

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

7th February 2025

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Quick update on the school grounds: We have received the quotes for the drainage repairs and sent them off to Cornwall Council for approval. We are hoping they give us the go ahead to complete the works soon. We will keep you updated with this. We are honestly as frustrated about this as you are and can't wait for the work to be completed so we can reschedule the fitting of the new play equipment.

This week, staff from both our schools have completed training in domestic abuse; signs /indicators and strategies and also training in sensory processing. As a result, staff have discussed all our children completing sensory circuits on a daily basis rather than having brain breaks. The sensory circuits will be similar to the brain breaks, involving physical activity (to move, coordinate and alert the children) but they will also include a song/visualisation and a relaxation exercise (to help with organisation and calming after the physical activity). By introducing this, we are hoping our children will gain better sensory integration, better focus, improved motor skills and better readiness for learning.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Thursday 27th March 2.30pm

Class Photos

Monday 28th April 2025

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Thursday 8th May 9am

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Wednesday 2nd July 2.30pm

KS2 Summer Production

Tuesday 8th July

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY

KS2 Tag Rugby with Mr Watson
NO CLUB UNTIL MONDAY 3 MARCH

TUESDAY

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley
and
Year 5&6 Greenpower with Mrs
Nicholas

**NO GREENPOWER CLUB UNTIL
TUESDAY 4 MARCH**

Wednesday

Art Club with Bronwen
STARTING WED 26 FEB

THURSDAY

Eco/Nature Club with Miss
Schellekens
NO CLUB UNTIL THURS 6 MARCH
SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH AT 4:30PM
PROMPT.

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

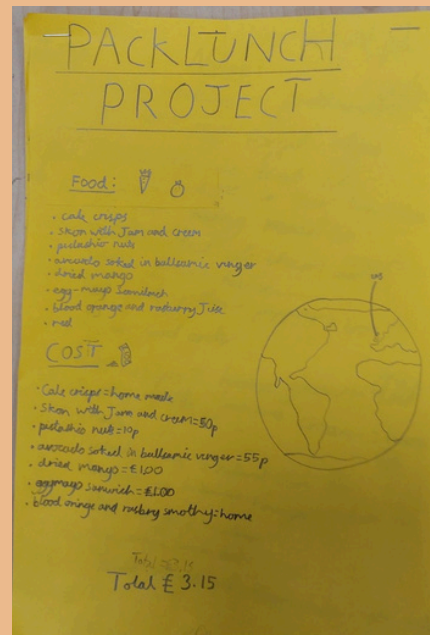
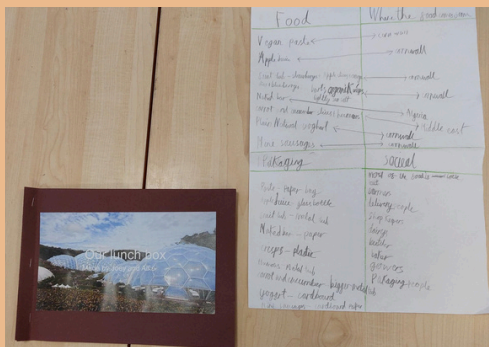
We have been so impressed with the attitude to learning over the past few weeks in Poldhu.

Over the last two weeks we have been tackling fractions, decimals and percentages in maths. The children have shown great resilience to what can be a tricky topic. We even had a group who wanted to make posters about their fraction learning at breaktime!

We are coming to the end of our Maya topic and we are so proud of the work that the children are producing. We are finishing with looking at how the Maya lived.

The children have finished off their DT projects that they have been working with The Eden Project on. Last week they got to make carrot cake and this week they presented their projects to the class.

We have also enjoyed singing everyday (and have a boogie)!



PARENTS EVENING

Your child should today be coming home with a slip of paper for you to be able to book a slot to speak with their class teacher about their learning. Appointments are available during the week commencing 24th February - the first week back after half term.

If this slip does not reach you for any reason then please contact your child's class teacher.

We ask please that all slips are returned by 12th February to allow staff time to allocate appointments (we will do our best to put sibling appointments consecutively).

