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Multi Academy
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Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter
Friday 14th October 2022

This week's
attendance
was:
99%

Dear parents/Carers

I wanted to begin this week's newsletter by thanking parents for attending our parents' consultation evening on Wednesday, we will have 100% attendance of parents' meetings across the school and staff will have had the opportunity to speak to parents about the targets that have been set for this term. We strongly believe working together with parents will enable our staff team to support your child/ren the best we can, ensuring that all the children at Boasley Cross continue to flourish in all areas of the curriculum. We hope to analyse our parent questionnaire and share the results with parents after the half term break. If you have anything that you would like to discuss further either with your child's class teacher or myself, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



Parents' Forum

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the parents' forum on Tuesday afternoon. Our SENDco, Jacqui Dart came to share the work we have been doing with the children on managing big emotions using the 5-point scale. Please see the link below for more information:

[Incredible 5-point scale | Green Gates Academy \(horizontrust.org.uk\)](https://horizontrust.org.uk)

We also discussed how we could open the doors of the school to the wider community, exploring different events the children could re-establish and become actively involved in such as 'Soup and Sweet' in the Chapel as well as events that the school could lead to invite the community into the school. More information to follow in the up-and-coming newsletters.

We would also like to get a parents' curriculum working party together to look at ways to develop the curriculum further through enhancing spaces, reading with children and volunteering for outdoor learning etc. More information will be shared in our newsletters next half term. Minutes from this meeting will be shared in next week's newsletter.



Volunteers Needed!

Do you have any spare time? Would you like to come and listen to our children read? Support new projects and develop new areas to support the curriculum for all our children? Please speak to Mrs Cook to find out more. We warmly welcome any parental support in school.

Apple Tales Workshop

The whole school enjoyed a visit from Kevin from Harvest Workers Coop. They learnt all about the production of apple juice from picking through to tasting. Thank you to FOBCS for funding this amazing, hands-on activity.



"I loved tasting the apple juice"



"I enjoyed making apple juice"



Harvest Festival



We have planned a harvest celebration in the Chapel this coming **Friday 21st October at 2:30pm**. We will lead our celebration assembly in the chapel but there will be no book and biscuit session this week. We are asking for donations of dried and tinned foods which can be brought into school on Friday morning so we can bring them over to the Church in the afternoon. All donations will be delivered to the food bank in Okehampton. Everyone is invited so please spread the word.



Read, Write Inc – Phonics session

Mrs Hoskings and Miss Smaridge have already spoken to many of the parents in Littlemoor about coming along to see their children in their phonics session next week. Parents are welcome to join us when they drop off in the hall. Mrs Hosking and Mrs Rootsey will be demonstrating the daily phonics lessons they lead with the children as well as sharing lots of useful videos and activities parents can be doing at home to support their children with reading. Looking forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday morning**.



Forest School Session

The children will have their forest school sessions throughout the day on **Friday 21st October**. We are asking that children come to school in old clothes on Friday and bring along their wellies to change into when we go outside. We have sets of waterproofs at school, but if you do have your own, please send these in along with your child's wellies. We are looking forward to welcoming Rob Taylor back to Boasley to lead our forest school sessions with all the children across the school.

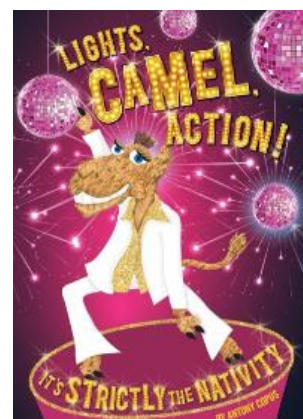


Pupil Consents- Arbor App

Please can we ask that all parents login to their child/ren's ARBOR account, as new consents have been added and updated. It's important that we hold the correct information for your child, so please consent/decline the permissions listed within your child's account by **Monday 17th October**.

