

Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter **Friday 31st March 2023**

This week's
attendance
was:
98.25%

Dear parents/carers,

As we approach the end of a very busy term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our amazing children, our wonderful staff team and our parents and wider community for everything they have done and continue to do to make our school a special place to be. The children should be incredibly proud of themselves and all their achievements this term, both inside and outside the classroom. I hope that the weather turns and the sun decides to make an appearance over the Easter Holidays.



A huge thank you to all those parents, grandparents and wider family members who came along to our music concert yesterday. It was a lovely way to celebrate the musical talents of the children at Boasley Cross and an opportunity to hear our festival of hope song sung so beautifully by the children. Thank you to our FOBCS group for organising the Easter fair following the performance. The children thoroughly enjoyed the easter egg hunt and the various cakes and treats for sale.

After School Clubs for the summer term

Our clubs will begin the second week back of the summer term (week beginning Monday 24th April). We can confirm that the following clubs will be running next term. Consent is needed from parents on School Gateway which will be open on the Wednesday that we return after the holidays.



Monday	3-4pm	OCRA Badminton
Tuesday	3-4pm	Netball Club with Mrs Ogborne
Wednesday	3-4pm	Martial Arts with Sensi Steve
Thursday	3-4pm	Gardening Club with Mrs Turner

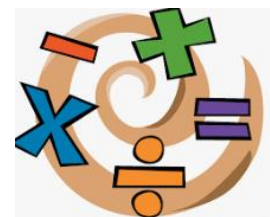


Swimming Lesson

Just a reminder to our parents on Oketor that our key stage 2 swimming lessons will begin on the first week back – Friday 21st April. The children will have first sitting in dinners and the coach will pick up at 12:45pm. The children have an hour swimming lesson and will return to school for the end of the school day. They will need to bring swimming costume/shorts and towel (googles are optional). The children may also want to bring a snack for after swimming. Thank you to all our parents in Oketor class who have paid for the swimming lessons.

Maths support

Following our recent parent questionnaire regarding support with the maths curriculum, please find below some relevant websites that your child/ren may want to explore over the Easter holidays. We plan to organise some parent workshops in the summer term on specific areas of the curriculum to help parents support their children with maths at home.



EYFS:

[Top 10 Interactive Math's Games EYFS - Little Learners Online](#)
[Early Years Maths - Topmarks Search](#)

Key stage 1 (year 1 and 2)

[KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Key Stage 1 Maths - Topmarks Search](#)

Key stage 2 (years 3-6)

[Maths games KS2 – 9 of the best free online games - Teachwire](#)

[Problem Solving Games for Key Stage 2 children \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

Tag Rugby

Last week, seven children from Oketor went to tag rugby at South Zeal with lots of other schools in the trust. Although we were playing very competitive and experienced teams, we played really well with endurance and pride, despite the extremely muddy field! We played together listening to each other to pass the ball carefully in order to get a try. It was great having our rugby experts on the team who helped to support and encourage us all with great team spirit. We were definitely muddy by the end.

Tag Rugby Team



Wishing you all a very happy Easter. I hope the sun makes an appearance over the two week period. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 17th April.

Mrs Cook

New Story Sacks arrive in Littlemoor

What a treat the children and parents of Boasley Cross had this week when the class were presented with Story Sacks that they could take home and enjoy for years to come.

The Story Sacks each contain a well-known and loved children's story along with a collection of items that can be used to support and extend the telling and understanding of each story.

Here is what some of the children from Littlemoor said about the sacks:



'I had The Gruffalo one and it was lots of fun and it had puzzles, a book, some drawing and some more books.' YR child.

'The Jam Sandwich one was SO much fun! Inside it you could build a little jam sandwich. It had wasps that the jam sandwich attracted and only 3 got away!' Y2 pupil.



'I had the Three Little Pigs one, it had a game in it, it had three knitted pigs and it had a wolf that looked like a dog!' YR child.

Thanks must go to Sara Sumner and all those who helped to contribute towards the development of the Story Sacks. From chatting to the children in Littlemoor, it's obvious to see the positive impact they have made already on the children's enjoyment of reading stories alongside others.