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

As you know, we have been waiting for a survey to be carried out on our drainage system as one of the manholes on the grass area was unsafe. We had Clear Flow out for two days to complete the survey and we received the report this week.

Unfortunately, it is not good news. One of our tanks has deteriorated to the point that it is falling apart. This needs to be replaced before we can put anything on that area. We have passed this on to Cornwall Council and they are looking into what work will need to be done and when it can be completed.

For us, it means that the grass area is going to be out of use for longer than we were hoping and that we have had to put our order for play equipment on hold.

This is not what any of us want.

We know that this has been a long process, longer than anybody wanted but hopefully we will be able to get things moving soon.

We are in contact with Cornwall Council and will continue to chase this issue up. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

CHANGE OF MENU

Menu Change

Just to let you all know that we will be having a change of menu on our last day of term, Friday 14th February.

We will be having:

Bubble and squeak with either:

Turkey

Quorn Roast

or Vegan Sausage



SCHOOL JUMPERS

Just a reminder that school jumpers should be plain blue, no logos.

If your child has a plain blue jumper, either the school sapphire blue or navy, then that is fine. At the moment we are seeing a range of colours which are not school uniform.

They are also available to buy via the schoolmoney app.

ECO CLUB

This week's Eco club was something else. We had an upcycling session using donations of broken crockery, beads, gems (and glitter, which we normally don't use but was donated and safely added to the work of those children willing to use it).

The room looked full and busy but everyone was fully engaged. This was definitely a good session of decorating different bases with mosaic. The results were phenomenal.

Next week there is no Eco Club. After half term we want to start making bird boxes. If anyone has any ideas or donations please get in touch.

Have a lovely half term.

The Eco Club team



FOBS NEWS

Huge thank you to Angi Morris (Wilf's Mum, Y1) who has stepped up to be our new Chair of FoBS.

"I'm excited to lead and support the fundraising efforts for the school. The entire FoBS team are very motivated to ensure the playground in particular improves as soon as possible. With this in mind, please keep an eye out for the upcoming events and various ways you can support the fundraising efforts. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out so please get in touch if you can help out in any way" Angi.

Vice chairs: Sophie Hertzum and Lindsey Jones

Secretary: Tiffany Truscott

Treasurer: Ben Harrington

World Book Day update!

FOBs are excited to have booked illustrator and author Rebecca Cobb for the morning of World Book Day on Thursday 6th March.

Rebecca Cobb is a British children's book illustrator who lives in Falmouth. Along with writing and illustrating her own books, she has collaborated with other authors including Julia Donaldson, Richard Curtis and Helen Dunmore.

Paper Dolls is one of her most well known. Here are some others. Keep your eyes peeled for more updates on the socials and newsletters!



GREENPOWER TEAM NEWS

We are currently in the process of building our green power cars to take to the races this year.

We would like some businesses to sponsor us please!

All sponsorships will go towards race suits, parts for the cars, accommodation and travel.

if you have a small business, or know someone that does, and are interested in helping us please contact Linda in the school office.

Many thanks
Boskenwyn Green Power Team



KERNOW YOUNG CARERS SERVICE

Kernow Young Carers Service meets the needs of young carers and young adult carers. We support Carers from 4-25 yrs.

We offer:

- Practical support, information, advice, and guidance.
- Activities and workshops.
- Social interaction, peer support and help to provide a break from the Training and support for schools.
- caring role.
- 1:1 support.
- Help to access grants to meet a range of needs that help to reduce the impact of your caring role.



HOW TO CONTACT US



01736 756655



hello@carersadvice.org.uk



www.cornwallcarers.org.uk
www.kernowyoungcarers.co.uk



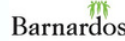
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ADVENTURE CHILDCARE FOR FEB HALF TERM

Adventure childcare and family days out at Via Ferrata Cornwall this February Half Term!

Are your children aged 6-13, up for fun outdoor adventures and ready to learn new skills and make friends? Check out our [Adventure Holiday Club](#)!