Christmas Performance

Our Christmas performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' will take place in **Bratton Clovelly Village Hall at 1:30pm on Thursday 8th December**. Class teachers will be sharing more information about costumes and props after the half term holidays. Everyone is welcome.



Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook

FOBCS BOOK WINNER!
Oscar



Well done to Oscar who was the first to win the FOBCS book draw! He chose, *The Ice Monster* by David Walliams. FOBCS have very kindly offered to purchase a book for each child to donate to the school library. A name will be pulled out of the box every week and that child can choose a book to read before it's added to our school library for others to enjoy.

Hello Yellow Day

To promote our wellbeing and mental health, we held a morning of mindfulness and calming activities. In small groups, we took part in a carousel of four activities. For the first time, members of the school council held their own group, leading children in wellbeing and mindfulness. We are incredibly proud of Amelia, Olivia and Marnie who undertook this with maturity and diligence. In the coming weeks we will be recruiting wellbeing ambassadors to support wellbeing and mental health across the school. We also had a virtual assembly with Jade from the Youth Mental Health Foundation who inspired us with her own story of overcoming adversity. Key Stage 2 will have a workshop with Jade next week to help them discover and explore their own goals and ambitions.

#HelloYellow
YOUNG MINDS

Here is a snapshot of our morning...

Mrs Winter held a mindfulness colouring session whilst listening to relaxing music.

"Mindfulness colouring made me feel calm – like I was in a meadow." Freya.

Mrs Rootsey taught a yoga session.

"The yoga was relaxing. When I was focussing on the ceiling, it made me feel like I was going to bed." Isabella.

Mrs Hoskin practised watercolour painting with mindfulness music.

"I liked the painting. The first piece of music gave me Harry Potter vibes then it changed to flower vibes." Tilly

"The second piece of music made me feel like I was under the sea." Henrietta.

As school councillors, Olivia, Amelia and Marnie held a goal setting and gratitude group.

"I liked hearing about what other people felt lucky about" Lois.

"I was really proud of Littlemoor – it's good to see them being independent and active learners." Marnie.

**We
raised
£47.20
for charity
'Young
Minds'**



Star Learners

Charlotte- for supporting her friends on the playground and teaching them how to use the stilts!



Olivia B- for her accelerated progress in maths due to her determination to be an active and independent learner.



School Value: Resilience Award

Hywel- for coping with a change in routine at school due to Hello Yellow day. Hywel, you managed this beautifully and we are very proud of you.



Lucy- for keeping going with learning her sounds.



Notice Board

Remember to book your child's school meals.
Week beginning 17th October:
Autumn Menu Week 1

School Diary

October 2022

Monday 17 th	Dance after school club, 3-4pm
Tuesday 18 th	Netball after school club, 3-4pm
Wednesday 19 th	RWi Workshop for parents, 8:35am Martial Arts after school club, 3-4pm KS1 Kodaly music after school club, 3-4pm
Thursday 20 th	PE with Mr Pugh- whole school Tag Rugby after school club, 3-4pm
Friday 21 st	Forest School- Come wearing own clothes (<i>bring wellies & waterproofs</i>) Harvest and Celebration Assembly, 2:30pm in the Chapel



- **Fri 21st October** Half term
- **Mon 31st October** All children return
- **Mon 31st October** FOBCS Halloween Disco
- **Fri 4th November** Tempest individual & family photos
- **Fri 8th November** Swap Shop in school, 3:30-3:15pm
- **Thurs 17th November** FOBCS Bag2School
- **Tues 29th November** Whole School Flu Immunisation programme
- **Tues 6th December** Parents Forum 5pm
- **Tues 6th December** Naturemakes Workshop (FOBCS)
- **Thurs 8th December** School Christmas Performance, 1:30pm
- **Thurs 15th December** 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre
- **Fri 16th December** Last day of term



Tuesday 8th November
Boasley Cross Primary School
2:30- 3:15pm

Donate any unwanted items of children's clothing, shoes & books (in good re-usable condition) and in return you can swap them for other items available on our Swap Shop stall.

