



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

Newsletter **Friday 1st October**

**This week's
attendance
was:
93.40%**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children in Oketor class spent the morning learning alongside Clive Pig, a historical storyteller, about the lives of the Romans. The children explored how the Romans lived, including their housing, their pastimes and their toolmaking. We are looking forward to seeing how the workshops they have participated in will help to build upon key skills they have developed and subject knowledge they have gained through Clive's visit. Once again, **a huge thank you to FOBS** who paid for the visit.



We have several trips and visits planned for this term to support the children's development and knowledge of the curriculum. This includes a visit from Theatre Alibi who will be visiting us on 9th November to perform Stand Up! (and Boogie). Please see details below.

Our new school council group had their first meeting with Mrs Ogborne this week. The discussion centred on the Trust rename and pupil representation to be made.

The librarians will have their first meeting with myself on Monday at breaktime followed by a meeting with our new sports leaders at the beginning of lunchtime. I am looking forward to speaking with both groups of children to gather their ideas and create a plan for the upcoming months.

Despite the weather this week, Mrs Simmons and the children have been outside in our fantastic learning environment planting and weeding in our sensory garden as well as participating in team building activities that develop the communication and collaboration in our forest school shelter. It was great to see the older children in Oketor supporting the younger children with their activities with a kind and nurturing approach demonstrating how to be ready, respectful and safe.

We are looking forward to warmly welcoming our parents to the grand opening of our Morris family forest school shelter on Monday afternoon at 3pm. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Cook



*Our new **School Council** have kicked off their term with a Pupil Voice assembly held on Wednesday where all pupils at Boasley Cross were asked to consider possible new names for our Multi Academy Trust. All suggestions are to be fed back to school councillors in time for a MAT wide School Council meeting, where two of our council members will be asked to represent our school. Kind regards, Mrs Ogborne.*

Notice Board

STAND UP! (AND BOOGIE)

A mini flash mob (of sorts) for Primary Schools touring safely to schools from Monday 18th October

With the world being a scary place more recently, we felt we needed something to cheer about. While exploring the many reasons that children might choose to hide their light under a bushel, Stand Up! (And Boogie) aims to help your pupils stand tall and be proud of what it means to be them.

△ 5-8 YEAR OLDS

📅 MONDAY 18TH OCT ONWARDS



EYFS/Y1-6 Parents: We are delighted that Theatre Alibi will be visiting school on 9th November to perform Stand Up! (and Boogie). Further details about the production can be found on the following link: [Productions | Theatre Alibi](#) A payment request has been set up on Schoolcomms and a parental contribution of £3 per child is requested by 16th October please. Many thanks.

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.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

- 11th October - Harvest Assembly
- 15th October – FOBCS Bag2School collection
- 25th to 29th October - Half Term
- 1st November – All pupils return
- 9th November– Theatre Alibi visit
- 14th December – Christmas dinner
- 15th December KS2 Northcott Theatre trip
- 16th December – Christmas Nativity

World Mental Health Day- #HelloYellow



On **Friday 8th October** we will be supporting World Mental Health Day by raising funds for the charity 'Young Minds'. We are asking the children

to come to school wearing something **yellow** for a **£2** donation.

Funds raised will help provide young people with tools to look after their mental health. 'Young Minds' empower adults to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives and they give young people the space and confidence to get their voices heard and change the world we live in.

To find out more about the charity visit: www.youngminds.org.uk



Your donation will help create a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health

School Diary

October 2021

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| Monday 4th | Grand Opening of Forest School Shelter & Sensory Garden 3pm - All welcome! |
| Tuesday 5th | KS2 Netball after school club |
| Wednesday 6th | KS1 Environmental & KS2 Martial Arts after school clubs |
| Thursday 7th | KS1 Multi Skills after school club |
| Friday 8th | World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow! £2 donation to 'Young Minds' Celebration Assembly 2.35pm – All welcome! |

FOBCS REMINDER! Bag2School fundraiser.

Please bring bagged items in at school drop off on the 15th October.

Bag2School pay FOBCS per kg, please encourage anyone you know to donate.

