

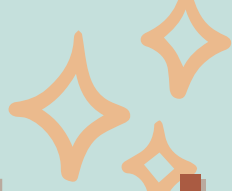
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Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

26th January 2024



MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

It was good to see some of you at the coffee and cake meeting earlier this week. It's important to have the chance to chat things over together and to see what we can do collectively to give our children the best life in school.

I've been teaching in the classrooms again this week and it fills me with such pride to see the children steadily gaining confidence in their abilities - from starting out in a new year in September and now, nearly half way through the school year, to see their confidence soar as they progress and learn new skills.

This weekend's weather forecast is looking bright so I hope you all have time to enjoy a lovely weekend.

Paula Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee and Cake - all parents welcome

Thursday 29th February 3pm

Coffee and Cake - all parents welcome

Tuesday 23rd April 9am

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

Coffee and Cake - all parents welcome

Thursday 20th June 3pm

KS2 Summer Production - Day/Evening

Tuesday 9th July

Leavers' Service

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

Last Day of Term - half day!

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS2 Football with Mr Hemsley

KS1/Reception Stay & Play with Mr Watson.

Tuesdays

Eco Club with Mrs Rusga

Thursdays

Year 5/6 only - Greenpower with Mr Monhemius. Parent volunteers welcomed!

There will be no club on Thursday 1st February.

Please contact Linda to add your child to a club.

REMINDERS

If you arrive after 8.45 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1) please take your child to the office to sign them in.

If your child is going to be off, please phone the school office, 01326 572618, before 8:45am.

Take care with children when crossing the road as some traffic is travelling very fast.

Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.

CLASS UPDATE

Poldhu Class

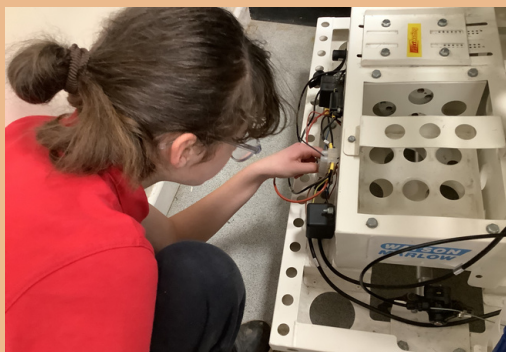
Poldhu have come back with a bang and are enjoying their new topic of oceans and seas. This week we have been learning about the different levels of the ocean and creating our own fact files.

We have been testing our knowledge of countries of the world daily and we are really noticing an improvement!

Art has started with us trialing different printing techniques and we are looking forward to creating a finished piece.

In science we have followed up our learning about light and how we see things by recapping sound and hearing and making a link between the two.

Some children have been attending our GreenPower club after school and we have hit the ground with lots of enthusiasm and ideas. This week we had a go at changing the wheels for the pitstop challenge and have removed the old body work.



RESOURCES REQUEST!

Poldhu Class are collecting PET 2 bottles (e.g., large and small water and soft drink bottles that can be remade into 3d printing filament) for a project that they will be starting in February.

We would be grateful for all donations please!



ECO CLUB

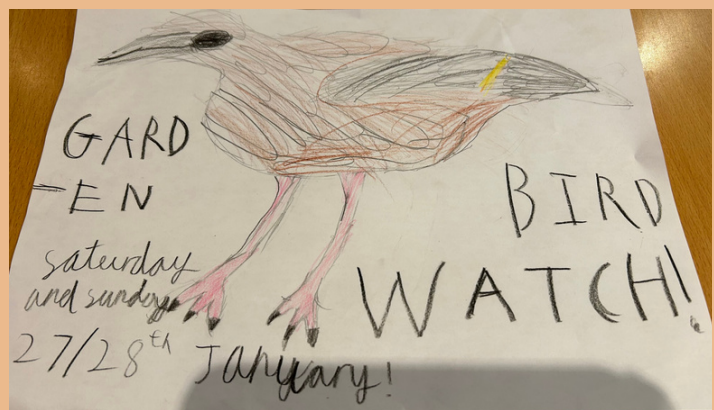
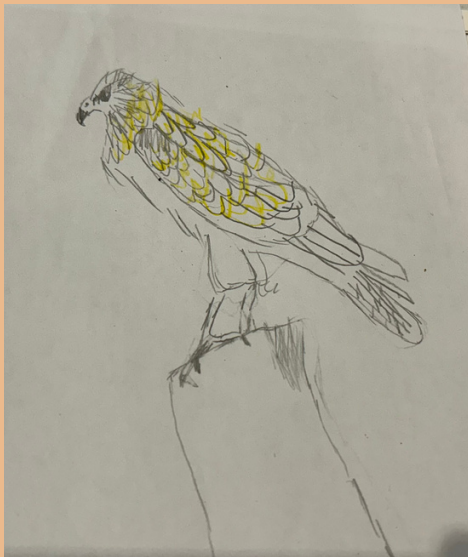
Eco club met for the first time this term on Tuesday. Our lovely pictures and crafts are to remind you to take part in the RSPB's big garden birdwatch this weekend. It's a lovely excuse to sit with your feet up and a cuppa for an hour just watching and recording birds. You can find out how here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Please let us know if you do take part and we'd love to know which birds were most common in your garden so we can compare. After uploading your results to the RSPB can you send the information to DRusga@btinternet.com

We really look forward to finding out what you saw!

