



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

# Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

*A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed*

## **Newsletter** **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**


**This week's  
attendance  
was:  
96%**

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to stay safe during the storms at the beginning of the holidays.

The children have returned to school enthusiastic and ready to learn. This half term, the children in Littlemoor will be investigating the topic of 'Explorers' in history and researching the wide range of materials and their purpose in their science 'Building Things' topic. In Oketor, the children have already begun their science topic of 'Diet and Lifestyle' and will be exploring 'human migration' in their geography learning over this half term. If you have any artefacts or information that you feel would benefit these topics, then please do speak to your child's class teacher.



Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

#### **Parents Consultations - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up for an appointment. These can be either a 10-minute slot on teams or telephone call. Class teachers will be discussing the progress your child/ren have been making, as well as discussing the targets they will be setting for the children this term. Please do speak to your child/ren's class teacher if you need to make an appointment.

#### **Cross Country Event - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

The second Cross Country event will take place this coming Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at North Tawton. The children will be travelling to the event by coach and returning to school for approx. 3:15pm. Our Martial Arts coach is happy to begin the sessions of his after-school club later so that the children who normally attend will be back ready for the session. Parents are asked to pick up at 4:20pm on that day if their child stays for Martial Arts Club.

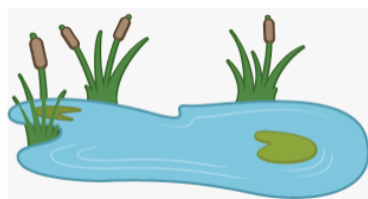


parents  
forum

A huge thank you to those parents who came along to our **Parents' Forum** meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We managed to record the meeting as there were parents who were unable to attend; a link to the recording will be shared shortly. We also welcomed Chris Greenfield from the Aim Group who discussed various training courses available to parents free of charge, please see details attached to this newsletter.

### **Book and Biscuit Afternoon/Celebration Assembly**

We look forward to welcoming back parents to our weekly Celebration Assembly and fortnightly 'Book and Biscuit' afternoons. These will begin next week, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2:20pm, where parents are welcome into classrooms to share the learning in the children's books, as well as hearing their children read. This will then be followed by our weekly Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm in the hall. **Everyone is welcome.** We ask that parents wear a face mask whilst in the school. There will be a sign in sheets for parents to sign on arrival. Many thanks for your co-operation.



### **HELP WANTED**

After seeking guidance on the wildlife within our pond area, we now have the resources available to begin the first stage of the clear up. The developed area will provide an opportunity for children to continue to use our fantastic outside learning environment to support the curriculum. If you are free this coming **Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** and can offer any spare time between **2-4pm**, we would warmly welcome your support! More information is available on the poster within the newsletter.

### **Outdoor Development**

Next week, we are having our new forest school storage shelter built. This shelter will provide a space to store our new school waterproofs and wellies; also enabling us to have all the equipment and resources needed for Mrs Simmons to engage the children in their weekly outdoor learning and forest school sessions. We are also having the fencing around Littlemoor replaced and hope when the weather improves, we can get some fresh paint on the sheds in the playground so the children can use these for developing role play areas.



### **New Phonics Program**

This week, staff began their training to implement our new phonics scheme, Read, Write Inc. All staff across the school will access all the training available, including training sessions with other colleagues across the Trust. Assessments have already begun to arrange the children into appropriate reading groups, with reading to begin using the new scheme. We hope to run some information sessions for our parents in the Summer term, to enable parents to support their children with reading development at home. For more information about our new phonics scheme, please click on the link [Parents - Ruth Miskin Phonics Training](#)

### **Non-Uniform Day**

Next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, will be a non-Uniform day; children to wear blue and yellow for a donation. Money collected will be passed to a charity who are supporting the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, we are looking forward to welcoming you all back to join us next Friday afternoon to celebrate the amazing learning your children have produced over the last term.

