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Boasley Cross Primary School – Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient
20/10/2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I find it quite unbelievable that we have reached half term already! Since the last newsletter, the children have enjoyed our Harvest Festival, KS2 Cross Country and our first 'Book and Biscuit' for the year. It was good to see so many of you at Harvest Festival and for Parent consultations this week. This was a chance for us to share some of the fantastic learning the children have been doing. We really are grateful for all the support you give the children at home. Please remember, we are always happy to talk things through – contact us at any time rather than feeling you need to wait for Parents' evenings.

Thanks to everyone on the FOBCS committee who organised a successful 'Hallowe'en Party' with Magic Martin. I heard a lot about it and saw the remains of some of the face paints! We really appreciate all the fundraising you do throughout the year to benefit the children and the whole school community.

I hope you all enjoy a fantastic Half Term holiday. We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday 30th October.

Mrs Hosking



Stars of the Week

Week ending: 13th October:

Oketor Star Learners: Barnaby and Lois: *Barnaby and Lois both showed great focus, determination and concentration when working on a 'consecutive numbers' investigation in maths.*

Littlemoor Star Learner: Kaian: *For his ability to embed himself into his learning on his first couple of days at school. Well done, Kaian!*

Week ending 20th October:

Oke Tor Star Learner: Murphy: *Murphy has settled brilliantly into Boasley Cross. We're so glad you have joined us!*

Littlemoor Star Learner: Olivia B: *For her effort in English this week writing her very own version of Dadaji's paintbrush.*



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 Oketor winner has the chance to choose something from the 'Box of Joy'!



12th October: Boo



Alice



19th October: Lucy



Maddie

As it was our last awards assembly before half term, we also held an extra special reading draw. All children who have had a raffle ticket this half term was in with a chance to win a book token to the value of £10. The lucky winner was Hector!



Attendance



As you will have seen from Mr Hill's email last week, our attendance figures are looking good. Thank you all for ensuring your children arrive promptly every day ready to learn. Mr Hill visited yesterday and drew out names of 4 children with

95% attendance or more. These children were able to sit and eat their lunch with him!

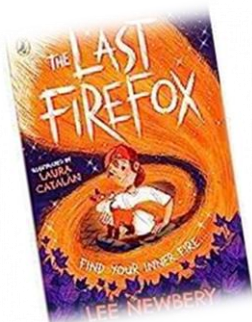
**Whole School
Attendance**

97.59%

Spotlight on Oketor:



We have been learning about formulations in Science. Last week, we measured squash and water very carefully to compare different formulations. Some of them tasted good and others were a little strong! In our next Science lesson, we experimented with different ways to separate mixtures of different solids. We took this learning outside on a very windy day!



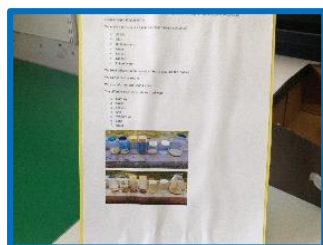
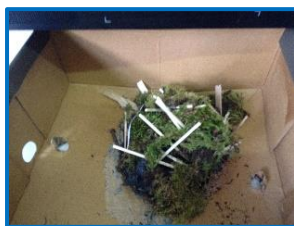
We have all absolutely loved our Book Club text, 'The Last Firefox' by Lee Newberry. Everyone in the class has been on the edge of their seats many times over the last half term, hardly able to wait for the next instalment. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have reached the end of the story.

After half term, there will be two copies of the book available to borrow from the library. Some of the

class have already found out there's another book by the same author you might receive a request for a copy!



Here are some photos of the fantastic Home Learning which Oketor class have been busy completing this half term.



Lego Club

After Half Term, Mr Sutherland will be running a lunchtime Lego Club on a Wednesday. Information should soon be coming out for you to sign up on School Gateway.



Wildlife Champions: The Wildlife Champions met last week and came up with ideas for things we could put in place in our outside area. One idea was to encourage birds into the grounds. They wondered if anyone might have some unused bird feeders we could use. If you do, please let us know. Many thanks.

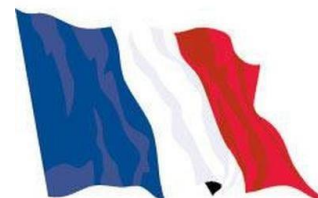
Cross Country



Last Thursday, 15 members of Oketor travelled to Simmons Park to take part in the Small Schools Cross Country event. All the children joined in with the race with great enthusiasm and determination. This race was the last in a series which began during the last academic year. We look forward to more similar events later this year.

