

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

3rd November 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

What a week for weather! Thank you for your patience with the late opening on Thursday, it's always such a hard decision to make but safety of all of us is first and foremost.

All of our teaching staff had a twilight training session this week on the importance of introducing new vocabulary and closing the vocabulary gap. Basically, the main thing we can all do to improve the vocabulary of our children is to READ, READ, READ! Encourage reading but also, read to your child as often as possible. I will share some stats with you to highlight the importance of reading to your child:

Here's how many words that children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old

- NEVER READ TO – 4662 words
- READ TO 1-2 TIMES A WEEK – 63,570 words
- READ TO 3-5 TIMES A WEEK – 169,520 words
- READ TO DAILY – 296,660 words

You'll be pleased to know, we share a class book daily and read to the children for at least 15 minutes a day. We also encourage reading for pleasure through book reviews, having comfy reading corners, sharing books and lots of other methods.

Wishing you a calm, rain-free weekend! Paula Blackburn

If you have not joined the federation Facebook page then please feel free to do so. You will find it in a FB search for The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools, just request to join and I will authorise it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FOBS Autumn Social Disco!

Thursday 16th November 3:30pm – 6pm
The Helford River Gig Club

Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome

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

Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome

Tuesday 23rd January 9am

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

Leavers' Service

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

Last Day of Term – half day!

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

IMMINENT DATES

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS2 Lego Engineers with Mr Hemsley
KS1 Young Engineers with Mr Watson.

Wednesday lunchtimes

KS2 Choir

Tuesdays

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

CANCELLED TUESDAY 7TH NOV

Thursdays

Multiskills Sports Club for all children with Mrs Care.

Please email Linda to enrol your child onto a club.

CLASS UPDATE

Poldhu Class Update

What a first week back it has been!

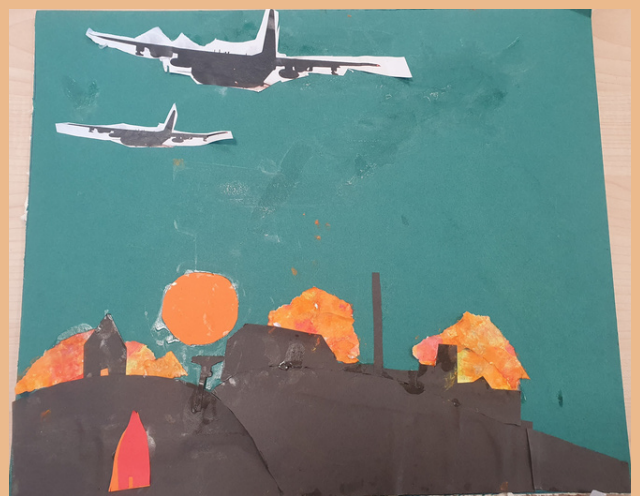
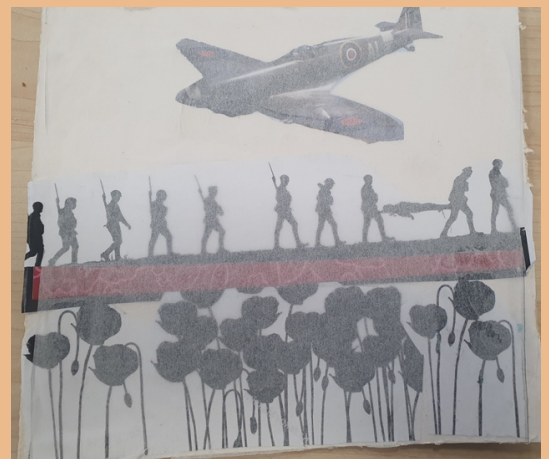
Poldhu really enjoyed getting into the spooky spirit on Tuesday when they came in dressed for Halloween. We were really impressed with their creative costumes.

We then had the storm to keep us on our toes on Thursday.

This week we have started looking at writing letters in English and today we have been writing poems about fireworks.

In maths we have tackled division and year 6 have really impressed us with their learning of long division.