Mrs Cook



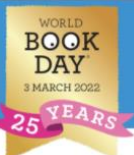


## World Book Day - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The theme of this year's world book day was - *'You Are A Reader'*

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters (or one of their favourites as many of the children told us they had lots of favourite books). Our School Librarians organised a 'Where's Wally' Hunt for children to take part in during break and lunchtime. Also, throughout

the day, the children had the opportunity to share their favourite books, as well as listening to stories being read to them from various celebrities. I have included the link that the children can use at home if they would like to listen to a variety of stories [World Book Day Audiobooks](#)



# WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

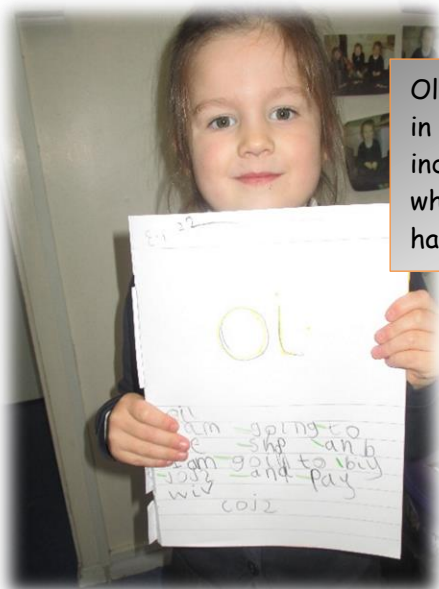




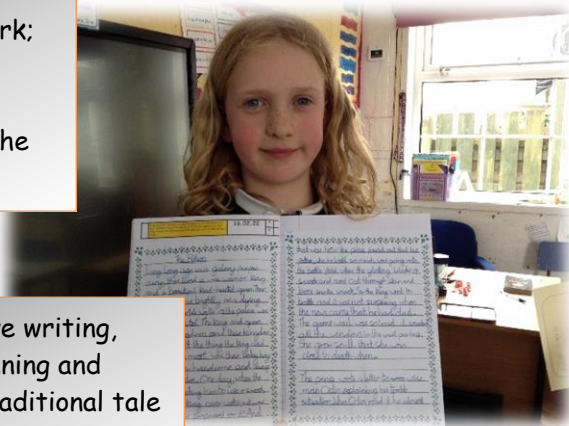
We have begun to create a display in the library that includes lots of the free £1 books that the children can purchase using their book token. Staff will announce the book character costume winner from each class in next week's Celebration Assembly.



## Our Star Learners this week



Olivia for super phonics work; in writing a whole sentence independently using words which had phonics sounds she has been learning.



Stan for creative writing, producing a stunning and sophisticated traditional tale that deserves a place on the shelves of Waterstones!

## Our School Value Certificates this week

### 'Respectfulness'



Hector for always respecting our class agreements and is a role model for others.



Barnaby for being respectful to his peers and helping them with their work if he has finished and they are struggling with a task.

## FOBCS CAKE RAFFLE!

Next draw will be 11.03.2022  
£1 a ticket (available from the school office)  
Winner goes home with the cake.



## 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



## Notice Board

### School Diary

#### March 2021

<b>Monday 7th</b>	Nurture group (selected children) Forest School session - <i>waterproofs and wellies required</i> OCRA after school Dance club KS1/KS2
<b>Tuesday 8th</b>	Littlemoor Outdoor Learning session - <i>waterproofs and wellies required</i> Netball after school club Y2/KS2 Parent Consultations - <i>bookings through Arbor Parent Portal</i>
<b>Wednesday 9th</b>	North Tawton Cross Country event pm Y3-6 OCRA Martial Arts after school club KS2
<b>Thursday 10th</b>	Whole School PE sessions with Mr Pugh - <i>full PE kits required</i> Y6 SATS after school club Forest School after school club KS2 - <i>waterproofs and wellies required</i> OCRA Multi Skills after school club KS1
<b>Friday 11th</b>	FOBCS cake raffle - <i>£1 a ticket</i> Non-uniform day - <i>wear blue and yellow for donation to Ukrainian appeal</i> Book & Biscuit 2.20pm/Celebration Assembly 2.40pm - <i>all welcome</i>

#### SCHOOL 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.

Thank you.



