

# BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School Newsletter

13th October 2023

## MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I thought I'd share some photos of this week in Serres and Athens, Greece. Ana-Maria, Iris, Ezra and Woody have travelled with Mr Conway and I to participate in an Erasmus project called, "Let's all go to the theatre of European dreams." They have been working alongside children from Greece, Turkey, Croatia, Malta, Bulgaria and Romania.

They have been so brave, getting on the stage in front of lots of people, acting and singing. They did some drama activities in a 5th century amphitheatre! They've had a great time meeting new people and exploring Greece. Mr Conway and I are very proud of them.

Have a lovely weekend! Paula Blackburn



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Harvest Festival & Talent Show**

Gweek Village Hall Tuesday 17th October  
2pm. All welcome!  
Please collect your child from the Hall.

#### **Sports for Schools Event**

Tuesday 7th November athlete visit to  
school in the morning

#### **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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **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.

#### **Wednesday lunchtimes**

KS2 Choir

#### **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.

## CLASS UPDATE

### Praa Sands Class Update

Hello from Praa Sands Class. We have had a busy and exciting penultimate week of this first half term of the year.

We have been learning about using coins to buy and sell and give change through our toy shop. Although we also talked about the fact most payments are made with a card nowadays and some of us are lucky enough to have been a given a card with money on to spend!

After researching how technology has changed our lives over the last 60 years, we got to make models of how we imagine technology will change in the future.

In science we focused on how to be healthy and carried out an experiment to find out how soap keeps us healthy. We will all make sure we use soap when washing our hands in the future!

There is a great 'buzz' for books in the class this week after having our first book club session and we have been bringing in our own favourite books to share recommendations.

We are looking forward to next week and singing at the Harvest Festival.  
Enjoy your weekend everyone!





## 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.**

## SWISS STUDENTS

Last summer we successfully hosted 5 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school, the previous year we hosted 6 students.

The children really enjoyed having the Students present in their classes, and the Students had a fabulous time both at the school, and with their host families.

This year, we will be hosting our Swiss students from Sunday 23rd June to Saturday 6th July 2024.

Host families receive £300 per student. For that, you will need to provide accommodation, all their meals, bring them to school and pick them up each day. (We are happy to send more than one student to the same family and the students can share a bedroom). The students are all CRB checked and they can provide proof of this. The students will be aged around 17-18 years old. They are German speaking, but they all speak excellent French and English.

If you are interested, please let Linda know so we can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL FT BOSKENWYN'S GOT TALENT**

**Tuesday 17th October 2pm Gweek Village Hall**

Running order:

Introduction: Autumn days Harvest song (whole school)  
Harvest poems (key stage 2)  
School Choir (key stage 2)

Talent show

Line up of bands: (band name/ names/song title)

- 1) Robin & Finn, The River is Flowing
- 2) If I were Your Smelly Pig (Wilbur, Max, Torren, Mr Height) Hostiles on the Hills
- 3) The Vulcans (Woody, Diggory) Somebody I used to Know.
- 4) The Fighters (Freya, Mistee, Flo, Ana-Maria) Seven Nation Army
- 5) The Starlings (Marna, Nico, Robin, Ariel, Bonnie)
- 6) The Wild Ones (Iris, Ramona) Running up that Hill
- 7) Beet-roots (Bryher, Tawnie, Ana-Maria) Matilda
- 8) Tristan Thompson, Guinea Pig (Patrick as stage crew)
- 9) Effie, Frere Jacques and Happy Birthday on the keyboard

Auction of goods – hosted by Miss Blackburn

Tea/coffee/cake will be on sale after the talent show and before the auction.  
We hope to see you there. Donated goods for auction can be brought into school from 2nd October or on the day if they are fresh produce.

Thank you for your support

Mr Height/Miss Blackburn



## **FOBS NEWS**

FOBS are running refreshments as usual at the harvest festival but will be open before the event as well as during the interval. To reduce waste if you have a reusable cup, please bring it along.

Also, WE NEED CAKE! Tray bake, cupcakes, flapjack, cookies, loafs, fridge cake... take your pick! We'd welcome 'regular', vegan, dairy free, and gluten free offerings. Not a baker yourself? We accept baked goods from partners, grandparents, friends, neighbours, and retailers :)

Please text, WhatsApp, or email Nicky (07846 910 031, [nicky.richardson@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.richardson@gmail.com)) if you're able to supply cake ASAP so we know what gaps we have and what we'll need to buy. Cake can be dropped to the office in the morning or brought along before the event - please include a note letting us know what it is (e.g. 'vegan carrot cake').

We welcome cash and card payments.

## **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Thanks to everyone who helped make the pre-loved uniform sale work a few weeks ago. It was our first event of the year and raised £40.27.

## **KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON**

You can 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 out 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, Sophie, Tiffany and Ben (FOBS leads)

## COATS!

Please remember to pack a coat in your child's bag. It can be quite chilly, especially at morning break.

Please also remember to put their name inside each coat - as they do get left behind in the strangest of places!

Thank you.



## LAST DAY OF TERM IS PASTY DAY!

On Friday 20th October, it is Pasty Day!

We have steak pasties, cheese and onion pasties, sausage rolls and vegan sausage rolls. There no alternatives, and no jacket potatoes.

If your child is unable to eat any of these options and would still like to join in Pasty Day, please bring your pasty to the office for the kitchen to cook.



## HALF TERM AT CHILDREN'S SAILING TRUST

We've a Halloween theme at our Trevassack Lake HQ for half-term with multi-activity sessions for young people and Floaty tours of the lake for those who prefer not to get wet. Find out more and book: <https://cstexperiences.co.uk/autumn-half-term-activities/>

There are also RYA sailing courses for more confident sailors on the Helford River during half-term: <https://cstexperiences.co.uk/sailing-courses-school-holidays/>

And finally, if you want to try your hand at open water swimming, our annual big swim is on the first Sunday of half-term, where any level of swimmer can dip challenge themselves to swim further around the whole lake. To round off the morning there are optional beginners and competitive races, for those who so wish. Book tickets: <https://cstexperiences.co.uk/lap-the-lake/>

All proceeds support the work of Children's Sailing Trust.





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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk)

## Social Prescribing Cornwall

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

[www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk](http://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](http://www.headstartkernow.org.uk)

## Just for Dads



For information tailored just for you check out:

[www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

## Neurodiversity Videos

Some short videos around neurodiversity.

Adolescents with ADHD:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo)

Walk in My Shoes:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8)

For more information on Neurodiversity go to:

[www.pdasociety.org.uk](http://www.pdasociety.org.uk)

[www.adhdfoundation.org.uk](http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk)

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

[www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com](http://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](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: 0300 1234 100



[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## 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 <a href="mailto:secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.co.uk</a>



# 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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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



## **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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: **0300 1234 101**



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