

**Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust**

...everyone in our Trust.



Boasley Cross Primary School – Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient
06/10/2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Well, another busy couple of weeks have flown by at Boasley Cross. It never ceases to amaze me how much we can pack into our time together. Since our last newsletter, Year 6 have attended the Junior Life Skills event at Parklands, some Year 3 children had a great time at a Tag Rugby Festival, a group of Year 5 and 6 children have taken part in a football festival and we have all enjoyed a wonderful day at the zoo. Take a look further on in the newsletter to see some photographs of the zoo trip.



For each of the events, it has been wonderful to hear from staff members and parents about how much the children have enjoyed attending and what they have got out of it. We are hugely grateful to several willing volunteers who are helping with transporting the children to the various sporting events – we really want the children to take part in as many of these events as possible and we appreciate your patience and flexibility when it comes to the arrangements!

I would also like to mention our first 'Stay and Play' event which took place on Wednesday morning. We were thrilled to welcome parents/grandparents and their younger children into the hall to enjoy a range of activities set up by Miss Smaridge. Please see photographs below! We are already looking forward to the next session. Thanks also to Mrs Turner who helped with teas and coffees.

Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Festival will be held on Wednesday 11th October at 2.30 at the Chapel. The children will be sharing readings, artwork and some songs all on the harvest theme. We invite families to donate tins or packets of food which can be delivered to the Foodbank, along with contributions the members of the Chapel will already have gathered.



Stars of the Week

Week ending: 29th September:

Oke Tor Star learner: Hector: *for challenging himself and the rest of the class with word problems to do with place value. Thank you for making us all think, Hector!*

Littlemoor Star learner: Arabella: *for her determination and efforts in English. Arabella wrote a fantastic story inspired by 'The Fox and the Star'.*



Week ending: 6th October:

Oke Tor Star learner: **Reuben**: *for far more fluent and accurate reading.*

Well done, Reuben for persevering!

Littlemoor Star learners: **Nate**: *For his ability to manage so well on his first school trip.*

Jacob: *For his ability to manage so well on his first school trip.*



Reading Basket / Box of Joy:

All the children are encouraged to read at home at least five times during the week. Everyone who has 5 signatures in their reading record book is entered into a draw which takes place in Celebration assembly. The winner from Littlemoor receives the 'Book Basket' for the weekend and the Oke Tor winner has the chance to choose something from the 'Box of Joy'!

Don't worry – you aren't seeing things.....our two winners for the week of 29th September, are the same people who won last time! Well done Alice and Seth.

Seth was drawn out again this week – he is certainly on a winning streak. Our KS2 winner was Reuben.



Attendance

As a Trust we are continuing to prioritise positive attendance as a contributor to achievement. I am delighted that our school attendance percentage is up and we have one of the highest attendances in the Trust. Thank you to you all for continuing to promote positive attendance. In line with our policy, you will have received an update of your child's attendance to keep you informed.

Whole School Attendance

96.93%

Spotlight on Littlemoor:



This week in Littlemoor, Reception and Pre-school have been exploring autumn colours and the changes within our environment. The children spent sometime in Littlemoor garden observing how nature changes through the autumn season. They extended their own learning by choosing a range of materials and colours to create their own autumn pictures.

During English this half term, Year 1 and 2 have been exploring the text 'The Fox and the Star'. The children have explored the concept of friendship and the aspects that make a good friend. At the end of the sequence the children individually wrote their own version of 'The fox and the Star' in which they produced fantastic stories! The children look forward to sharing these with you during 'Book and Biscuit'!

Stay and Play:



A massive thank you to everyone who made our first stay and play a success! It was fantastic to see new and familiar faces. It was lovely to see a lot of the children exploring the different opportunities- especially the messy play! We can't wait to host our next session after half term.



Paignton Zoo Trip

We had a wonderful day on Tuesday when we joined Northlew and visited Paignton Zoo. There was so much to see and do, we almost ran out of time. The children enjoyed a talk by one of the zookeepers and had plenty of time to explore. All the adults enjoyed it just as much as the children. Thanks go to FOBCS who, once again, helped to support the cost of the transport.





Phonics Workshop

If you have a child who is currently in Littlemoor, we would welcome you into school next Thursday morning from 8.45 -9.45 where you can learn more about Read Write Inc, the school phonics programme. There will be an opportunity to talk to Miss Smaridge about the programme, ask questions and join in a phonics session. Please email Miss Smaridge if you would like to attend:
csmaridge@boasleyprimary.org.uk.

Messages

Mrs Pickett-Jones, the hub SENDCO will be available for meetings on the Wednesday 18th between 2pm and 3.30pm to discuss any special educational needs concerns you have about your children. Please email her directly on bpickettjones@dmatschools.org.uk to book a 20-minute appointment. This is also the afternoon of our parent consultations so, if you would like to combine the two meetings, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

With regard to parent consultations with teachers, Arbor has advised of a problem on the booking system which they are looking into. We will be in touch again as soon as bookings are open again for parents to select available slots.

Year 6 Trip to France:

A meeting will be held at Bridestowe Primary at 6pm on Monday 16th October for parents of Year 6 children to find out more about the trip to France planned for next year.

