge effort they have made with this half term's home learning projects. As always, Home Learning at Boasley is linked to learning topics or current affairs and this half term, children were asked to produce a piece relating to either The Vikings, Raw and Synthetic Materials or King Charles's Coronation. Here are some of the extraordinary pieces of home learning that the children in Oketor have created this half term.



**FOBCS Book Winner!**  
**Pippa**



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

# Star Learners

**Olivia** has been writing lots of things completely independently and using all the new sounds she has been learning accurately.



**Isabella** has shown a positive attitude to her learning this week. Her presentation has been beautiful, and she has produced some truly wonderful pieces of work.

## School Value: Respectfulness Award

**Esme** is respectful and polite to everyone in our school. She always listens carefully and is considerate to others. I have also attached a couple of photos of the trip.



As always, **Olivia** shows the greatest of respect. She is a kind friend and is always willing to help anyone in need. Olivia, you are a star role model.



# Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.  
Week beginning Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June:  
**Autumn Menu Week 1**

## School Diary

### June

<b>Monday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball session- Oketor ( <i>come to school in PE kit</i> ) <b>*OCRA summer activities club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup>	Clive Pig- Viking Workshop <b>*Netball club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>*Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Yr3 Residential Trip (day 1)</b> <b>*Gardening club, 3-4pm</b>
<b>Friday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Yr3 Residential Trip (day 2)</b> Book & Biscuit at 8:40am followed by Celebration Assembly Swimming lesson, 1:15pm- Littlemoor class (1/6)

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

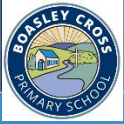
## Dates For Your Diary

### June

- **Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** - FOBACS fun family bike ride. 1-4pm Sourton Village Hall. Tea and cake for sale. All welcome.
- **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Yr3 residential trip**
- **Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (Littlemoor class)
- **Tues 13<sup>th</sup>** – Sports Day, 1:30pm
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Small Schools Cross Country
- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** – **Yr4&5 residential trip to Menadue, Tintagel**

### July

- **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>**- Bag2School Collection
- **Tues 11<sup>th</sup>- Sat 15<sup>th</sup>** – **Yr6 French residential trip to Normandy**
- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** - last day of term



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BUILDING A BOOK COMMUNITY



# Newsletter

## Issue 2 – April/May 2023

### letter from an author....

**CLARE HELEN WELSH**

To the Children and Staff of Boasley Cross Primary School,

What an honour it is to be invited to write something for your school newsletter.

My name is Clare Helen Welsh and I am a writer. I write books for children – some fiction, some non-fiction, and some that are a bit of both. I write funny books, adventure books, hopeful books ...and some books with no words in at all!

I'm super excited to be visiting you in July. It will be my book birthday – publication day for *Never Ever Ask A Pirate To A Party!* How special to be able to celebrate and spend the day with you. Normally, being an author means sitting at home in my pyjamas with my imaginary friends and my dog, Hope. I will make sure I don't wear pyjamas and come in my best party clothes.



I haven't always been a writer. I used to be a teacher. Before that, I answered the phone in French to people wanting to book holidays. I've also worked for Father Christmas... but being a writer is probably the best job I have ever done. I'll tell you all about it when I see you. I wonder if you can guess the bits of my job I like the most. Which parts do you think are the hardest?

During my visit to your school, we will be reading and writing stories and I'll share some top tips for storytelling. Here's one to get you started; your imaginations are like muscles – they improve the more you use them, so don't give up if you find storytelling tricky. It's the same for all skills – so whether you enjoy storytelling, drawing, sports or something else, persevere if it makes you happy. Who knows where it'll lead you in life?

You might even make a guest appearance on a school newsletter one day!  
With love and stories,

Clare xx

P.S. Sadly, I can't bring Hope to your school, but here is a photo of her in her best party clothes.

P.P.S. I will be travelling to see you in my authormobile.  
Please can I park on your playground? Save me a spot!



It has been such a busy few weeks in school and we have been squeezing in lovely book-ish things where we can!

There has been such enthusiasm in Littlemoor for the Story Sacks this half term, we are so pleased to see the children enjoying these at home with their families.

Next half term we will be welcoming Author, Clare Helen Welsh to spend the day with us - working with both classes over the day!

Here are a few of the books that Clare has written!





## What have we been doing in Book Club this half term?

Over the last few weeks, Mrs Sumner has been working with Littlemoor class for the Boasley Book Club. We have been busy voting on books for the Children's Book Awards. We have been reading the 4 shortlisted picture books and each of the children voted on their favourites, placing them from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. The children drew some lovely pictures which are being sent to the Federation of Children's Book Groups to put into portfolios that will be presented to each author at the award's ceremony in June. We cannot wait to see which book wins! For the last 2 weeks Littlemoor has been celebrating 'National Share a Story Month' with the theme of 'Sail away in a story'. We have read some 'sea themed books and the children are designing their own boats to enter into a competition. Well done Littlemore!



## What is Boasley reading?

### Book Review

Hedgewitch  
by  
Skye McKenna



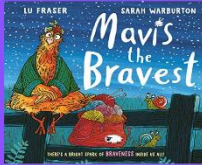
"I really enjoyed it because it was so dramatic and mysterious, with crimes to solve. I really hope other people will enjoy it too."

By Tilly




### Book Review

"Mavis the Bravest is good because it is so funny and the farmer catches the robber!"



By Pippa



"The Bunny Vs Monkey Books by Jamie Smart are brilliant! They are very funny and I love the comic style illustrations."

By Hector

### Useful Information:

### Useful Websites for resources:

Nosy Crow Activities: <https://nosycrow.com/activity-sheets/>

A great reading blog with news and reviews: <https://alibrarylady.blog/>

Federation of Children's Book Groups <https://fcbg.org.uk/>



# AWE Project

**Awe, Wonder, Environment**

**working together to enhance school spaces for our children, to inspire and excite!**

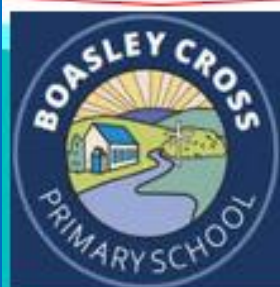
**Please come and help!**



On **Wednesday 7th June from 12pm – 3pm** we will be painting, tidying and planting and starting to transform the EYFS area at the School.

By working as a team, we hope to enhance and improve the areas. Please make sure you wear old clothes.

We will be there from 12pm – 3pm so even just a bit of help would be very welcome! Please drop in for whatever time you have to spare - it would be lovely to see you.



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# Bag2School

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

**Thursday 6th July 2023**

## 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)



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## CAKE AND TEAS

### Sourton Village Hall

**Sunday 4th June**

**1pm - 4pm**



All walkers, cyclists and well behaved dogs welcome to pop in for tea, coffee, squash and cake.

Parents and carers are responsible for the children in their care.

All welcome, we hope to see you there!



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