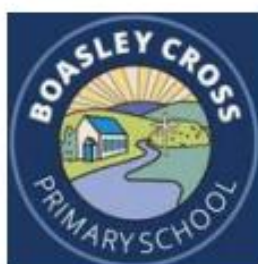


# AWE Project

**Awe, Wonder, Environment**

**working together to enhance school spaces for our children, to  
inspire and excite!**

**Please come and help!**

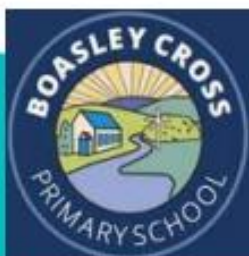


On **Monday 7th March from 2pm – 4pm** we will be starting to transform the pond in the school grounds.

By working as a team, we hope to enhance and improve the pond area by clearing and tidying so that the pond can be used by the children again. This will be the preparation work/Stage 1 with a complete Stage 2 clean out when the time is right for the wildlife, at a later date.

Please can you bring your own garden tools such as spades, forks, secateurs and gloves and make sure you wear old clothes.

We will be there from 2pm – 4pm so even just a bit of help would be very welcome! It would be lovely to see you.



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Inspire.  
Develop.  
Empower.

# Full Level 2 Course List



## Duration

You have 6 weeks to complete a course, but they typically range from 12-30 hours to complete

## Qualifications

On completion of this course you will receive a nationally-accredited qualification & certificate

## Eligibility

You must be:  
• Over 19 Years Old.  
• Have been UK/EU Resident for 3+ years.

## Our Level 2 Courses



### Health & Wellbeing

- Nutrition & Health
- Personal Exercise, Nutrition & Health
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Allergy Awareness



### Current Affairs

- Equality & Diversity
- Living in a Fair and Diverse Society
- LGBT Inclusivity in the Workplace
- Climate Change & Environmental Awareness



### IT & Digital Skills

- Data Protection & Security
- IT User Skills
- Digital Skills
- Digital Skills For Work - Construction
- Digital Skills For Work - Logistics



### Care

- Cleaning Principles
- Infection Control
- Safe Handling Of Medication
- Workplace Violence & Harassment
- Allergy Awareness
- Safe Handling of Medicines
- Principles of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health
- Adult Social Care
- Care Planning
- Caring For Children and Young People
- Common Childhood Illnesses
- Common Health Conditions
- Dementia Care
- Diabetes Management
- Dignity and Safeguarding
- End of Life Care
- Falls Prevention Awareness
- Health and Social Care
- Tenant Support in Social Housing
- Special Education Needs and Disability
- Understanding Cancer Support
- Personal Care Needs



### Education

- Information, Advice & Guidance
- Safeguarding & Prevention
- Bullying in Children & Young People
- Adverse Childhood Experience
- Safeguarding, Prevention & British Values
- Specific Learning Difficulties



### Interpersonal Skills

- Customer Service
- Customer Service of Hospitality
- Team Leading
- Functional Skills English
- Functional Skills Mathematics
- Deal with Disorderly & Aggressive Behaviour
- Event Planning



### Mental Health & Autism

- Behaviour That Challenges
- Behaviour That Challenges In Children
- Mental Health Awareness
- Mental Health Care Worker
- Children & Young People's Mental Health
- Mental Health First Aid and Advocacy in the Workplace
- Counselling
- Self-Harm & Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Understanding Autism



### Business

- Business Administration
- Warehousing & Storage
- Creating a Business Start-Up
- Lean Organisation Management
- Business Improvement Techniques
- Digital Skills For Business
- Retail Knowledge
- Event Planning
- Workplace Violence & Harassment

Get In Touch To Find Out More

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### **Train to Teach with the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership**

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.

*Do you want to make the best possible start to your career in teaching?*

*Do you want to make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people?*

*Do you want to train with a Trust that prides itself on supporting and developing its staff?*

*Do you want the opportunity to gain practical experience in a range of diverse schools?*

For more information visit: [About Us - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](#) or [click to view the full letter](#).



### **Vacancies within the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust**

Current vacancies include:

- Administrator at North Tawton Primary
- Caretakers (Okehampton College and Tavistock College)
- Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants (across Trust schools)
- Cleaners across trust schools

For more information and details of all vacancies please visit:

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