FOBCS Book Winner!
Ethan



FOBCS Book Winner!
Marnie



Egg Rolling Competition

Much fun was had at our first ever Egg Rolling competition. The children were able to 'launch' their decorated egg down the ramp and its final resting place on the 'runway' was measured before the egg was assessed for cracks!

The hall was filled with cautious countdowns, shrieks of laughter and gasps of anticipation as each egg made its way down the course.

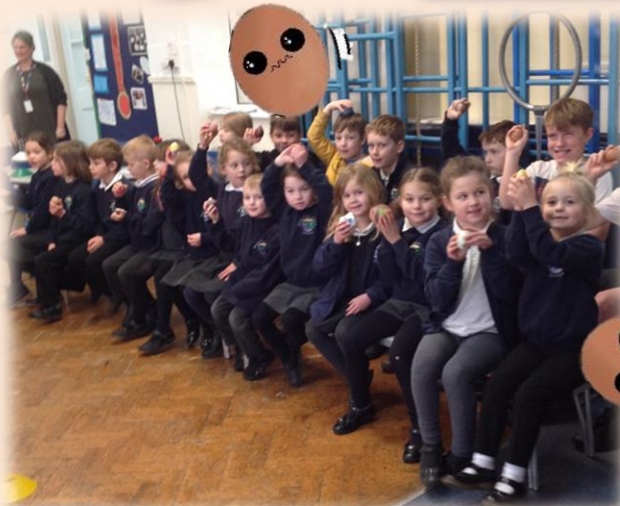
Thank you so much to children and parents for supporting this event, there were so many uniquely designed eggs entered - I think it's fair to say that an egg....cellent time was had by all!



Oketor Winner
Stan



Littlemoor Winner
Reuben



Forest School Learning in Oketor

Whilst Tuesday's weather saw quite a dramatic change from that of the springlike feel of Monday's, it was embraced by Sarah and Oketor children and was indeed rather appropriate for this week's learning.

The children learnt all about the three essential elements needed to create a successful campfire. They were then given the opportunity to light

their own fires using a flint and steel and cotton wool.

It was obvious from the children's hot chocolate-stained smiles and the stories of campfire successes that filled the classroom when the children came back in that they'd all thoroughly enjoyed their forest school session. Thanks to Sarah from the Dartmoor Wildlife Trust for

her constant enthusiasm throughout every forest school lesson this term - even on the dampest and coldest of days!



Music Performances & FOBCS Easter Fayre



On Thursday afternoon we saw the dedication and commitment of the musicians at Boasley Cross come to fruition as they performed musical pieces on a variety of instruments in front of parents and family. The

children that performed have all been having weekly tuition with our peripatetic music tutor, Mr Rogo, and they did not disappoint.



Well done to all of those that performed, you should be very proud of yourselves.

Thank you also to our amazing FOBCS team and to all those who have supported them with donations of draw prizes, cakes and other goodies - it was so great to see so many people enjoying the hustle and bustle of the Easter Fayre.





THANK YOU! Over £575
raised for Boasley Cross
Primary School.



McDonald's Fun Football Centres are back for 2023 and registrations are now open! We have over 600 Centres around the UK. You'll be sure to find one near you. Register your child today.

McDonald's provides hundreds of free football sessions designed with our UKFA partners and delivered by our team of fully qualified coaches across the UK.

There are multiple dates where this **FREE club** is taking place at **Ashbury Golf Hotel, Okehampton**. To check dates and register your child click the following link: <https://www.mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/football/fun-football-centres.html>



