



**Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust**

...everyone in our Trust.



Boasley Cross Primary School – Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient
22/03/2024

Dear Parents / Carers

It feels as though we have had two incredibly busy weeks since we sent out the last newsletter! There is so much to catch up on. We have had a Devon Cricket day, a hockey tournament, a drumming workshop, 'Soup and Sweet', a visit to Lakeside, the Easter Concert as well as Red Nose Day.

All these events happen to enrich the learning in the Curriculum which continues every day, without fail. We are so grateful for your support with our extra-curricular events – without it, a lot of them would not be able to go ahead.

As the Easter Holiday approaches, I must say that I'm glad we have enjoyed a slight change in the weather. I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 15th April.

All the best,
Mrs Hosking



Stars of the Week

Week ending: 15th March:

Oke Tor Star Learner: Barnaby for a far more settled approach to all his learning tasks. Well done for staying much more focused.

Littlemoor Star Learner: Lucy for her enthusiasm to learning at all times. Lucy is always engaged and ready to learn.



Week ending: 22nd March:

Oke Tor Star Learner: Eleanor for always staying focused on her learning, being kind and thoughtful and an all-round good role model! Thank you, Eleanor.



Littlemoor Star Learner: Olivia B for her progression of spelling knowledge and understanding. Olivia works hard in her phonics lessons and has begun to embed her spelling and sound knowledge into other subjects of learning. Keep it up Olivia!

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'! All children who read 5 times also receive a Team Point.



8th March
Henrietta and Lucy



8th March
Boo and Henrietta



Attendance

Mr Hill met with 4 children who have had more than 95% attendance this term. They enjoyed some morning snacks together at break time.



**Whole School
Attendance:**

96%

Hockey Tournament



Some members of Oke Tor went to Mount Kelly last Tuesday to take part in a Hockey Tournament. Despite not winning a game, some of the organisers made a point of speaking to Mrs Lethbridge to praise them for their sportsmanship and attitude during the event. Well done to everyone who took part.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Parent Forum. This was a great opportunity to hear your views on different issues. Please remember you are welcome to contact us at any time if you have matters you would like to discuss.

One of the main issues we talked about was the cost of transport for swimming next term. We will shortly be sending out a message regarding the different options we are able to offer. **Please reply as soon as you can** so we are able to finalise arrangements.

Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

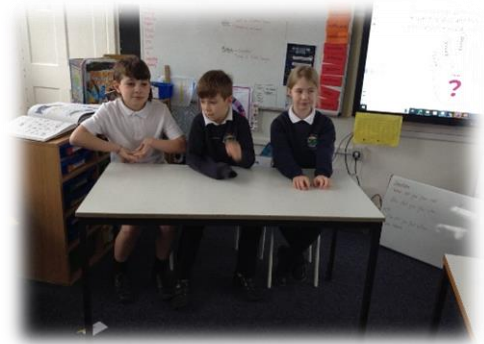
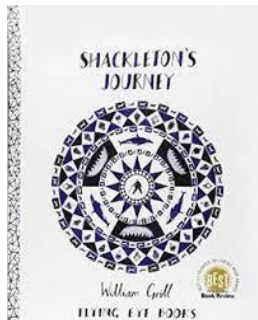
Thank you for joining in with the various activities on Red Nose day. We raised a total of £57.10!

Jewellery during PE sessions

The children have been incredibly mature with remembering to remove earrings for PE since the newsletter went out last time. Thanks for your support with this.

Spotlight on Oke Tor

We have been studying Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica. The children have been fascinated to hear the details of this true story. Our final piece of writing will be a newspaper report documenting the events of the trip. To prepare for this, the children wrote questions to ask Shackleton and his crew in a Press Conference.



African Drumming



All the children went to Northlew on Monday 11th to take part in an African Drumming workshop. This was certainly enjoyed by everyone and the music sounded brilliant. It was good to get together with our friends from Northlew too. Thanks to everyone who helped with the transportation at lunch time and for collecting from Northlew at the end of the day. This event was funded by a Music Education Grant we obtained through the Devon Music Hub.



Devon Cricket day:



Jack from Devon Cricket came in last Friday to deliver two cricket workshops (one for each class). As you can see from the photographs below, the children loved them! We are hoping to join in with a festival they have planned later in the year.



Community visits



On Tuesday, 8 children visited Lakeside and enjoyed playing games with the residents. Once again, the children were a credit to the school and we look forward to visiting again in the summer term.



On Thursday, Murphy and Isabella helped out with 'Soup and Sweet' at the Chapel. They made perfect waiting staff. We look forward to the next one in April.



Rev Brooks came in for assembly last week and talked about temptation. He tried to tempt the children to take some chocolate eggs there and then but also offered them a card which would be exchanged for an Easter egg if they brought it back to school on Thursday. Amazingly, not one child lost the card or forgot to bring it back!

