

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

8th September 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely Summer. It was great to see you at the Welcome meeting, I know some couldn't make it so I will reiterate some of the points below.

Star of the Week – We will no longer be selecting a star of the week. There are a variety of reasons for this but the main one being that our children are all stars so we are focusing on intrinsic rewards where the praise is immediate and leads to increased motivation and self-direction.

Our underlying threads running through the whole of the curriculum from early years to year 6 will no longer focus on our family values but on our learner profiles. I have attached the IB learner profiles for you to take a look at. Children will focus on around 3 of the learner profiles per term to help them to become internationally minded young people who recognise their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet to help create a better and more peaceful world.

Clubs – These will run from 3.30-4.30pm and will be free of charge. Please email Linda (secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk) with your choice of club; these clubs are on a first come first served basis. After school care and breakfast club continue to run and are £3 per session. We will be running a Choir again, we'll update you with details later on.

Residentials – From year 2 down, the children will be offered a sleepover at school. Y3/4 will go to YHA Okehampton and Y5/6 to PGL Outdoor Learning centre, Paris, France.

Volunteers – If you would like to volunteer to listen to readers, help with odd jobs around school, become a governor, help with FOBS with fundraising then please do get in touch with the class teacher or send me an email. We are always really grateful for any extra help.

Communication – We see our parents as partners who play an important part in the educational development of your child. We are happy to be contacted at any time so please feel free to do so. This can be done in a variety of ways. There is a leaflet attached to tell you where information can be found and who to contact for various things. If you are unsure then please contact me or our secretaries, Anita/Linda and we will be happy to point you in the right direction. Most of our contact is via email. When sending class emails, we ensure personal email addresses are hidden for confidentiality and safeguarding purposes.

Punctuality – It is great to see children arriving on time, this has really improved since last year so let's strive to keep this up and continue in a positive way.

Home school promise – This is attached for you. Please read through it with your child and discuss it with them. It's a lovely way for you to talk about the first week back, how it went and what they are happy with etc.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Blackburn



IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.



The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools Home-School Promise



Aims:

Our home-school promise aims to outline effective ways in which we can agree to work together to foster and maintain respectful and pro-active relationships with you and your child as they move through our schools.

As a pupil, I promise to:

- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Have mutual respect for my classmates and the staff
- Respect the resources, the classroom and whole school environment
- Be a positive role model in my community
- Try my best when learning and use the 4B's to help me
- Complete some home learning with my family or on my own
- Use online technology at school and at home safely and responsibly

As a parent/carer, I/we promise to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time and in the correct uniform
- Ensure my child is collected on time unless I have informed the school otherwise
- Notify the school of any illness
- Give my child time every day to listen to them read or read to them or ask them questions about their reading
- Support my child's progress when learning at home
- Support school policy on learning and behaviour
- Ensure the school has up to date emergency contacts
- Notify the school if my child has any allergies/dietary requirements
- Notify school of any problems at home which may impact their learning or well-being
- Support the school in the teaching of safe internet use at home
- Attend parent consultations to discuss my child's learning and progress
- Regularly check emails, school website, Seesaw and/or social media for important school information
- Respond promptly to communications from the school where required
- Help my child to have a positive attitude to learning
- Talk positively to my child about their school day

As a school, we promise to:

- Be open and welcoming, offering parents the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school
- Provide information and opportunities to support and reinforce learning at home
- Communicate regularly via email, text, website, (social media, phone, letter and face to face may also be used)
- Provide a bespoke, inquiry based curriculum which inspires and enriches
- Ensure children are sufficiently encouraged, supported and challenged
- Have high aspirations for what your child can achieve now and in the future
- Give children the tools to become confident, 21st century, lifelong learners
- Support children to feel safe and have a trusted adult to open up to
- Continue to learn and develop professionally and adapt our practice where we see the benefit of improvement
- Be available at the beginning or end of the school day to answer immediate queries or concerns
- Notify parents of events in good time via school website/email

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Erasmus visitors from Turkey, Croatia, Malta, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania

Monday 18th September onwards

Parents Governor Meeting

Tuesday 3rd October 9am

Harvest Festival & Talent Show

Gweek Village Hall Tuesday 17th October
2pm. All welcome!

Please collect your child from the Hall.

Individual & Sibling Photos

Friday 6th October from 08:30

Sports for Schools Event

Tuesday 7th November athlete visit to
school in the morning

Parents Governor Meeting

Thursday 30th November 3pm

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 4th December. Afternoon and
evening performances. Gweek Village Hall.

School Christmas Lunch!

Tuesday 12th December

Last Day of School before Christmas!

Tuesday 19th December. Break up 1:30pm

Parents Governor Meeting

Tuesday 23rd January 9am

Parents Governor Meeting

Thursday 29th February 3pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Governor Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 9am

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

Parents Governor Meeting

Thursday 20th June 3pm

Leavers' Service

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

Last Day of Term - half day!

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS2 Lego Engineers with Mr
Hemsley

KS1 Young Engineers with Mr
Watson.

Tuesdays

Eco Club for all children with
Mrs Rusga and Miss
Schellekens.

Thursdays

Multiskills Sports Club for all
children with Mrs Care.

Please email Linda to enrol
your child onto a club. When
the club is full, we hold a
reserve list.

CLASS UPDATE

Rosemullion Class Update

We have had a wonderful first week in Rosemullion class.

We have played in the summer sun and got used to our new class.

The new reception children have settled in so well and it feels like they have been with us all year.

The year 1's have been super keen to start their learning and have been so welcoming to the new children.

The children have been amazing and hopefully this lovely weather stays for the weekend.



REMINDERS

Please remember to close all gates as you enter and leave the school grounds to help keep our children safe.

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.

