



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter **Friday 28th January**

**This week's
attendance
was:
96.80%**

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

Dear Parents/Carers

I want to begin this week's newsletter by thanking the children and staff for the resilience and resourcefulness they have shown again this week. With more staff shortages due to Covid, I have spent this week teaching at Northlew. I was able to pop into school today to see the children and staff. It was lovely to see the great learning the children have been developing and the enthusiasm to share with me the learning they have been exploring this week.

Mrs Ogborne and the School Council have been busy this week and have put together a wonderful display of the events that the children have been involved in and have run this academic year. It is great to see our School Council Leaders develop in their confidence to make great decisions and the impact these have on our school and wider community.

Our Year Four parents will have received information about the multiplication tables check earlier this week. I hope the booklet will give you all the relevant information you need regarding the check that will take place in June. Mrs Winter will continue, as part of her daily maths sessions, to practise timetables with the children. Please can we ask that all children in Oketor also continue to practise their multiplication tables regularly to support their maths learning in the classroom.

Our new 'forest school' shed has arrived and is waiting to be put together by the Moorland Hub maintenance team over the next few weeks. The shed will house our new waterproofs and wellies, as well as the tools and equipment needed for our outdoor learning. The shed will be a great asset to our fantastic outdoor provision and provide space for the children to change, keeping the mud out of our classrooms!

Next Wednesday, as part of the Trust AWE projects, we have a team coming to school to work on clearing the pond and tidying up the area around the pond. They are asking if any parents are available to support this project, so please come along to the school on Wednesday afternoon from 1pm and offer anytime that you have spare. The pond area will be used to enhance the curriculum and will enable both classes to develop their outdoor provision. We are very grateful to the Trust AWE team for prioritising the

developments in our fantastic outside space and we look forward to our children being able to use the space to develop their learning further.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Cook



Mental Health Week

Monday 7th – 11th February

During our mental health awareness week, the children will be taking part in a range of activities. Miss Hyde, our school Mental Health Lead will be delivering a worship that week and talking to the children about

how they can look after themselves and others. Our PSHE program – SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) will also explore strategies of looking after ourselves and others. We aim to run small groups of activities that focus on mental health and wellbeing. The children will then come together to share the range of activities and strategies with each other in a celebration assembly. More information will be shared in next week's newsletter.

OCRA Cross-Country Events 2022



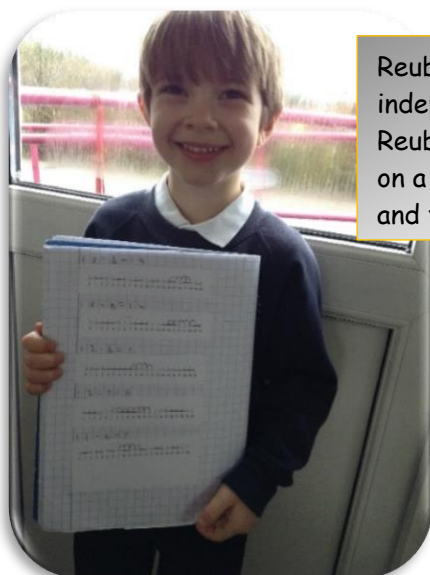
On **Friday 4th February**, children in Oketor class have been selected to participate in a cross-country series, with the first race taking place at Simmons Park in Okehampton; this has been organised by OCRA. There will be children from other Primary Schools within the Trust participating in the event. This will be one of three events that will be taking place over this term and the summer term (weather dependent). We will let you know the additional 2 dates over the next couple of weeks, when they have been confirmed.

We have organised a coach to transport the children to and from the event. The coach will pick us up at school at 12:30pm and the children will return to school by 3:00pm (approx.). Please could we ask that the children come to school in Full PE kit that day (suitable for cross-country event) and bring a water bottle to school.

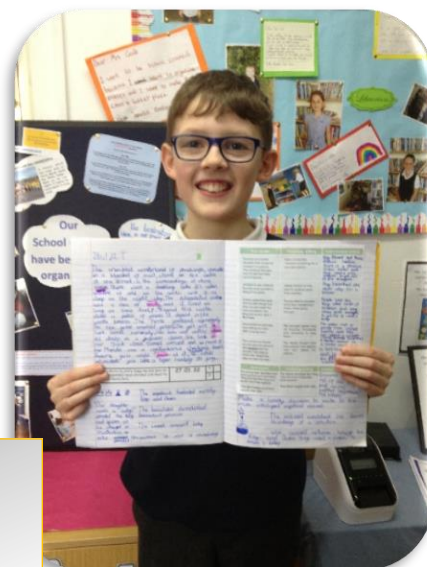
If you have received a letter/email confirming that your child has been selected and you are happy for your child to attend these Cross-Country events, **please give consent through our School Gateway system by going to the 'payments' section.** Without parental consent, your child will be unable to participate in this event.



