



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter

Friday 8th April

**This week's
attendance**

was:

96.20%

Dear Parents/Carers

The Easter break is upon us and we are so proud of the children as they have shown true Boasley values this term, demonstrating respectful, resourceful and resilient behaviours throughout.



As well as a very successful OCRA Cross Country series which the Boasley team enjoyed, achievements have included Year 5 children receiving their 'Bikeability' certificates after completing their cycling proficiency with Margitta Jolliffe from Plymouth School Sports Partnership and The Cycling Partnership at schools in Devon, UK.

SATS assessments were also completed last week and the children worked hard, drawing on the fantastic learning they have undertaken this term. For a reminder of forthcoming SATS arrangements, Phonics screening and Multiplication checks, please see details in this newsletter.

It's heartening to see so many children signed up for the after-school clubs which we will be offering in the Summer term. There is still some availability, so please access School Gateway to see if there is a club your child would like to be included in. As there will be a Forest School club available for KS1 children, the Outdoor Learning sessions within the school day on Tuesday's has now come to an end.



Oketor class will be starting Forest School sessions on Wednesday afternoons, so please can children bring in wellies and waterproofs each Wednesday, starting from 27th April.



As previously advised, swimming will be starting in the first week of term; KS2 will be attending the first 5 sessions with EYFS/KS1 following on for a further 5 sessions. The cost of the venue and coach travel has been heavily subsidised by school, so it would be appreciated if parental contributions are made through School Gateway by the required date. Thank you for your support.

All that's left to say is that the Boasley Cross Staff Team wish you all a happy, healthy Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing children on Monday 25th April.



Year 6 SATS

Our Year 6 children have been attending SATs club over the past few weeks, which will continue after the Easter holiday. For further information about Year 6 SATs week (Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May) please click on the link: <https://youtu.be/dIbCj1QoEIE>

Year 2 SATs

The children in Year 2 will also carry out a range of assessments in reading, spelling, grammar and mathematics. These will take place within the month of May and will support teacher assessments made throughout the year. For further information about the tests, please click on the link: <https://youtu.be/cuXJidYP7-0>

Year 1 Phonics Screen Check

Children in Year 1 will have a phonics reading assessment during the week beginning Monday 6th June. The assessment will be carried out by the class teacher and will check the children's ability to read a range of words using the phonics sounds they have been taught. For more information, please click on the link: <https://youtu.be/LbKGLJPp6ww>

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Children in Year 4 will have multiplication tables checks during the month of June. The check will assess the children's fluency in their recall of their times tables from 2 to 12. For more information, please click on the link: [Multiplication tables check: information for parents \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/multiplication-tables-check)

Our Star Learners this week



Ethan for his brilliant retrieval on the Romans. Ethan has amazed us with the knowledge he has retained from our previous topics.



Maddie for a fantastic attitude to everything she does. This week Maddie has written a great biography on Bessie Coleman and has really focused well on making sure that she has followed her plan consistently.

Our School Value Certificates this week

'Resilience'



Henrietta has shown resilience this week with her handwriting. Henrietta has worked really hard to ensure that her letters were all the same size and sitting on the line appropriately. Well done!



Freya continually impresses with her resilience, not just within the curriculum but across all areas of school life. Well done!



Littlemoor and Oketor show cased their home learning projects and they enjoyed showing each other their achievements.

OCRA CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

We have now received the final results of the OCRA Cross Country 3 event series. Well done to all the children who took part; we are proud of you all and are so thrilled to say that Archie came 2nd and Harrison came 3rd in the Boys Individual results!!



**HUGE
CONGRATULATIONS
ARCHIE
AND
HARRISON**



Notice Board

School Diary

April 2021

Monday 25th	All children return No after school clubs (except Tag Rugby) this week
Tuesday 26th	
Wednesday 27th	Oketor Forest School session pm - wellies and waterproofs required
Thursday 28th	Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh - full PE kits required First Tag Rugby after school club session with Mr Pugh 3-4pm
Friday 29th	Music lessons with Mrs Jolliffe am Aqua Stars swimming sessions pm KS2 - swimming costumes/towels/goggles required

SCHOOL 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.

Thank you.

If you wish to donate further to the Ukraine appeal, please do so online - [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee](https://www.ukraine-humanitarian-appeal.org.uk/) (dec.org.uk)



Message from FOBCS:

We hope the kids have had a fantastic last day of term and really enjoyed their Easter egg hunt. Thanks to the Co-Op Okehampton for their kind donation of Easter eggs for the children and to FOBCS member Kelly Timms for organising these.



Thank you for your super raffle prize donations and to FOBCS member Rachel Orchard for her hamper creations. Thank you also to Waitrose for their additional Easter egg donations and for your raffle ticket purchases. Hope we have lots of happy winners today!