Year 6 Trip to France:

A meeting will be held at Bridestowe Primary at 6pm on Wednesday 1st November for parents of Year 6 children to find out more about the trip to France planned for next year.



The Next Two Weeks

30 th October	All pupils return PE After School Club 3.30 - 4.30
31 st October	Recorder Club 3.30 - 4.30
	November
1 st	Stay and Play 8.45 – 10.00 Lunchtime Lego Club Martial Arts Club 3.30 – 4.30 Y6 residential meeting – Bridestowe 6pm
2 nd	Netball Tournament (Year 5 and 6) 9.45 – 12 North Tawton Lunch time Board Games Club
3 rd	Tempest Individual photographs 8:30 Immersion Club 3.30 – 4.30
6 th	PE after school club 3.30 - 4.30
7 th	Recorder Club 3.30 – 4.30
8 th	Martial Arts 3.30 – 4.30
9 th	Cross Country (Year 5 and 6) Castle Drogo 9.45 - 12.00
10 th	Immersion Club 3.30 – 4.30 (to be confirmed)

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

Forthcoming Events

November	
29 th	Stay and Play 8.45 – 10.00 Flu vaccinations
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
15 th	Break up for Christmas Holidays

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We were pleased to welcome Mr Masters into school on Thursday when he discussed Advocate roles within school, please see below. Mr Masters really enjoyed the Book and Biscuit assembly in the afternoon and was very pleased to see so many parents contributing to the learning too.

Responsibilities of Advocates

Responsibilities vary between the three roles and some may be shared where Advocates are working together around a school, particularly in respect of Safeguarding which is everyone's responsibility. Advocates need to be very clear that, although the role is to advocate on behalf of the parent and pupil body, they are not able to champion any one individual complaint. In broad terms, responsibilities cover the following:

Parent and Pupil Advocate (positions currently vacant at Boasley Cross and Northlew)

- Visit school and talk to pupils once per term
- Provide assurance that: pupils are listened to; their mental health and wellbeing is considered; they are thriving as successful learners, and where they are not, this is being addressed: pupils are equipped for their next stage of learning.
- Consider Safeguarding at each visit – checklist may be completed with another Advocate.
- Provide assurance that pupils feel safe in school.
- Provide assurance that funding and initiatives are having a positive impact on pupil experience.
- Focus on a specific MAT priority if delegated by the Inclusion and Social Justice ISJ committee.
- Monitor the arrangements and management of SATs (checklist provided).
- Analyse parent/carer feedback from various sources such as, surveys, parent forums, informal feedback and so on.
- Channel any issues or concerns upwards to the Primary Advocacy Board.
- Be available for OFSTED inspections if required.
- Attend termly parent forum meetings with the principal.

Community Advocate (position is Richard Masters for Northlew, position vacant for Boasley Cross)

- Meet with the Principal to provide assurance to the board that the Principal is supported and challenged by the Trust, is listened to, has their wellbeing considered and signpost support if needed.
- Analyse staff feedback from various sources such as, surveys, parent forums, informal feedback and so on.
- Monitor how the school curriculum engages with its key stakeholders and local community.
- Strengthen links between the community and the school by attending events and advocating for stakeholders around any issues or concerns.
- Work collaboratively with the PTA/Friends of the school committees to establish a better co-ordination of attendance at events and involvement with the school.
- Channel any issues or concerns upwards to the Primary Advocacy Board.
- Be available for OFSTED inspections if required.
- Liaise with the Principal to attend a staff meeting once a term to gather feedback.



Call My Bluff Evening - 23rd November in Lydford Village Hall 19.00 for 19.30



BEARNES
HAMPTON &
LITTLEWOOD

• An evening of laughter, bluffing and double bluff in aid of Friends of Lydford School – FoLS. Call My Bluff evening kindly hosted by Bearnnes Hampton & Littlewood Auctioneers and Valuers of Exeter. Come along and see how good you are at valuing antiques or fakes.

• Tickets £7 in advance or £8 on the night – children are free. Entry includes a plate of cheese and biscuits. Alcoholic and soft beverages available to purchase during the evening.

• Tickets from the Toy Shop in the Red Lion Yard Okehampton or call Jade on 07854 206 400.

• Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening of bluffing!

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Event kindly hosted by Bearnnes Hampton & Littlewood
Cheese kindly donated by Waitrose, Okehampton



Apple Day 2023

For all ages with music, singing and dancing

- Try an apple press: bring apples and a bottle (for the juice!)
- Apple challenges and recipe swaps
- Please bring along food made from apples to share

Thursday 26 October 2pm - 4pm
Okehampton Community Garden
Fatherford Lane, off Exeter Road, EX20 1QS

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