TALENT SHOW

Please look at the poster below and register your interest if you want to take part in our talent show on Tuesday 17th October at the Gweek Village Hall at 2pm.

We will be holding the Harvest Festival and the Talent Show on the same afternoon.

All are welcome and collection will be from the Village Hall.

Your application forms can be collected from the school office.



MUSICIANS AND BANDS WANTED...



To perform at our Harvest Festival on
Tuesday 17th October

Ask for a registration form at reception
if you would like to sign up.

Deadline for signing up is Friday 15th
September.

FOBS NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome back!

Everyone's invited to our first FOBS (Friends of Boskenwyn School – we are the PTA) meeting of the year on Tuesday 12th September at 9am in the school playground OR in the office area if it's raining.

Whether you've helped at FOBS events before, or if you're new to it, we really appreciate any support, big or little, as it really contributes to our brilliant school community and benefits our kids in so many ways. It's also really fun!

Please also find us on Facebook "Boskenwyn FOBS", plus it's a useful information sharing place for everything school related.

FOBS Events

Some of the past events that FOBS have put on include uniform and book sales, Christmas and Summer fairs, social evenings with fires and music, Easter activities, Mothers day crafts, Colour hampers, supporting the kids' performances with refreshments, gardening and playground repair work days among others.

FOBS Fundraising

FOBs money is spent on the items that you may spot around the school, eg the wooden playframe, the bamboo fences, the willow structure and gardening items, the new wooden hut and storage, playground equipment and toys to name a few. Funds are also used behind the scenes to pay for things such as theatre groups to visit the school, class gift vouchers for kids to spend, and to support the Greenpower car team that did so well last year. We also helped raise money for our local food bank last year.

FOBS NEWS CONTINUED

New Chair Needed!

At the end of last year our lovely chair Jules stepped down after six action-packed years raising funds and being our super organised and dedicated, hardworking leader!

o we still are looking for a new chair, if anyone is up for it!

Why volunteer?

FOBS volunteers are very much needed to keep it going, not just because of the money and fundraising aspect but because it really helps to make our school community so wonderful and connected 😊 We can't do it without the amazing help from parents.

SO PLEASE...KEEP SUPPORTING any little, or large, way you can.

THANK YOU from Sas, Ben, Tiffany, Ffion, Jules, Sophie and all the FOBS volunteers xx

Reminder

Our first FOBS meeting will be taking place at 9am on Tuesday 12th September, in the school playground if fine weather, otherwise we'll be inside the school office area.

It will be lovely to see you, please come along even if you've never been before, we'd love to have your support whether you are new to the school or not.

And if you can't make it this time, don't worry, there'll be other opportunities to join in making our amazing little school community even better.

We hope to see you then!

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@fbgschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.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@fbgschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fbgschools.co.uk

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Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Autumn 2023

Free information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

Need help? Solihull Online

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 033 123 1116.

Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. More information about our parenting support on offer can be found at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

The programmes currently available are:

- **Being Passionate About Parenting Early Years** – 1-3 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Being Passionate About Parenting** – 4-11 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Take 3** – Supporting Teenagers 12-17 years (5 x 2-hour virtual sessions or 10 x 2-hour face to face sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **Understanding your child with additional needs** – a self-guided course accessed through Solihull:
<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>

To access the course, please register for an account using the code TAMAR



FREE access to self-guided parenting courses for parents and carers in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. www.inourplace.co.uk Free Access Code: TAMAR

SPACE

Want to support and understand your child's emotions as well as our own? Why not attend FREE Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally (SPACE) sessions. For more information and/or to register your interest please email: space@cornwall.gov.uk

Supporting Healthy Relationships

Reducing conflict between parents is one of the most effective ways to improve the lives of their children – including mental health and emotional stability, behaviour, helping them to do better in school, and improving the quality of their life long-term.

To find out more on Supporting Healthy Relationships including helpful resources and future courses, please visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Family Information Service

For useful parenting information, updates on parenting programmes and Parenting Podcasts please access the Family Information Service website www.supportincornwall.org.uk

Social Prescribing Cornwall

Linking people with non-clinical sources of support within the community.

www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk

Hunrosa



Sleep is essential for our children to grow, learn, promote immunity and good mental health. Children with neurodiversity are likely to find sleep more difficult. Hunrosa have experience and expertise in supporting families, so come to our friendly sleep session to learn about ways you can help your child to sleep better. Please contact your Healthcare Provider should you wish to have them refer you for sleep services. <https://hunrosa.co.uk/>

Kooth & Qwell



Kooth offer free, safe and anonymous mental health support for young people aged 11-19 years.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Qwell offers mental health support for ALL parents and carers of all ages as well as 19-25 years.

<https://www.qwell.io/>

Headstart Kernow



Parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world and to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

www.headstartkernow.org.uk

Just for Dads



For information tailored just for you check out:

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads

[DadPad | The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](#)

Homestart Kernow



Parents can struggle at one time or another, you are not alone. Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support. They help people to regain the confidence to be the parents they want to be.

www.homestartkernow.org.uk

Reconnect/The Susie Programme



Giving children the time, space, and skills to have a loving relationship with themselves and others following Domestic Abuse. As well as providing adults with a support programme to enable you to positively move forward with your life.

www.saferfutures.org.uk/online-referral/

Citizens Advice

Giving people the knowledge and confidence, they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem - Adviceline: 0800 144 8848 or text the word ADVICE to 78866 and they will call you back within 48 hours (excluding weekends). www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Neurodiversity Videos

Some short videos around neurodiversity.

Adolescents with ADHD:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo

Walk in My Shoes:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8

For more information on Neurodiversity go to:

www.pdasociety.org.uk

www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

www.autism.org.uk

www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



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