Star Learners this week



Reuben for fantastic independent maths learning. Reuben was subtracting numbers on a number line so confidently and this was amazing to see!



Harrison for an exquisite piece of descriptive writing that took us on a journey through the forest.

Our School Value Certificates this week

'Respectfulness'



Ethan has shown respect by joining intervention groups with a positive attitude and fantastic engagement.

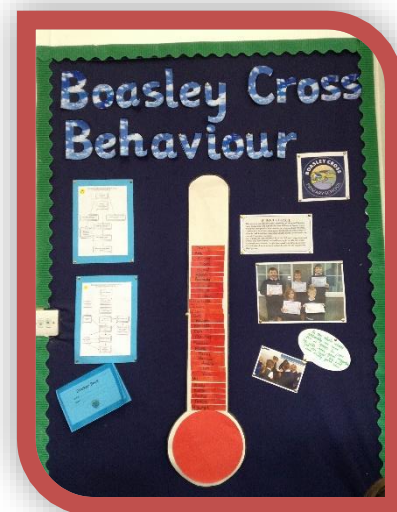


Jowan has shown respectfulness towards our equipment in Littlemoor playground and made sure teachers knew about any unsafe or broken equipment. Well done Jowan!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week, Boasley Cross School Councillors met with pupils in small groups to discuss ideas for our 'Whole School Behaviour Reward', for when our thermometer reaches the top. A democratic decision will be made and announced very soon!



RESIDENTIALS

We are now able to offer off site trips and events. With this in mind, we are looking ahead to our summer residential in July 2022.

Pre-covid we ran very successful Moorland Hub residentials for Years 4 and 5 at Heatree and Year 6 in Bristol. Last year, Year 5 and 6 camped within school grounds and visited Okehampton for outdoor adventurous activities.

The Principals of the Moorland Hub schools would like to consult with parents on their opinions for residential 2022.

Please could you complete the attached survey by Friday 11th February for any child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 to help inform our decisions. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBcIPJiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUN0NBSTYxS1hXQVg2MFM3Vk1ETVZIWFQ1Qi4u>

School Diary

February 2021

Monday 31st	Nurture group (selected children) Outdoor Learning session – waterproofs and wellies required OCRA after school Dance club KS1/KS2
Tuesday 1st	Littlemoor Outdoor Learning session - waterproofs and wellies required Netball after school club Y2/KS2
Wednesday 2nd	OCRA Martial Arts after school club KS2
Thursday 3rd	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 4th	Celebration Assembly – pupils only

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.

Term dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5 th September	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 6 th September	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 7 th September	All Pupils Return

Half Term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022 Inclusive

Monday 31 st October	All Pupils Return
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term

Christmas Break – Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023 Inclusive

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3 rd January	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 4 th January	All Pupils Return

Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023 Inclusive

Monday 20 th February	All Pupils Return
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term

Easter – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023 Inclusive

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17 th April	All Pupils Return
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023 Inclusive

Monday 5 th June	All Pupils Return
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term
Monday 24 th July	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 25 th July	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 26 th July	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday 27 th July	Non-Pupil Day

About the training

Have you missed out on support during coronavirus?

Thanks to Barclays, we are able to provide free training for parents with autistic children. We have multiple dates available but spaces are limited so please sign up early to avoid missing out!

Book now to find out more about dates and times.

What is included?

- Each course includes a 2 hour session at the same time each week, for 6 weeks in total
- All of the training is online

Course requirements

- You haven't undertaken any EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus or Teen Life courses
- You must be able to commit to all sessions on the days and times allocated
- Your child/children have an autism diagnosis
- You will need to be able to access the training online

[EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life parent sessions \(autism.org.uk\)](https://autism.org.uk)



Tissues and Issues welcome parents/grandparents/carers living in Torbay and Devon. The child/ren you care for do not need to have received a diagnosis to attend this group.

Tissues and Issues coffee mornings are a chance for parents/grandparents/carers with children that have additional needs/disabilities, to come together to have a relaxed chat with parents/grandparents/carers in a similar situation. It's a chance to meet new friends and for your children to make new friends too. During the coffee mornings the group will be inviting guest speakers, to find out more keep an eye on their Facebook group "Tissues and Issues"

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