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Newsletter Friday 4th February

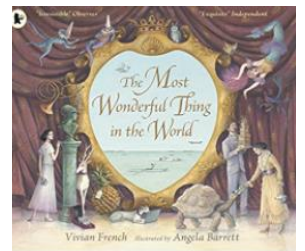
This week's
attendance
was:
96.80%

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

Dear Parents/Carers



Across the school this week, the children have been working on completing their invented pieces of writing following the focused text in their English lessons. The children have demonstrated all the key skills of grammar, sentence structure and punctuation and have been using the spelling strategies and vocabulary development explored this term to create some fantastic pieces of writing. We have included some examples of their writing in this week's newsletter for you to enjoy!



Over the next couple of weeks, staff will be reviewing and updating the individual targets that were set for the children in the Autumn term. The updated targets will be shared with parents during the last week of this half term (Wednesday 16th February). We plan to hold a Parent's Consultation after the half term break on **Tuesday 8th March** to discuss your child/ren's progress and the targets that have been set for this term. Appointments will open next Wednesday through Arbor, and parents can book a 10-minute consultation through a Teams meeting or telephone call if preferred.



Miss Hyde has prepared a range of activities that the children will be participating in to raise awareness of mental health. Throughout the week, the children will explore how they can look after each other and develop strategies for managing their own 'big emotions'. The children will bring together their thoughts and ideas in a final assembly towards the end of the week. To find out more, please click on the link: [Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Could we please ask children to bring in empty egg boxes by Thursday, to be used as part of any activity on Thursday afternoon. Thank you.

After the half term holidays, and depending on Covid cases within the community, we hope to reopen the school for parents to join us for Celebration Assembly and 'Book and Biscuit' afternoons. As part of our reopening, each class will be hosting an assembly which will replace the school Christmas Performance we were unable to film at the beginning of this term due to the increase in covid cases within the school and children's absence. Our class assemblies/performance will highlight the children's learning in the wider curriculum, looking at topics covered in history, geography and science. More information will be shared in next week's newsletter.



Our next Parents' Forum meeting will take place over Teams on **Wednesday 2nd March at 5pm**. The forum will discuss developments of the curriculum, Key Stage 2 residentials and upcoming events for the rest of the academic year. If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda, please email into school: admin@boasleyprimary.org.uk **before Friday 18th February**. If you wish to attend the meeting, please let us know and we can email you a Teams link.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Mrs Cook

RESIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE



Thank you to those parents who have already completed the parents' questionnaire on residentials for our Key Stage 2 children. We really do appreciate your views, as they help to support the plans we will make for the children. Please click on the link below if you haven't completed the questionnaire. The Moorland Principals will be discussing residentials in our principals meeting next week.

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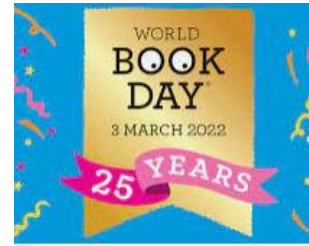


FOREST SCHOOL LEADER

Huge congratulations to Mrs Simmons, who has passed all the modules in her training and has become a fully qualified 'Forest School Leader'. The opportunities that Mrs Simmons provides for the children of Boasley Cross are truly unique and definitely make use of the amazing outdoor learning space we have available. We hope that Mrs Simmons will inspire other staff across our Trust community to become involved in the leadership training as we know how beneficial outdoor learning is for our children. Well done Mrs Simmons from all of us!

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. To celebrate a love of reading, our librarians will be organising a range of activities for everyone to participate in. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and there will be prizes awarded for the best dressed and creative costumes! The children will have been given a book token which can be exchanged in several bookstores for their free £1 book. The books will be on display in the library after the half term holidays for the children to read.



Brave

The crumbled wonderland of Stone Henge shrouded in a blanket of mist stood in the nucleus of the forest. In the surroundings of Stone Henge there was a dazzling lake its waters as cold as the arctic and it is as deep as the night sky. The dilapidated castle was a view of beauty and it lived as long as time itself. Beyond the castle stood a patch of emerald grass it danced in the gentle breeze. The horse galloped vigorously on the green grass. The girl got off her horse nervously. Her bow and arrow were as sharp as a jaguars claws she took off her thick cloak and in front of Merida was a cantankerous ^{shadowy} beast; before you could glance at it the beast would intimidate you like a tiger hunting its prey.

Oketor have blown us away this week with their descriptive writing. The lessons have been full of energy, enthusiasm and inspirational ideas that have resulted in texts worthy of a place on the shelves of Waterstones! These will be displayed in school when complete, but for those of you who can't wait until then, here is a sneak preview!

Long long ago in a galaxy far far away, there lived a wise warrior king and a beautiful kind-hearted queen. Their palace was always shining as brightly as a dying star, the marble walls were as strong as steel. The king and queen loved their kingdom and their kingdom loved them but the king and queen loved their son ten times more. The handsome prince grew loyal and he was always in peak condition. One day, when the king was teaching the prince how to use a sword he said "A wise king never seeks out war but it's always prepared for it." And that was how he found out that his father, who he loved so much, was going onto the battle field where the swords came down with a chop. He could imagine his glinting sword coming down. The queen's cry rattled the windows when she heard he had died. She grew so ill she was close to death when...