Next week

Monday 25 th March	Swimming Gala (selected children in Oke Tor) SATs club
Tuesday 26 th March	No Dance Club
Wednesday 27 th March	Book and Biscuit followed by Celebration Assembly (8.45 – 9.25) Cross Country at Chagford for those children who signed up – parents to transport. No Martial Arts Club Last day of Term

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

Forthcoming Events

April	
15 th April	Back to school Super Sixes Club 3.30 – 4.30
16 th April	Dance Club 3.30 – 4.30
17 th April	Speak out, Stay Safe Assembly
18 th April	Soup and Sweet
19 th April	Swimming for children from Rec – Year 6 (continuing every Friday afternoon for the first half term) letter to follow together with payment request confirmation

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FOBCS

Family Bingo - We would love to see as many people as possible! We would also welcome any draw prize donations (just bring them along on Saturday).

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall
Doors open at 17.30 • Eyes down 18.00



FAMILY

Bingo!

- 1 & 2 LINES WIN AN EASTER EGG •
- FULL HOUSE WINS A ROAST DINNER •
- CASH FLYER AND CHILDRENS FLYER •
- Tea, coffee, cake and raffle tickets for sale
- Accompanied children very welcome

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

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FARM@DMAT NEWSLETTER

Volume 1 : Edition 1 : March 2024

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the FARM@DMAT newsletter. This publication is intended to keep the DMAT family and all partners/ stakeholders updated with progress of the exciting FARM@DMAT project. Spring is sprung, the grass is riz and the vernal equinox has finally been and gone releasing us from the bleakness of Winter and giving us assurance that we can all finally look towards longer, balmier and hopefully less damp days.



With this in mind , Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is thrilled to confirm that we are in the process of signing a lease agreement with Okehampton United Charities Trust to rent 13 acres of land immediately adjacent to Okehampton College.

DMAT is proud to be at the heart of many special communities in West Devon and Torridge. None is more special that Okehampton. A wonderful, vibrant and historic market town sitting at the gateway to the beauty and possibility that is Dartmoor .

As an organisation we recognise, respect and want to engage actively with and support our rural communities from whom we know we have so much to learn that is worthwhile. Against this background we are actively seeking to connect our children with their rural heritage and to play a small role in promoting and championing land based learning and the overall benefits of nature and natural environments on wellbeing.

The FARM@TEAM



FARM@ DMAT sits under the umbrella of the Trust's Social Justice Board. The board is committed to ensuring that every child, young person and adult can be the best version of themselves that they can be as a result of equitable access to formal and informal developmental and reflective opportunities. The team leans into a drive for relentless optimism on behalf of every member of the Trust Community and beyond. The project is led by Barbara Manning with the assistance of our Project Coordinator Beth Hamer.

The Team is supported by colleagues from within the Trust who oversee our estates work and experts from the rural, agricultural and land based partners.



“ Okehampton United Charity have ensured the long term ownership of all the land along the East Ockment Valley – including thirteen acres of land where we endeavour to nurture the soils and work collectively to inspire, engage and celebrate Okehampton.

The COVID-19 pandemic, economic crisis, rising food and energy costs, childhood obesity, isolation and unprecedented mental health referrals are culminating in an extraordinary set of challenges within society.

Schools have an even more vital role in ensuring that our society, and most especially the next generation, can heal and grow.

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is committed to working within our communities to deepen and broaden connection; fostering resilience through people and place.

DMAT is committed to building a future that engages all generations, where skills can be shared, fresh air, abundance of produce, connection to others and purpose are constant. The Trust intends to deliver projects that directly answer the real concerns of the community and benefits the conservation of our environment.

The School Farm will develop links between different subjects, accredited courses, connections with farmers, apprenticeships and will greatly enhance learning, specifically from Reception – Key Stage 4. In turn, School Farm will provide the opportunity to engage in healthy lifestyle practices, building resilience for generations to come, providing real solutions for real people and wildlife.



” ***Project coordinator, Beth Hamer***
shares the long term vision for the FARM@DMAT.

In the short term as we scope how to manage the land medium and longer term to achieve our goals, the project members are working on 4 key priorities:

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1. Developing growing spaces in all 19 of our schools, so that they can take their learning from the farm back to their settings.

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2. An alternative complementary learning offer for some of our most vulnerable and underserved young people.

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3. A broader curriculum offer to augment the existing offer.

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4. Developing some support with emotional and mental health and well being through the Eco Hub base at Okehampton College.

Volunteers Needed



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FARM@ DMAT is keen to work with volunteers from across the Trust catchment and beyond. Please do get in touch if you would like to offer your time, expertise, enthusiasm and/or wisdom.

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Volunteer Opportunities at Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

Could you spare an hour a week as a...

- befriender?
- school advocate?
- gardener?
- governor?
- reader?
- mentor?
- fundraiser?
- skills sharer?

or other - we are open to suggestions!



Please scan the QR code to complete the brief enquiry form or email:
community@dmatschools.org.uk
with any queries or to register your interest.

We would love to hear from you!