We have continued our learning around World War 2 and this week have finished our collages.



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.

TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER – KS2 STUDENTS

Please can all KS2 children be collected from Gweek Village Hall at 3:30pm?

We are rehearsing for the Christmas Production.

If your child is booked into After School Care, we will bring them back to school with us.

FOBS NEWS

We are delighted to announce The FOBS Autumn
Social Disco is happening!

When: Thursday 16 November 2023, dancing from 3.30pm til 6pm!

Where: Helford River Gig Club

Tickets on the door: £3 per child, which includes squash and a biscuit

What's also available:

This is not just a chance for some spectacular dancing, it's also time for everyone to connect with our lovely school community. There's a separate space to chat and hangout away from the disco, where you can also enjoy...

Home-made soups,

Crusty bread with herby vegan butter using sage from our children's garden at school,

Home-made cakes and biscuits (donations please!),
and plenty of warming hot drinks.

We are also hoping to have a firepit and possibly a BBQ, watch this space.

Please note that it's not a drop off disco, grown-ups will need to stay and supervise their children, thank you for your understanding :)

Volunteers - we still need a few extra helpers, please get in touch if you'd like to help on the day or ahead of time

Bakes - We'd love to have some cakes/biscuits donated for sale, any bakers please could you let me know if you can bake something? And drop off on the day in the school office. Thank you so much!

Decorations - Would you be able to lend us any autumnal decor e.g. table cloths? Fairy lights? Again, please let me know and drop off in the school office, (please label everything)

Song requests! - If your child has any requests I'd love to add them to the playlist! Please send any to me, you can WhatsApp or text Sophie on 07447933619 or email sophiehertzum@gmail.com

We really look forward to seeing you all, it should be an absolute blast :)

FOBS NEWS CONTINUED

Upcoming Events

Silent auction: we're collecting products and services now. If you have a hobby, business, or employer and could provide something we'd love to hear from you. This year there'll be opportunity to bid online and in person. Lots could include experiences or products – we're open to variety! More info after half term. Bidding commences mid-November...
(Chloe and Jodie are organising)

KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us on Facebook as 'Boskenwyn FOBS'; it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related.

There are plenty of parents who are part of FOBS and just help when they can. If you'd like to join us, drop any of us a message or catch us in the playground and we'll add you to the WhatsApp group.

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



COMPETITION TIME!

Sleeping Beauty

A small illustration of a spinning wheel, a classic symbol associated with the story of Sleeping Beauty.

**WIN 2 TICKETS TO HELSTON THEATRE
COMPANY'S PANTOMIME, SLEEPING BEAUTY!**

DESIGN A POSTER FOR 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'

THE 4 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:

**~ 1 X ADULT TICKET AND 1 X CHILD TICKET
TO OUR PERFORMANCE ON WEDNESDAY
24TH JANUARY, 7:30PM**

**~ THEIR ARTWORK DISPLAYED IN OUR
PROGRAMME**

TO ENTER:

**~ DESIGN YOUR POSTER AND HAND IT IN TO
YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER**

**~ ON THE BACK, INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE,
SCHOOL AND YOUR PARENT/CARER'S EMAIL
ADDRESS SO WE CAN CONTACT YOU**

GOOD LUCK!

Christmas afternoon

Cornwall Cricket Centre
December 10th
1pm to 4pm

Fancy Dress competition
(children & adults)
Festive cricket
Elf Workshop
Stalls
&

Meet Santa

Book today at

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/qpqkkd>
or scan the QR Code

Children
£10
Adults £5





CHRISTMAS

at

DAIRYLAND

Entry 10-6
(10 - 4 on Christmas Eve)

**Breakfast
with Santa**
@ Farmhouse Kitchen 9 - 10
**See our website
to book**



Book Here



2nd, 3rd,
9th, 10th
16th-24th*
DECEMBER

*Santas Grotto
Elves Workshop
Singing Reindeer
Christmas Trail
Festive Lights
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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

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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