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Multi Academy
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Boasley Cross Primary School – Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

24/11/2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Another two weeks have passed and, as usual, the children have been busy learning, investigating and challenging themselves.

We were pleased to see several families who came along to our 'Open Afternoon' and we look forward to receiving applications for new starters in September. Thank you, if you encouraged anyone you spoke with, to come along.

The Sports Leaders have been a credit to the school this term; as the children arrive at school every morning, they arrange activities either in the hall or on the playground, as well as organising active play during lunchtimes. These sessions have been well run and children have worked well together to deliver them. Thank you, sports leaders.

Our School Council children took the lead in coordinating the 'Children in Need' day – more about that later in the newsletter.

The librarians have started story times for the Pre-School children on Monday and Friday afternoons. Once again, they have proved their independence by choosing books to share with the younger children and reading them in an engaging way.

The Wildlife Champions will be enjoying a session with a member of the team from Devon Wildlife on Friday 8th December, so we look forward to hearing what ideas they get from that.

That's just a snapshot of what the children get up to – and that's not even during their lesson times! What a great team we have at Boasley!
Have a lovely weekend.

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Healthy Snacks

Just a quick reminder
that we like to
encourage healthy
snacks for break time
rather than sweets.
Thank you.



Stars of the Week

Week ending: 17th November:

Oketor Star Learner: Oscar for brilliant progress with his addition and subtraction learning. He listened carefully and has been extremely resilient. Well done!

Littlemoor Star learner: Jacob for his perseverance and determination during phonics.



Week ending 24th November:



Oketor Star Learner: Sebby for working carefully to improve the presentation of his learning. He has made a huge amount of progress with this since the start of term.

Littlemoor Star Learner: Pippa for her ongoing determination and willingness to be as independent as possible during all learning times.

Reading Basket / Box of Joy:



16th November: Sebby & Boo



23rd November: Alice & Nate



Attendance

It's the time of year where coughs and colds are often much more common and I know some children have not been feeling their best! Let's hope we can keep ourselves healthy in these last few weeks of term. We have lots to look forward to. Plenty of rest should do the trick..... although that can be hard at this time of year!

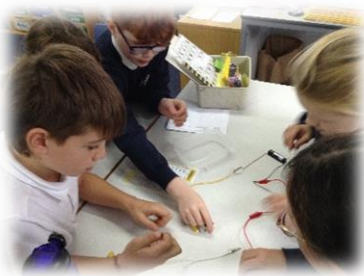
**Whole School
Attendance**

94.40%



Spotlight on Oketor:

The children in Oketor have been particularly keen on our science topic of 'Electricity' this term. The first experiment we carried out was about static electricity and the children enjoyed creating static electricity by rubbing a balloon on their hair! Since then, they have been finding out how to make an electrical circuit in order to light a bulb and make a buzzer sound. This week we also managed to connect a switch into the circuit.



Parent Forum

Miss Smaridge and I would welcome any parents who are available to come along to a Parents Forum in the hall, on Monday 4th December at 2.45. If you have things you would like to discuss, please email nhosking@boasleyprimary.org.uk so we can put together an agenda. We look forward to seeing you there.

Children in Need

Thank you all for your support for 'Children in Need' day last Friday. The children were excited to be in their own clothes and some enjoyed having their faces painted. It was great to have so many entries in the colouring competition. Our two winners were Alice (from Oketor) and Nate (from Littlemoor). Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes to sell at break time – they were delicious. It was almost impossible to choose just one.....so I went for 2 instead!!

We raised a grand total of £67.00

The School Council did a brilliant job with organising the various activities throughout the day. Thanks to everyone involved.



1 Minute Maths App



As you probably know, we use a Maths programme called 'White Rose' at school. They have developed an app for children to practise Maths skills in 1-minute chunks. It is designed to help children build number confidence and fluency. Please take a look where you usually download your apps – you just need to search for **1 Minute Maths**.

Create and Sing: Carmen

During our music sessions this term in Oketor, we have been learning a condensed version of the opera Carmen by Bizet. The children have loved the songs and re-enacting the tragic storyline. Thank you to everyone who came along to the last-minute performance. It was great to see so many of you there and we really hope you enjoyed the show!