Littlemoor Class

In Littlemoor over the past few weeks, we have been looking at traditional tales and more specifically the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Within this the children have had a specific focus of looking at descriptive writing using adjectives and expanded noun phrases as well as the important features of story writing.

For their final piece the children thought about how they could change the story of Little Red Riding Hood by changing the characters in the story and the setting the story takes place in. They have then written some outstanding stories which we are so proud of. Here are some extracts from these stories and we hope to share the full stories with you soon!

Once upon a time there was a helpful little boy called Reuben. He lived with his helpful Mummy in a small bungalow. He wanted to bring some yummy food to Daddy.

Eleanor carried on her way and found a poisonous apple, poisonous mushroom and stinging nettles. She put them in her basket and carried on her way.

Where are you going to little girl? I'm going to Mrs Ogbourne's house. Where's that? At the other side of the farm. Isla carried on and arrived at Mrs Ogbourne's house. Mrs Ogbourne what big ears you have!

What big teeth you have said Esme. All the better to crunch you with said the whale and he leapt towards her. Esme got the coral and she threw it on the floor. CRUNCH! went the coral and the whale swam away.

She went up the stairs and in to Nanny's bedroom. Alice said oh Nanny what big ears you have. All the better to hear you with my dear. Oh Nanny what big eyes you have. All the better to see you with my dear.

Granny Diana gave her a dog ball and bone. Finally Maddie got to the stable. She found Cinderella's stable and knocked on the stable door. Hello Cinderella I hear you have a broken leg!

Once upon a time Jowan's mum asked him to take a basket of food to Alice. Jowan set off on his journey in the woods.

Alice carried on her journey and found some conker shells. Alice picked them up and carried on her journey. Finally she arrived at Willow's.

One day Barnaby said can I go to Lokie house. He isn't feeling very well. Mum and Dad said of course. Barnaby set off down the road and met a smiledon.

This might come in handy he said. Jowan arrived at Bonnie's house and he went inside. What big eyes you have said Jowan. What big ears you have said Jowan. What big teeth you have said Jowan.

Outdoor Learning at Boasley

Spring has sprung!

When we checked the sensory garden this week there were definite signs of Spring. The children could see the bulbs which they planted in the autumn beginning to peek through the soil and we were able to identify one or two of the spikey leaves that were poking up. In **Nurture Group** we talked about 'trust'. The children were given the opportunity to guide another pupil, very carefully, around the wildlife area. One guided whilst one was blindfolded. Before they were let loose, they were shown how to guide carefully and the instructions that they would need to give their partner to keep them safe. Their challenge was to lead their friend to an item, then using their sense of touch, describe what they could feel and tell the guide what they thought it was. Such a fantastic activity to build friendships and trust. In **Outdoor Learning** we painted the dots on our ladybirds. We talked about how the most common ladybird in the UK has 7 dots on their wings. These will be finished this week ready to put in the sensory garden to ward off greenfly! We also set to work readying the vegetable patches for later in Spring. One bed down - one to go - but we'll need to remember not to pull out the gooseberry bushes!

Mrs Simmons.





Our Star Learners this week



Isla for her amazing, adapted story of Little Red Riding Hood, using super expanded noun phrases.



Jaxon for fabulous vocabulary choices in his writing.

Our School Value Certificates this week 'Respectfulness'



Sebby shows respect to our environment by consistently supporting sports leaders in picking up equipment.



Boo always shows respect to her peers by checking they are okay and making them feel better if they are upset.



Notice Board

School Diary

February 2021

Monday 7th	Nurture group (selected children) Outdoor Learning session – waterproofs and wellies required OCRA after school Dance club KS1/KS2
Tuesday 8th	Littlemoor Outdoor Learning session - waterproofs and wellies required Netball after school club Y2/KS2
Wednesday 9th	Parent Consultation appointment slots open on Arbor OCRA Martial Arts after school club KS2
Thursday 10th	Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh – full PE kits required Outdoor Learning after school club KS2 - waterproofs and wellies required OCRA Multi Skills after school club KS1
Friday 11th	Celebration Assembly – pupils only



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[Friends of Boasley Cross Primary School, Okehampton Fundraising | Easyfundraising](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fobcps)

An amazing **£786** has already been raised to enrich the schooling of Boasley Cross pupils.

Thank you for your support.

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.

PRELOVED UNIFORM AVAILABLE

FOBCS has preloved Boasley jumpers and fleeces in a variety of sizes.

Available for a suggested donation of £1-£2.

Please speak to Kirsty Kiddle in person or contact her on 07814181537.



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Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is pleased to lead the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership. Working in collaboration with both the University of Exeter and Plymouth Marjon University, we have many years of experience of offering high-quality primary and secondary education training routes. With our routes you can train while you teach to earn your PGCE and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Our programmes are aimed at nurturing the teachers of tomorrow and the leaders of the future. Whether you are a new graduate or you are considering a career change, our teacher training will equip you with the skills, knowledge, and knowhow to be an excellent teacher.

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