



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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A creative approach to learning where all pupils succeed

Newsletter
Friday 11th June 2021

This week's
attendance

was:

98.20%

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I hope you all had a very relaxing half term break and managed to enjoy the beautiful weather we had last week. It was so lovely to see all the children return, full of energy and ready to learn this week.

Staff have been busy over the half term break organising the classrooms and displays for our new curriculum topics they are exploring this half term. We also had a group of contractors replacing our old heating and lighting system across the school, so the site was extremely busy last week. Mrs Simmons, Mrs Ogborne and parents were also busy beginning work on our spiritual area. A huge thank you to all those parents who gave up some of their time to come and help. Mrs Simmons has added a section in this week's newsletter about the developing of the spiritual area and our next steps.

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Bellew who will be returning to work in September in Littlemoor class, following her maternity leave. Miss Bellew will be joining us for several sessions over this half term to ensure there is a smooth transition between Mrs Elliott and herself in preparation for the children for the autumn term in September.

Staff at Boasley, Northlew and Highampton have been working on collaborative planning for the Autumn term curriculum. The key stage two teachers met with me before the holidays to plan a new English learning sequence for children in years 3 to 6. They have planned for practical DT sessions to help construct the children's own invented islands along with their detailed non-fiction writing describing their special place. The key stage 2 children hope to share their models and writing with you by the end of the term.

We would like to invite our parents to a meeting on Wednesday 16th June at 3-4pm. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to meet the staff at Boasley and share with you our plans and arrangements for the Autumn term. If you would like to attend the meeting, please could you let us know by telephoning the school office or emailing admin@boasleyprimary.org.uk so we can estimate the number of parents who would like to attend.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cook

Notice Board

School Diary

June 2021

Monday 14th	Fun in the Sun after school club
Tuesday 15th	Netball after school club (Y1-3)
Wednesday 16th	Fun in the Sun after school club
Thursday 17th	Netball after school club (Y4-6)
Friday 18th	Littlemoor and Dartmoor PE sessions

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.



Boasley Methodist Chapel are planning a walk and a treasure hunt on Saturday 12th June, meeting at the Chapel 2.30pm.

All welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring a picnic for after the walk!



Learning in Littlemoor.....

This week in Littlemoor, we have kick-started our new topic about Brazil and have been finding out about plants. We have planted our own beanstalks which we will be observing over the next few weeks to see how they change and grow. We have also been investigating the weather in Brazil and considering why their climate is different to our climate in the UK.

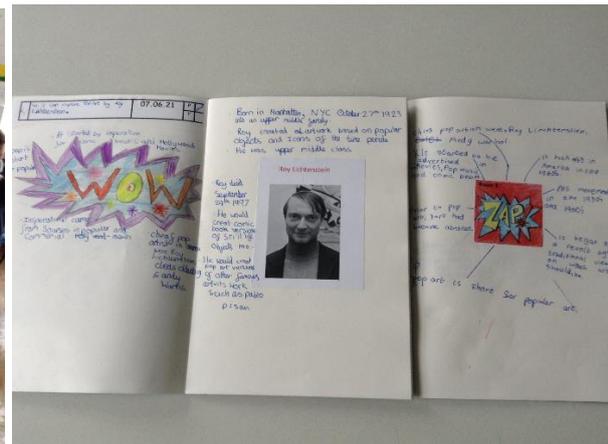
*In maths, we have been learning about fractions and know that fractions are an **equal part of a whole**. We will be continuing to learn about halves, quarters and thirds and would love to see pictures of any fractions you find at home!*

Finally, I was astounded by the fabulous artwork that the children produced this week. Here are some of their creations to enjoy:



Learning in Dartmoor.....

Our last half term of this academic year has started with a BANG! We have been learning about Pop Art with a focus on Roy Lichtenstein. The children have really enjoyed this – Marnie said, "I have loved looking at the different colours and elements in pop art." In maths we continue to explore the Properties of Shape. Again, the children have tackled this with focus and determination – Stan said, "I have enjoyed learning about parallel and perpendicular lines." Amelia said, "I enjoyed using mirrors to explore lines of symmetry." Our English sequence is taking us on journeys to imagined islands with our core text, *Archipelago: An Atlas of Imagined Islands*. We have been exploring the beautiful illustrations and rich language of this book. The children have loved learning French in fun ways – Olivia said, "I loved doing the Ninja Moves and I have been practising at home!" Thank you to Sam's mum for all the tips! As always, the children have excelled in their learning this week. Well done, Dartmoor!



Learning in Bodmin.....

Maths:

It has been a wonderful start to our new sequence of learning in maths. Children have recapped previous knowledge of shape and angles and have applied that to new learning. Using a protractor can be very difficult; fortunately, the children in Y5 and Y6 have mastered this tricky skill already!

English:

Introducing a new English text is one of my favourite past times. Archipelago: An Atlas of Imagined Islands is our new text and it is incredible. This wonderful book features over 150 imagined islands and descriptions, created by the world's most inspiring authors. Children have immersed themselves in this text over the week and have become familiar with some of its key features.

PE:

A new term means a new sport / activity – this week, the children in Y5 and Y6 had a go at some track and field athletics events; specifically, shot put, discus and sprinting. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy the events; their personal highlight was when my demonstration of the discus throw ended up over the fence.

Science:

How do we see? This key question will underpin our science lessons this term. This week, we have explored this key question and identified exactly how we are able to see. The children carried out a very brief experiment which showcased how light travels and how we see.

Learning in Pre-School.....

Exploring with shape in our construction area this week in Littlemoor, some of the older children helped us to create 3D buildings with our 2D shapes.

Learning about opposites whilst working as a team to complete our 'Opposites' puzzle, lots of discussion about what we need to look out for to match puzzle pieces with gaps!





Our Star Learners this week



Littlemoor – Alice for enthusiasm for new things, especially in her Maths work.
Dartmoor – Ruby for great attitude towards all her work this week.
Bodmin – Charles for continued hard work and a brilliant attitude towards Maths work.

Our School value Certificates this week

Littlemoor – Nicholas for respecting his learning environment.
Dartmoor – Marah for always showing the greatest respect to everyone and everything at Boasley – a true role model!
Bodmin – Alfie for his polite and kind attitude towards others.



Our Golden Heart Certificate this week



Esme for demonstrating our school values and for being an amazing role model to our pre-schoolers and always taking care of their needs.