Autism Acceptance Week

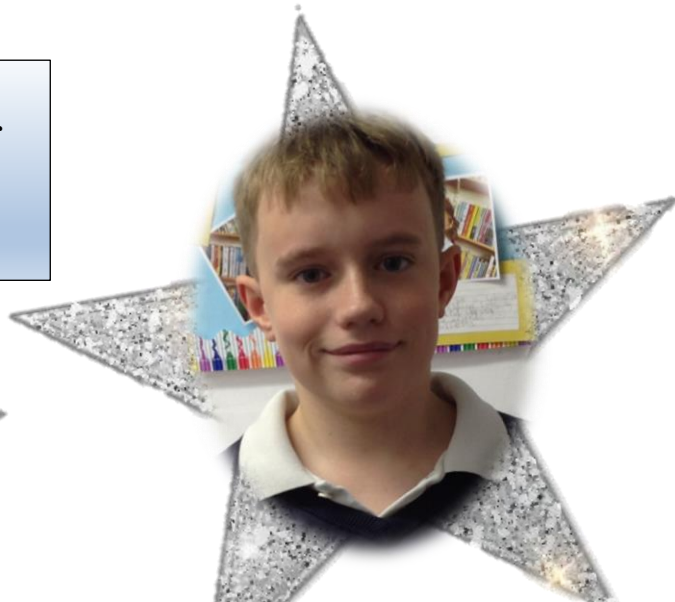
This week at Boasley we have been raising awareness of Autism and how it can present itself in people. Our learning has encompassed looking at how we are all different and unique on the outside, how

Autism can cause people's brains to think, process and react differently and how we can support each other when we're finding something difficult to cope with.

Littlemoor have thought about and discussed what it means to be a good friend and how to support each other when big emotions are being felt. Thank you to all the children for being so thoughtful throughout our various discussions and for displaying empathy as we learned about how life feels for people with Autism.

Star Learners

Lottie has made superb progress this term with her phonics and her number work. She is always enthusiastic and positive about her learning. A great example to everyone!



Louis has made some fantastic contributions to our class discussions - especially in our topic of space.

School Value: Resilience Award

Sam has still given everything 100% in spite of his injury.



Charlotte has persevered with making numbers using tens and ones apparatus and is very resilient with all areas of maths. She keeps on trying with positivity, determination and always a smile!



Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.

Week beginning ###:

Autumn Menu Week ####

School Diary

March

Monday 17 th	All children return to school
Tuesday 18 th	
Wednesday 19 th	Yr3 residential meeting, 5pm at Boasley Cross
Thursday 20 th	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school (<i>Come in full PE kit</i>)
Friday 21 st	Celebration Assembly, 8:45am Swimming lessons begin - Oketor class (<i>swim 1:15-2:15pm</i>)

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

Dates For Your Diary

(Please note, dates may be subject to change)

April

- **Sat 1st**- FOBCS Bingo
- **Wed 19th**- Yr3 residential meeting, 5pm at Boasley Cross
- **Fri 21st** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (*Oketor class*)
- **Tues 25th** - French residential meeting at Boasley Cross, 4pm

May

- **Thurs 4th**- Yr 4&5 residential meeting, 4pm at Boasley Cross
- **Mon 8th** - Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation
- **Tues 9th - Fri 12th** - Year 6 SATs week
- **Sat 13th** - Bratton Clovelly plant sale (raising funds for Boasley Cross School)

June

- **Sun 4th** - FOBCS sponsored bike ride
- **Tues 8th & Fri 9th** – Yr3 Residential
- **Fri 9th** - Swimming lessons begin for 6 weeks (*Littlemoor class*)
- **Mon 26th - Wed 28th** - Yr 4&5 Residential at Menadue Activity Centre, Tintagel

July

- **Tues 11th - Sat 15th** – Yr6 French Residential
- **Fri 21st** - last day of term



Can you go the distance?

BRATTON CLOVELLY VILLAGE

Plant Sale

Flower & Veg plants, Shrubs and Perennials
Refreshments and Raffle

On

Saturday 13th May

at

Bratton Clovelly Hall EX20 4JT

11am – 2 pm

Cash Payment Only



All proceeds to the following:
Devon Air Ambulance, Bratton Clovelly Hall,
Bratton Clovelly Church Tower,
& Boasley Primary School.

Saturday 1st April 2023

Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall

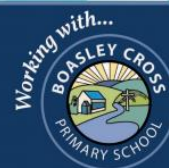
Doors open at 17.30 • Eyes down 18.00



1 & 2 LINES WIN AN EASTER EGG •
FULL HOUSE WINS A ROAST DINNER •
CASH FLYER AND CHILDRENS FLYER •

• Tea, coffee, cake, sweets and raffle tickets for sale.
• Accompanied children very welcome.

Event organised by the Friends of Boasley Cross School (FOBCS), raising money for Boasley Cross Primary School. Adults must stay during event and remain responsible for their own children throughout the event.



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