Please leave donations at reception on Fri 4th November.

FOBCS Halloween Disco!

Monday the 31st October



4-6pm at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall

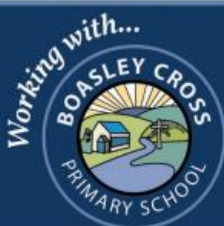
SPOOKY DRESS

- £4.00 per child to include hot dog, chips and squash
- Bring a carved pumpkin to enter our Halloween pumpkin contest
- Younger siblings welcome
- Tea/coffee and cake available for purchase

Email fobsfundraising@gmail.com for tickets, message us on Facebook or catch us at the school gate.

Look forward to seeing you there for some spooky fun!

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. Let us know of dietary requirements in advance please.



Friends of Boasley Cross School

fobsfundraising1@gmail.com Charity number: 1125936

Managing your Money

Our **Managing Your Money** webinar session is designed to help with information, tips and strategies to help you to take control of your finances.

In our webinar, which will last around 1–2 hours, we'll go through the following with you:

- How to check if you are entitled to receive any benefits or if you are receiving the correct amount.
- What grants and further support is out there to help with the Cost of Living crisis.
- How to prepare a budget that gives an overview of what comes in against what goes out and how to try and set a little aside.
- Money saving tips, how to make sure you're not paying too much and are on the best tariffs/deals.
- How to get further help if you're struggling.



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Please visit our **Eventbrite page** to book onto our webinar.

More information can be found on our website <https://ruraldevoncab.org.uk/managingyourmoney> or by finding the pinned post on our facebook page, facebook.com/TorridgeNorthMidWestCA (or search TorridgeNorthMidWestCA on facebook).



Monday 10th October at 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403343680807>

Friday 14th October at 11am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403367030647>

Tuesday 18th October at 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403386709507>

Thursday 20th October at 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/403386839897>

Friday 28th October at 1pm

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Monday 31st October at 11am

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Share your thoughts and be part of our ambition for children, young people and families.

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partners) to help shape this.

From the feedback received so far, they've created three ideas for names, straplines and the visual identity. Devon now wants to hear your opinions on which parts of these ideas will help achieve the ambition, particularly thoughts from parents, carers and guardians

If you'd like to help shape the outcome of this important and exciting piece of work and make Devon an even better place for children, young people and families to grow up in, please complete the short survey before Friday 21 October.

Survey link - <https://form.typeform.com/to/S9pXBQiy>

Help make Devon the best place to grow up

Devon County Council's ambition is to be the best place to grow up and they want to encourage everyone across the county to help them and actively play their part.

To help promote this, Devon is creating a new visual identity for people to unite and rally around. They've engaged with a range of people (children, young people, families, delivery



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

School Council News

On Thursday 13th October 2022, we supported the charity Young Minds by arranging a Non-uniform day, a cake sale and a carousel of activities to promote mental well-being.

The school Council ran one of the activities and we called it 'All About Me - Positivity'. We wrote about things that we're good at, things that make us happy and laugh and things that we're grateful for. You will be able to see children's thoughts on a beautiful display that we will organise and show off in our hall.

Our cake sale was amazing - we managed to sell all of the cakes. Thank you to all the parents that brought in cakes, we raised a lot of money for the charity Young Minds, we really appreciate your support.

The school also participated in an assembly ran by a girl called Jade who talked to us about how she achieved her dreams by never giving up.

The School Council



FOBCS sponsored walk



THANK YOU!

The sponsored walk raised £304.41.

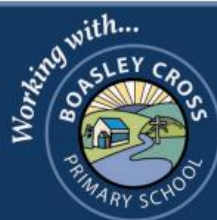


The money you help us raise can pay for transport to fun activities.



Like a whole school trip to a pantomime at Christmas :-)

Thank you for supporting FOBCS.



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