Lego Club

Lego Club has been going well every Wednesday lunchtime. Sometimes the children (and Mr Sutherland) are so engrossed that they don't realise the time! When I called in today, there were some wonderful creations, including a 'hat shop!' If your child would like to join Lego Club, please sign up on School Gateway.



Remembrance Day

On Monday 13th November, we welcomed Major Ruth Gilbert to Boasley to talk to the children about the significance of Remembrance Day. She shared an inspiring story about Norman, a Jamaican soldier, who met challenges and overcame them with determination. The children were also prompted to think about the word 'Protect', what it means and who protects us. She commented, at the end, that the children at Boasley asked some of the most thought-provoking questions she has ever been asked.



Christmas Play

Our Christmas play will be on Wednesday 6th December at 2.15pm and 6pm. The children will be performing 'Straw and Order' – a quirky retelling of the nativity story. The performances will take place in the Chapel. There is enough room for each child to bring 2 people to each performance. If you know that you will not be requiring both spaces at either performance, please let us know, as these spaces can then be reallocated. If you require more space, we will do our best to accommodate this. FOBCS will be providing refreshments after each of the two shows and raffle tickets will be on sale for the Christmas Hamper. Thanks to everyone on the committee for their efforts with all the fundraising for the school.

Christmas in the Community

Some children from Oketor are joining children from the Moorland Hub to sing Carols at Waitrose on Tuesday December 5th between 11am and 12 noon. Parents of those who are interested should already have received notification via School Gateway. Some children from each class will also be visiting Lakeside Care Home, together with Northlew children, on the afternoon of Monday 11th December to sing some of the songs from our Christmas play. More details to follow.

The Next Two Weeks

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| 27 th | OCRA after school club 3.30 - 4.30 |
| 28 th | Nasal Flu vaccines EYFS Vision Screening Recorder Club 3.30 – 4.30 |
| 29 th | Stay and Play 8.45am – 10.00am Lunchtime Lego Club Martial Arts (Gradings) 3.30 – 4.30 |
| 30 th | Lunch time Board Games Club |
| 1 st December | Coding Club 3.30 – 4.30 |
| 4 th | Parent Forum 2.45 – 3.30 OCRA after school club 3.30 - 4.30 |
| 5 th | Carols at Waitrose 11am -12pm (some Oketor children) Recorder Club 3.30 – 4.30 |
| 6 th | Christmas Play 2.15pm and 6pm in the Chapel |
| 7 th | Lunch time Board Games Club |
| 8 th | Wildlife Champions session 1.30 -3 |

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

Forthcoming Events

| December | |
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| 11 th | Christmas Forest School Day |
| 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 |
| 14 th | Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Singing at Lakeside (4 children from each class) 2.30 |
| 15 th | Break up for Christmas Holidays |
| January | |
| 2 nd | Inset Day |
| 3 rd | Pupils return to school |



FOBCS will be providing refreshments and a raffle at this year's School Christmas Plays. All profits will go towards our playground fund, so please do join us after the two performances. Thank you to everyone who has provided a raffle prize to help in our efforts. If you still have a raffle donation it is not too late, please pop them in the box at school or pass to Dani Heard. FOBCS has also been invited to run the raffle at Sourton Parish Party on 2nd December and any proceeds we take will go towards our playground. We would also like to thank Sourton Parish Council who have provided us a donation towards our fundraising target.

We are busy thinking up fundraising initiatives for next year. Our Easter Bingo will be returning in March and we are planning an online auction! Please do get your thinking caps on for any contacts that you might have who might be willing to donate to our online auction – businesses, organisations, gifts, money can't buy items, skills, experiences etc! If you have any ideas or you wish to donate something for a future online auction, please do contact me. We do not want to double up on asking people or places and would like to make the very best of an auction – so please get in touch to discuss!

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CAROLS IN THE BARN

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

FROM 6.30PM

LOCAL CHILDREN SINGING : NORTHLEW SILVER BAND

MUSIC MERRIMENT AND MIRTH

WITH ENTERTAININGLY DIFFERENT ROB PUDNER AND

TAMSIN BALL THE CLASSICAL CROSSOVER SINGER

FESTIVE FOOD : SWEET TREATS : HOT & COLD DRINKS

PRIZE DRAW : ALL PROFIT TO CHARITY

£10 ADULT : £5 12 - 18 YRS : 11 & UNDER FREE

THE PARTY BARN : NR NORTHLEW : EX20 3BT

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