The Next Two Weeks

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| Monday 9 th | OCRA Sports 3.30 – 4.30 |
| Tuesday 10 th | Recorder Club 3.30 – 4.30 |
| Wednesday 11 th | Harvest Festival 2.30 – 3.30 Martial Arts 3.30-4.30 |
| Thursday 12 th | Phonics Workshop 8.45 – 9.45 KS2 Cross Country Run Simmons Park (information sent home with interested children) |
| Friday 13 th | Immersion Coding 3.30 – 4.30 FOBCS Bag2School |
| Monday 16 th | OCRA Sports 3.30 – 4.30 6pm Year 6 France Trip meeting at Bridestowe |
| Tuesday 17 th | Recorder Club 3.30 – 4.30 FOBCS Halloween Party at Sourton 4-5.30pm |
| Wednesday 18 th | Martial Arts 3.30 – 4.30 Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.30 |
| Thursday 19 th | Book and Biscuit followed by Celebration Assembly (3pm) |
| Friday 20 th | Immersion Coding 3.30 – 4.30 Break up for Half Term |

*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part

Forthcoming Events

| October | |
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| 30 th | All pupils return |
| November | |
| 1 st | Stay and Play 8.45 – 10.00 |
| 2 nd | Netball Tournament (to be confirmed) |
| 9 th | KS2 Cross Country (Castle Drogo) |
| 29 th | Stay and Play 8.45 – 10.00 |
| December | |
| 6 th | Christmas Play 2.15 and 6pm |
| 13 th | Pantomime Trips KS1: Barnfield Theatre, Exeter. Leave school at 9am; return at 12.30. KS2: Northcott Theatre. Leave school at 1pm; return at 5.30 |

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Moorland Hub Update from Mr Hill:

The first few weeks of the academic year have seen the new Moorland Hub – Boasley Cross, Bridestowe, Lydford, Milton Abbot and Northlew – begin their journey of working together for the benefit of all our children.

This week, children from the hub came together to form two teams at the Okehampton Area Year 5/6 football festival. All the children had a great time with friends being made – 2nd place for the Bridestowe/Milton Abbot team and 4th for the Boasley/Northlew team was a great achievement. The highlight of my day was on leaving hearing a child say to a new friend “Thanks, mate, see you next week at the Cross Country!” – testament to the aim of building relationships in our small schools. Similarly, last week Year 3/4 Boasley children travelled to Bridestowe for a rugby festival.

Also this week, we have confirmed our annual trip to the Pantomime on December 13th where all 5 schools will come together for a fun Christmas celebration. Residentials for Year 3/4, hosted at Bradford primary with outdoor activity and surfing in late June and Year 5 to Bristol at the end of June. These will include all Moorland Hub, Ruby Hub and Exbourne primary, bringing together all the small schools (Under 100 pupils) in Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. Information sessions for the Trust wide Year 6 trip to France are also upcoming.

At Boasley this week, the first Stay and Play session was a huge success with 10 families joining the event. It was lovely to welcome new babies and toddlers to our school and meet new adults. Look out for similar events at all the Hub Schools.

Bridestowe welcomed Devon Wildlife Trust to the school with a focus on identifying trees from their leaves and making nature crowns – a lovely event to be part of! Forest school is an important focus for all Moorland Hub Schools.

At Lydford last Sunday, a family working party day attracted nearly 30 adults and children coming together to tidy the forest school. A fantastic event with real community spirit – thank you to all who took part. Look out for similar events at all the Hub Schools.

Northlew joined Boasley this week for a trip to Paignton Zoo – a fantastic day for all which mirrored Lydford’s trip last week. The children loved seeing the animals and exploring the sustainability messages.

Milton Abbot have been enjoying meeting new friends from the Hub this week and taking part in the aforementioned football with friends from Bridestowe was a real high. The team finished 2nd, only being pipped 1-0 by Okehampton C.

A final word to thank families for their support with positive attendance. I am aware my approach to attendance this term has caused some discussion, however I am pleased to report that the Moorland Hub has the highest attendance figures for the Trust with Bridestowe topping the table for attendance and the lowest amount of persistent absence. The evidence is irrefutable that high attendance directly correlates to positive achievement and I thank you for your continued support.

As ever, please feel free to contact me with comments, questions or discussion.

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What a fantastic day for the FOBCS Sponsored walk!

A huge thank you to all who supported this event.

Bag2School

Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Friday 13th October 2023

ADVANCE DONATIONS WELCOME!

Do you have any unwanted clothing or linen?

Please help raise funds for Boasley Cross Primary School by dropping your bagged items **on or before Friday 13th October** in the bus stop outside our school.

The more we collect, the more money is raised for our school! Advance donations welcome; leave them in the bus shelter outside the school and we will collect and store safely.



Accepted items:

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

- Men's, ladies' & children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags, belts & accessories
- Household bedding and towels

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

Celebrate Halloween with FOBCS and Magic Martin!



Tuesday 17th October, 16.00 — 17.30

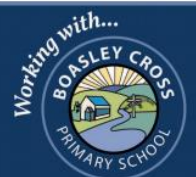
Sourton Village Hall

£5.00 per child, younger siblings welcome

Tea/coffee and cake available to purchase

Contact Susan Turner to attend; 07411809598

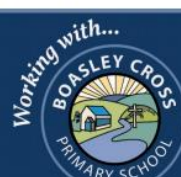
Event organised by the Friends of Boasley Cross Primary School (FOBCS), Adults must stay during event and remain responsible for their own children throughout the event.



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