Happy birding!



FOBS NEWS

WE'RE COLLECTING FOR FUTURE EVENTS!

We would love any unopened boxes of chocolates, bottles, and small gifts for future raffles and tombolas, etc.

We are also collecting children's Christmas jumpers!

Please drop them into the school office next week.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us on Facebook as 'Boskenwyn FOBS', it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related. If you'd like to be more involved, drop any of us a message or catch us in the playground to find out more.

Till next time, Nicky (07846 910 031), Sophie, Tiffany, and Ben (FOBS leads)

MUSIC NEWS

If your child would like to learn a woodwind instrument, please sign up through CMST.co.uk. There are a range of lesson lengths and pricing options. You may be eligible for subsidies which could cover the full cost of the lessons.

Our Woodwind teacher, Sophie, can offer Recorder, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Oboe and Bassoon. If your child is not sure on which instrument they would like to learn, she can arrange a taster session to try instruments.

For more information please email the tutor at: sorchard@cmst.co.uk

HEALTH ADVICE MESSAGING SERVICE FOR FAMILIES IN CORNWALL

**ChatHealth
Parent Line 0-5**

TEXT 07312 263 423

**ChatHealth
Parent Line 5-19**

TEXT 07312 263 499

**ChatHealth Young
People 11-19**

TEXT 07312 263 096



ChatHealth
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth

Get
confidential
health and
wellbeing advice
and support

Dear colleagues,

From today Monday 22 January 2024 we are launching our enhanced offer for young people and parents / carers to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

There are three advice lines as follows:

- young people aged 11-19: **07312 263 096**
- parents / carers of children aged 0-5: **07312 263 423**
- parents / carers of children and young people aged 5-19: **07312 263 499**

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationship
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message within 48 hours (within office time).

Alternatively users can continue to contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324261
- Email: hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

GUIDANCE ON MEASLES OUTBREAKS

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

- [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)
- [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-outbreaks-and-incidents).

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.



GWEEK YOUTH CLUB



Every Friday

6:30 – 8:30 pm

@ Helford River Gig Club
Chapel Hill, Gweek, TR12 7AE

If you're 8+, come along and join us for ball games, badminton, snooker, card games and more ... indoor and outdoor spaces to play. Tuck shop

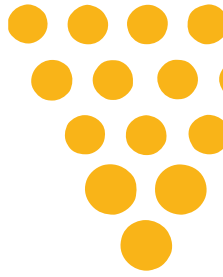
Under 8s welcome with a parent or carer

60p weekly entry, £1 annual subs

For more info contact Brian 01326 221652

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Parents and Carers WE NEED YOU!

Headstart Kernow together with Lightbox Film Co. are working on an exciting project to raise awareness of Children's Rights.

Our hope is to work with as many local parents and carers as we can to capture a range of voices and stories that will come together to create a series of short films. The purpose of these films will be to inform, educate, raise awareness, understanding, and celebrate what parents and carers are already doing to uphold their children's rights.

We would love for parents/carers in Cornwall to join us for our first engagement workshop.

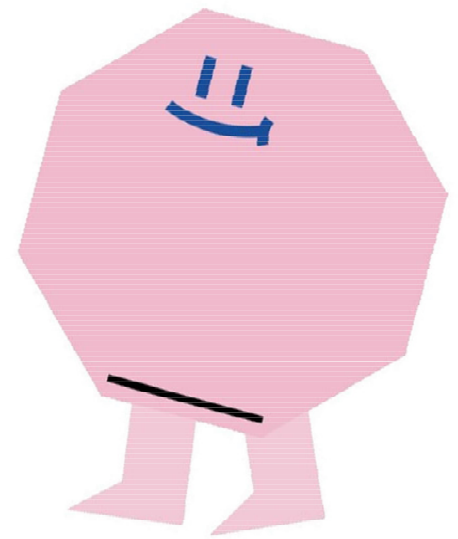
We are currently working on finalising the venue and date that will be towards the end of February.

We'll provide lunch and refreshments plus a goody bag for taking time to participate in this exciting project!

Is this something that you would be interested in?

If so, please rsvp by Friday 2nd February 2024.

We'll then be in touch with more information.



Contact us

Email: childrensrights@cornwall.gov.uk

PADDLEBOAT THEATRE PRESENTS:

FRAMED!

AN INTERACTIVE FAMILY FRIENDLY WHODUNNIT MYSTERY



FRINGE REVIEW



SCAN ME

2pm, Wednesday 14 February

Tickets: £8. Save £2 per ticket with the code: framed (valid until 31 Dec)

[falmouth.ac.uk /ar ts-centre](http://falmouth.ac.uk/ar-ts-centre)

AMATA Arts Centre, Falmouth University, Penryn Campus TR10 9FE

FALMOUTH
UNIVERSITY



AMATA

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to Cove



School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email secretary.boskenwyn@fgbschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fgbschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn head@fgbschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fgbschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fgbschools.co.uk

SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually.

The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.



School emergency closures

A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures and on our social media channels.

Social Media

- **Facebook**
www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall
- **Instagram**
www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall
- **Twitter**
www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall

Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**
www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow
- **Met Office**
www.metoffice.gov.uk
- **Environment Agency**
www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Contact us

Email: togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: 0300 1234 101



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