With your help, FOBCS have been able to do lots this term:

- Finance in-school First Aid training with Joe Rice
- Supply the materials for cosy reading/quiet spaces for the Preschool, Littlemoor and Oketor classes
- Subsidise 'Gangsta Granny' theatre ticket cost
- Cover coach cost for 'Gangsta Granny' trip to Barnstaple
- Provide craft supplies for Littlemoor and Oketor
- Finance new high quality texts for the library
- Create cheerful planters outside the school
- Give Easter eggs to all the children

Thank you to parents, carers, staff and children for your support of FOBCS over this Spring term. From purchasing raffle tickets, preloved school uniform and platinum jubilee artwork to donating bag2school items, raffle prizes and your time for pond clearing. From such positive engagement on Facebook or at the school gate to signing up for EasyFundraising; it all adds up to make such a difference to what FOBCS can do to support the children of Boasley Cross School.

Have a great Easter holiday,

FOBCS



And the winners of the Easter hamper raffle at school today were:

- Marnie
- Jowan
- Isla
- Olivia B
- Jack
- Sam
- Louis
- Miss Hyde
- Sebby's Nan

**An amazing £104 was raised today -
thank you so much!!**





Happy Easter!

Thank you for your support this term.

FOBCS

AWE Project at Boasley Cross Primary School

Boasley Cross Primary had identified to Melissa Trudgill and Derrick Brett, the Trust's Community Team, that, as an AWE project, their large pond needed some hard work and attention in order for the children to be able to use it again for their wildlife and science lessons.

The pond was overgrown, had debris and rubbish in it, but mostly had some very dense reeds which dominated one half of the pond.

There were many planning conversations with Boasley in-house wildlife specialist Lorriane Simmons who provided good links between the School, the Estates Team and Melissa.

Grateful thanks to Sharon Perkins and the Estates Team who had organised and undertaken the invaluable preparation work - creating 3 compost bins made from pallets ready to receive the sludge, reeds and green waste from the pond. Extra safety measures had also been installed by their team.

Derrick and Melissa had sought prior wildlife expertise and advice from Lucy Alford of the South West Lakes Trust and she had quickly dismissed an earlier idea of workers submerging in the pond and wearing waders in order to ensure wildlife was protected due to the time of year.

The team on the day were fab and included Philip Duthaler, Premises Manager Small Schools Team; Gary Friend Caretaker Small Schools Team; Derrick Brett Executive Director of Civic Leadership; Melissa Trudgill Community Engagement Manager and Boasley Cross Parents Emma Daniels and Susan Turner.

The work might well have been cold, smelly and dirty, but the team were rewarded by many close encounters with beautiful frogs and newts and hot drinks and cake afterwards.

Thanks so much to all who helped and for the warm welcome from Boasley Cross Primary School.



BEFORE



AFTER





CRICKET

@ LEWDOWN CRICKET CLUB

EX20 4DP

Sessions start:

Friday 22nd April 2022

6.30pm

and every Friday thereafter until end of Summer Term – weather permitting !

All welcome from aged 5 to 15

New starters can try for free !
Junior club membership required
thereafter.
Very reasonable rates !

Sign up to All Stars or Dynamos at ecb.co.uk/play

for exclusive kit and coaching videos or just turn up and join in.



EASTER 'EGGOFF'

INFUSION HOLIDAY CLUBS

MON 11TH APRIL 2022: FAIRPLACE, OKEHAMPTON

TUES 12TH APRIL 2022: HALWILL VILLAGE HALL

WED 13TH APRIL 2022: HATHERLEIGH METHODIST

10:00 - 15:00 : £5 PER DAY

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF EASTER PICK N MIX
SPORTS, CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES AND GAMES!

For more info, contact: infusion.methodist@gmail.com



BOOK VIA THE CALENDAR AT:
westdevonmethodists.org.uk/youth/what-do-we-get-up-to/

Okehampton & District Tennis Club



JUNIOR TENNIS GROUP COACHING

SATURDAY MORNING

WHEN? SATURDAY 30 April 2022 (last session 4 June)
TIME? 9.00 - 10.00 am. (10.00 - 11.00 am)
WHAT AGE? 6 - 10 Years old. (11 - 15 Years old)
COST? £30 for 6 week course (open to members and non members)

ADULT TENNIS GROUP COACHING (16 + YEARS)

WHEN? Frid 22 April, Mon 25 April, Frid 29 April, Mon 2 May
TIME. 6.00 - 7.00 pm Beginners 7- 8 pm Intermediates
COST £25 Tennis club members (£40 non members)
4 session course for beginners/Intermediates
(minimum 4, maximum 6, group size)

(4 hour course covering footwork, shot preparation, racket grip, different shots, serving, practising and implementing)

All courses delivered by NICK BOND, level 3 LTA accredited coach at the
Okehampton Tennis Courts, EX20 1GE.

TO BOOK Telephone 07813 315376 or
AND PAY. Email marycary@hotmail.co.uk

Course run by Okehampton & District Tennis Club
With LTA level 3 accredited coach - Nick Bond

Easter Swim School Crash Courses

Only £24 for 4 days
Mon 11 – Thur 14 April
Stage 1: 9.30am
Stage 2: 10am

Book now!

Spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

Find out more at...

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