Bag2School



www.bag2school.com



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

15th October

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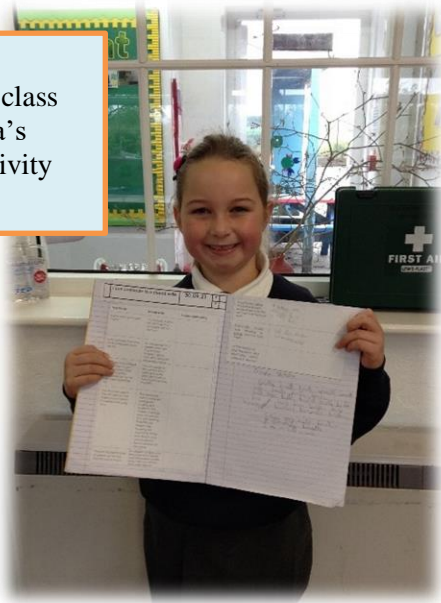
- ✓ Paired shoes, belts
- ✓ Handbags, hats, bags
- ✓ Scarves, ties, jewellery
- ✓ Soft toys, lingerie, socks
- ✓ Household linen, curtains, towels
- ✓ Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



Our Star Learners this week

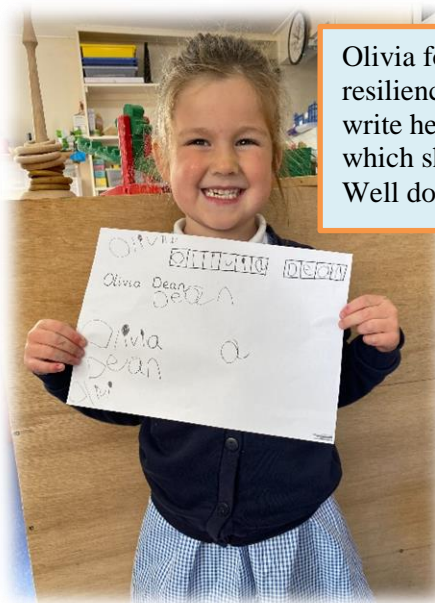


Freya Lake for her contribution to the class shared-write. Freya's ideas showed creativity and maturity.



Eleanor for brilliant Maths home learning, she created her own fantastic game to help learn her Maths facts.

Our School Value Certificates this week



Olivia for showing amazing resilience when trying to write her name really neatly, which she did beautifully. Well done Olivia.



Ruby has continued to pay great attention to her weekly spellings, practising at school and at home. The hard work has really paid off.



Trust rename– your voice matters

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, is undertaking an exciting project to renew our Trust name and identity to better reflect who we are and what we are becoming as a family of schools; working together to keep making school better for our children and young people.

As part of this project, there will be an online consultation session for our parents and/or carers on Thursday 14 October from 4:15pm to 5:15pm and we would very much like your involvement in this. As I am sure you can appreciate, we will need to limit workshop sizes to 10. If we do get a large number of parents and/or carers interested in attending, we may need to review expressions of interest to ensure that we have a broad representation.

If you would like to express an interest in attending this workshop, please use the link below.
Please submit expressions of interest by Wednesday 6 October 5pm.

[Parent and/or carer consultation expression of interest](#)

You can also have your say by completing a short questionnaire [here](#) – the questionnaire will close at 3:30pm on Friday 8 October.

Thank you, in advance, for your involvement.

Dan Morrow
Trust Leader & CEO



Okehampton

Rural Craft & Community Fair

23rd October

Okehampton College & Simmons Park
10.am - 4.00pm. Entry free

Okehampton United Charities
Okehampton College
everything OKEHAMPTON

FCN THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK
Dartmoor MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Okehampton College is excited to be involved in the **Rural Craft & Community Fair on Saturday 23rd October 2021** which will be a showcase of the opportunities that are available to engage in within our Town.

The **Rural Craft & Community Fair** will be the coming together of our recreational, support and voluntary organisations in the Okehampton area and will be an opportunity to find out more about what goes on in the town and what you can involve yourself in, whether that is sporting clubs, art/craft clubs, recreational/voluntary groups, or you want more information about support you can receive.

If you are a member organisation that would like to be represented at the Rural Craft & Community Fair and to take the opportunity to share what you do and recruit new members, please contact community@dmatschools.org.uk

Expand your horizons.

Do more. Learn more. Be more.



What did you do this week?

How about camping in the woods, lighting fires and cooking your own food? What about crafts, climbing, hiking, archery, kayaking and high ropes?

Bridestowe Scouts deliver fun and adventure to young people aged 7-14 from Bridestowe, Lydford, Lewdown, Boasley, Bratton Clovelly, Sourton and beyond.

Join us and try new activities, learn new skills, make new friends and experience the incredible environment of the Dartmoor National Park.

What are you waiting for?

Join the adventure.

Try 2 sessions free.

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