



Parent Forum – Boasley Cross Primary School

21.2.23

Curriculum

- Children are fully engaged with the curriculum. Wider curriculum subjects are being enjoyed by all the children and are language rich immersing them in subject specific knowledge.
- Our RWi reading program is providing children with a fantastic start to their reading. Our daily teaching provides the opportunity for small group and precise teaching of particular sounds. The interactive lessons allow the children to practice and apply their use of fred talk, fred in their head and fred fingers.
- Our maths curriculum continues to use the White Rose Scheme for learning. Staff are providing more opportunity for the children to use and apply their maths understanding of the four rules of number through reason and problem solving activities.
- The early morning challenge learning (first thing in the morning) focuses on pre-teach, keep up and precise teaching for all children. Small group activities allow staff to focus in on direct teaching with all children.
- For our current year 2 and 6 children, staff are using our mock SATs assessments to plan interventions and keep up sessions to revisit misconceptions. This is providing children with a deeper understanding of particular areas of the maths curriculum.
- We would like support our parents to enable them to support their children at home with their home learning. We are aware the strategies and methods many of our parents have used when they were at school have changed significantly. These workshops, lesson invites, teams meetings (what is requested from parents) we hope will support all of our parents to support children with their maths home learning.
- We will be sending a link to a parent questionnaire which we would like all parents to complete. This will be sent out on the newsletter next week. We hope to get the support up and running before the Easter break.

Pre-School and EYFS outside: AWE project

- Pleased to share that the trust have offered to support our development of our outside space in Littlemoor through our DMAT AWE project - awe, wonder and engagement. Melissa Trudgill (DMAT AWE project lead) discussed how the trust would engage with the project - applying for grants and sourcing volunteers to help with the project.

- We have been in touch with Devon County Council to discuss the age range being open from 2-11 year olds. We will continue at present accepting children from 3 (the half term after their 3rd birthday) but hope that in the future we can spread our catchment further by offering places for 2 year olds. The request now will consult all stakeholders.
- Staff would like to develop the existing outside space to develop children's creative thinking and provide opportunities for our continued child led learning through curiosity and discovery.
- Some parents talked about what the preschool prospectus had offered before - Montessori provision. Staff will look at revamping the preschool prospectus with new pictures of the environment. Littlemoor staff discussed the child led learning environment that the school currently offer and that the new zoned areas and equipment will continue to develop the child led learning through new enriched experiences
- The staff shared a vision board for what they hoped to create in the outdoor environment:



environment:

We are hoping to fund lots of our new resources through our sports funding money. Some parents discussed that they may have family members that maybe able to help with the building of some of the equipment (as some could be constructed with pallets).

- Some members of the FOBCS group also

discussed the idea of installing a further toilet in the EYFS area. This is something they would hope to fund. MT said that she would look at getting some contractors out to offer quotes. Some suggestions given to where the new toilet could be placed was discussed.

- JC discussed the different stages of the project. These are outlined below:

Stage 1

- *Power hose the front space of the Littlemoor area*
- *Painting the front space of the Littlemoor area*
- *Clearing all existing equipment from the large EYFS/preschool area - this to be stored on the other side of the fenced area until the power hosing has been completed*
- *Mending the flooring of the small shed (role play area)*
- *Clear and sort the existing equipment in the large shed*
- *Get quotes for a new toilet to be placed in the EYFS/preschool space*

Stage 2

- *Remove large red spiky plant in outdoor area*
- *Power hose the large area in the EYFS/preschool space*
- *Place covering on the decking area - cover from rain and prevent rotting of the decking*
- *Staff to map out where the new play equipment will go when it arrives*
- *Build new equipment when it arrives*
- *Paint the outdoor space*
- *Check already existing larger pieces of climbing equipment*

Stage 3 will be reviewing the advertising of the newly developed area and press release - open days etc

- JC has asked for any parent volunteers on 8.3.23 from 3-5:30pm to begin stage 1 of painting the front of Littlemoor gates, children's role play shed and large storage shed. This will be put in the newsletter.
- Maintenance team are working on power hosing done the fencing before we paint.
- JC explained that we want the small shed to remain a role play area that all children in Littlemoor children will have access to during break and lunchtime. This will continue to develop language, social skills and imaginative play.

World Book Day Events

- School librarians have organised a character treasure hunt for all the children to take part in during breaktime
- Book swap will be set up for the afternoon - children can bring in an old book and swap this for a new one brought in by someone else
- Reading Café - organised by Sarah Sumner, will provide time for parents to have a hot drink whilst sharing a book with their children. FOBCS will support this event and provide tea and cake.
- Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.
- Librarians have organised a design a book cover competition for both classes. Small prize for the winner which will be announced in assembly next week.
- FOBCS have also offered to support the reading story sacks project. Miss Smaridge and Mrs Sumner are developing this and more information shared in the upcoming newsletters.

Festival Of Hope

- The festival of hope will run for 4 weeks through the month of March.
- Song of hope that will be recorded from each school and shared with parents and the community.

- Children are also taking part in a travelling art expedition that all schools will be part of. We will be creating a whole school piece of art based on the book 'Windows' by Jeannine Baker. The artwork will be displayed in all 3 secondary schools across the trust. We will also be bringing a group of children from Boasley Cross to take part in an art workshop.
- We have signed up to become a silver stories school - more information will be shared over the next few newsletters, more information can be found here: [Home - Silver Stories - Communicating across the generations](#)
- We have signed up to take part in sporting events with all primary schools, providing exciting opportunities for the children to meet similar aged children across the trust. These events will be shared in the school newsletter.