



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils succeed

Newsletter
Friday 30th April 2021

**This week's
attendance
was:
97.90%**

Remember to book your child's **school dinners for the coming week**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter of the summer term. The staff have been busy looking at the assessments they carried out with the children before the Easter holidays and exploring ways to ensure that we meet the needs of all our children. Next week, we will begin small group focused sessions with all our children, these will include reading and phonics, spelling, grammar, multiplication and division facts.

Children have been set targets which will best support their learning in class, and these will be sent home to parents next Friday. We will be holding parent consultation evenings the week beginning **Monday 10th May** which will provide a 10-minute teams meeting/phone call for parents to meet with their child/ren's class teacher and discuss the targets that have been set and how we can collaborate to best support your child/ren at school and at home.

The children have really enjoyed their swimming sessions this week and staff have already seen so many of them growing in confidence in the water. Please remember to provide your child with a snack and a drink for after their swimming session.

It has been lovely to meet some of you on the gate over the last couple of weeks, please do feel free to come and introduce yourself. I plan to hold a parents' forum this half term so that we can talk about your children, their learning and how we can work together. More information to follow in next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the bank holiday. See you all on Tuesday,

Mrs Cook

Our Children's Leadership Team



I met with the key stage two children earlier this week to discuss the various roles and responsibilities available within the school that I would like the children to become more actively involved in. The roles include school librarians, sports leaders and school council/ethos group members. The children will have fortnightly meetings with myself or another member of staff and look at ways of developing particular areas within the school, fund raising or looking at wider global issues. To make the process fair for all our children across key stage 2, we have asked that the children apply in writing for the position they would like to be considered for and share with us some of the reasons why they would be best placed in that post. The staff will discuss all the applications and our new school leadership team will be announced in next week's newsletter. Closing date for all applications is next **Wednesday 5th May**.

New Star Reward Certificates for Positive Behaviour

The behaviour of children at Boasley Cross is excellent and we would like to reward the children for all the fantastic behaviours that we see every day. In today's assembly we shared our new reward 'gold star' sticker chart system. Children will be awarded a gold stars to collect in their sticker book and are rewarded certificates based on the positive behaviours they demonstrate in the classroom and on the playground.



- 50 gold stars = bronze certificate**
- 100 gold stars = silver certificate**
- 200 gold stars = gold certificate**
- 300 gold stars = platinum certificate**

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Our School Values



The Values at Boasley Cross of 'Respectful, Resourceful and Resilient' are modelled and demonstrated by staff and children everyday. This term we are focusing on our value of resilience and encouraging the children to persevere with things even when they are difficult; whether it is a new skill in PE, focused piece of writing, maths challenges or a friendship problem. We encourage them to think of strategies that will help them to overcome their difficulties and look for solutions. As part of our celebration assemblies each Friday, a child from each class will be awarded a certificate for demonstrating their ability to be resilient. Their photographs will be shared each week in our newsletter.

Notice Board

School Diary

May 2021

Monday - 3rd	Bank Holiday
Tuesday - 4th	Littlemoor Forest School session Football Superstars & Nurture Group After School Clubs
Wednesday - 5th	Project Kindness After School Club
Thursday - 6th	Whole School Swimming Netball After School Club
Friday - 7th	Littlemoor & Dartmoor PE sessions Celebration Assembly

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.



BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 3RD MAY 2021



SHORT PONY RIDES for children aged 1- 12years old, just £5 a go!!

Ever thought of giving our short child's forest rides a go or lessons but not sure if your child will like it? This is the perfect chance to have a short go for a minimal cost at approx. 5 minutes a ride.

We will also have some longer tots forest rides running on the day approx. 20mins a rider at £12pp.

Both of these children's rides are running between 11am and 2pm.

PLEASE let us know if you are planning to join us so we have an idea of numbers!!

ALSO RUNNING OUR POPULAR PONY DAY 10am-3pm £45 pp , 1hrs riding, stable management throughout the day, bring lunch. Ages 6-16, book early to avoid disappointment as limited spaces due to covid rules. Any ability beginners to advanced.

Lessons/ Pony Days/ Tots Rides/ Forest Rides/ Birthday Parties and more available every week!

Located 10mins from Holsworthy or Hatherleigh, 20mins from Bude or Okehampton, EX21 5JR

BOOK ONLINE @ www.garlandsfarmridingcentre.com

TEL: 07794647732 / 01409 231569

Learning in Littlemoor & Pre-School.....

Littlemoor have continued investigating the Great Fire of London! This week, we used drama to explore the thoughts and feelings of those that lived through the tragedy and found out about the famous diaries of Samuel Pepys through our work in English.

In Forest school, we had fun foraging for natural materials to make bug hotels and practised sawing canes.

Our maths has been about further developing our addition and subtraction strategies which the children have embraced brilliantly – we have definitely seen the positive impact of your efforts during lockdown! Thank you!

Exploring books in our library



Learning in Dartmoor.....

We have had a week of fantastic learning in Dartmoor class. Our focus in maths lessons this week has been fractions, which has tested our resilience, but all the children have tackled it head on.

In English, we have been using two texts to frame our learning: *The Stone Age Boy* and *Stig of the Dump*. Our overall topic for this half term is Stone Age to Iron Age and we have been making a chronological timeline of Stone Age events - we have had some insightful discussions about what life was like in the stone age and how it differs from modern times.

We have also been practising a special performance for the end of term - we are very excited about this, so watch this space!



Learning in Bodmin.....

This week in Bodmin class, children have been using their prior knowledge of biomes, habitats and environments to explore how animals have adapted to survive in their environment. This has been self-directed learning at its finest; they have shown creativity and enthusiasm in their work on evolution so far.

The children have been learning about Mayan gods and religious beliefs; specifically, learning about different types of god and how the Maya would try and appease them.

Our English sequence is in full flow - our Y5 and Y6 children have been reading the opening of our core text, *Earthsea*, and picking apart the scene and main character. From this, the children have tried to write their own scene settings for fictional fantasy islands.

Our fractions sequence is nearing its conclusion - this week, we have been exploring how to multiply fractions by whole numbers and how we can find fractions of quantities. As always, children are supported with visual representations and manipulatives; they are also stretched and challenged with high level reasoning calculations.

Finally, despite the cold weather on Wednesday, the children in Bodmin enjoyed our cricket lesson. We focussed on batting with accuracy and then applying those skills into our "mayhem cricket" game. As always - we focus on fun, enjoyable skills and knowledge that put a smile on the face and raise the heart rate.

CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



Hector – Star Learner in Littlemoor



Jack – Resilience in Bodmin



Letty – Star Learner in Bodmin



Ethan – Resilience in Dartmoor



Sebby – Resilience in Littlemoor



Isabella – Star Learner in Dartmoor