This Holiday we're running climbing, archery, canoeing, adventure quarry games and catapulting! You can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an epic adventure to remember! We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us.

We also offer family days out: there's the chance to take on the [Via Ferrata](#), the ultimate high wire adventure with zip wire, as well as the [Zip Wire Safari](#)! There's also a Cafe, free nature trails and a wild play area for under 10's. Check out our [website](#) for more.



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21-22 February 2025
St John's Hall, Penzance

BOOKING OPENS 2ND DECEMBER 2024
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MATILDA JR IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI).
ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. WWW.MTISHOWS.COM

MATHS FOUNDATIONS

Wednesday 19 February 2025 10:30-12:30 or 1:30-3:30
Roarsome Play, Redruth



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www.mobilemultiply.co.uk

**FREE
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and lunch provided

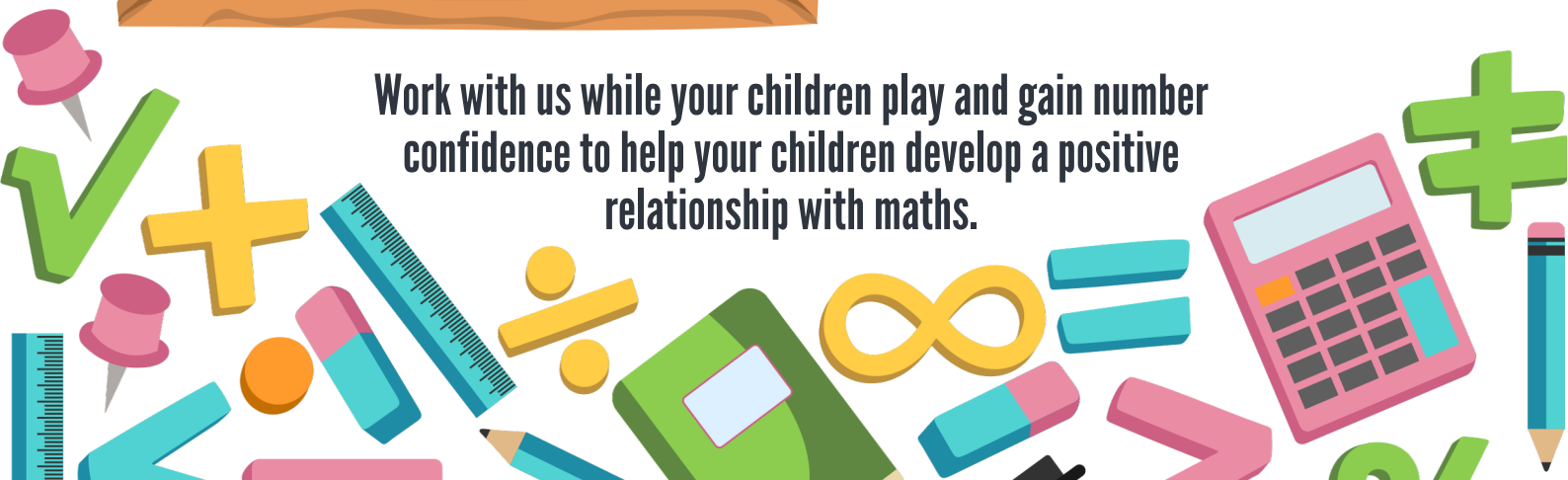
Topics:

- Number recognition
- Number bonds
- Place value
- Time - digital and analogue
- 2D & 3D shapes
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Learn to:

- Make maths fun
- Reduce / prevent maths anxiety for you (and your children)
- Talk about maths

Work with us while your children play and gain number confidence to help your children develop a positive relationship with maths.



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Parenting a child aged 4-11



Solihull - Understanding your child

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This hybrid programme gives you the option to attend in-person or virtually on Microsoft Teams

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

When?

Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30,
Starting 25th February 2025



To book scan the QR code or click:
[Parenting children aged 0 to 11](#)
and select your preference for in-person or virtual attendance

Where?

Redruth Family Hub, TR15 1NA
or on Microsoft Teams

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

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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